

Sun-Tribune people

Philosophy of giving makes cut at Headlines

Second in a series of stories on winners of the 2007 Stouffville Business Awards.

BY JACKSON HAYES

An unassuming red-brick building on Main Street near Church now holds the title of Stouffville's business of the year.

"We were excited and very surprised," John Galati, co-owner and founder of Headlines Spa and Salon, said.

Marked by a large photograph of a lily outside, Headlines has been operating in Stouffville for 20 years and is run by brothers Marc and John Galati. Its stately home, across from the post office, was once the Whitchurch-Stouffville public library.

"It was an amazing event," Marc Galati said of the awards ceremony at Meadowbrook Golf and Country Club.

The awards are presented by the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce. The business of the year is a company that excels at service quality, technology and environmental consciousness.

"We are not a member (of the chamber) but we do a lot of fundraising in town," Marc Galati said.

"Everything from helping buy equipment for firefighters to the Yellow Brick House, the Stouffville food drive, sponsoring soccer teams and

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individual athletes... the town has been so good to us, it's our way of giving back."

The Galatis organized a Valentine Cut-A-Thon and silent auction that raised more than \$9,000 Feb. 11 for Whitchurch-Stouffville's Christian Blind Mission and its Forgotten Children Rescue Fund.

The charity work is part of the Headlines philosophy, Marc said. He thinks it is more to do with their social conscious than economic dividends.

"We do a lot for charities in the town so it was pretty cool to get something back," John said.

The company started as the brainchild of John in 1987.

"We wanted it to be more convenient for our clients so we offered a full service salon," he said.

Standard salon and spa packages are available and Marc says they draw 50 per cent of their business from outside of Stouffville.

"We get (clients) as far away as Toronto and Barrie," he said.



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Marc Galati (left) and his brother John own Headlines Spa and Salon, Whitchurch-Stouffville's 2007 business of the year.

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Giant garage sale helps breast cancer walkers

A giant garage sale to raise money for The Weekend to End Breast Cancer is being held in front of the Imperial Centre, 37 Sandiford Dr., May 26.

The sale is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a rain date of June 2.

Participants Tracy Jordan and Lisa Munro, who work in the building, are calling for donations for the sale.

They need to raise \$2,000 each to enter the 60 km walk which takes place Sept. 7 to 9. The event supports Princess Margaret Hospital.

To donate or contribute, call 905-415-1515, ext. 460 by May 15.

Lemonville home to art sale

The Lemonville Group of Artists holds its 14th annual show and sale at the Lemonville Community Centre today and tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

The centre is on McCowan Road between Bloomington and Bethesda roads.

For more information, go to LemonvilleGroupofArtists@googlepages.com or call 905-640-3965.

Party for gallery tonight

The fifth annual Arty Party, to benefit the Latcham Gallery, starts at 7 p.m. at the Cedar Beach Pavilion, 15014 Ninth Line at Musselman's Lake.

The blues/jazz band Blue Room performs. Other features include a silent auction, art, live auction, cash bar and food.

Call 905-640-8954 for more information.

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BUSINESS

Ballantrae child care will be class act

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
Staff Writer

If your child has been going to the Ballantrae Child Care Centre, you won't have to worry about looking for other care for September.

The centre will be in Ballantrae Public School, a few steps away.

The fate of the day care was uncertain when Whitchurch-Stouffville council decided private businesses shouldn't be in any of the municipality's community centres last year.

The centre is in the Ballantrae Community Centre on Aurora Road.

Shortly after council's decision to oust the day care, Councillor Phil Bannon approached Ballantrae Public School principal Rob Reid about hosting it.

SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

It is the York Region District School Board's policy to accommodate daycare facilities as well as before- and after-school programs where possible, Mr. Reid said.

Wendy Pyke, who has operated the centre for six years, has been in negotiations with the school board to secure a place.

One classroom will be renovated to accommodate pre-school and

kindergarten-age children during the day. An adjacent classroom will be made available by the school for its before- and after-school program.

The centre will continue to offer full- and part-time day care.

Since there isn't a kitchen available, lunches will be catered.

Ms. Pyke hopes to have 24 licensed spots in the school, the same as she has at the community centre.

The children at the daycare range in age from 2 1/2 to 12.

Ms. Pyke is asking the town for an extension until construction is complete at the school.

Mr. Bannon said he would sup-

port such a move and called the daycare at the school a "win-win situation", since the community now has full use of the community centre.

OPEN YEAR-ROUND

Fears had been expressed by parents and other Ballantrae-area residents that the daycare would operate only on the school calendar. However, it will open year-round, closing only for two periods during the year, over Easter and the week from Christmas to New Year's Day.

Plans are also in the works for a summer program.

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