

COMING UP: Food for Thought at Sleepy Hollow

Eat, drink to support town's African partnership

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Local culinary creations and vineyard vignettes will be dished out in aid of people thousands of miles away.

The inaugural Food for Thought takes place April 4 at Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., with all proceeds going to the Stouffville Igoma Partnership.

GENEROUS COMMUNITY

"If we're taking money from people in this town, we need to give back because they are most generous," said Helene Johnson, treasurer for SIP.

The buffet-style event will feature offer-

ings from Annie's Kitchen, Boston Pizza, Corner House Restaurant, Stakeout Dining Room and Lounge, Willow Springs Winery and the Stouffville Creek Retirement Residence, among others.

"They do catering and they're very good at it," Ms Johnson said of Stouffville Creek.

SIP was initiated in 1998 by a group of people from a number of Whitchurch-Stouffville churches who travelled to Igoma, Tanzania to build a medical clinic.

The country has a population of about 50,000 and until SIP opened the Urafiki Health Clinic in 2003, there were no medical services available, according to SIP.

SIP also sponsors a multifaceted educational program that includes vocational

and medical training tuition assistance to young adults as well as secondary school tuition aid.

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Earlier this year, SIP took over a child sponsorship program - I-Care.

The program supports children through

the purchase of uniforms and supplies, which allows them to attend school.

The \$30-a-month program also provides them with a mattress, food and mosquito net to help protect against malaria.

How much do SIP members want to raise at this event? "Oh heavens. As much as we can get," Ms Johnson said. "If (people) can afford to eat out, maybe they can afford to give a little to SIP. There is method to my madness."

Tickets are \$50 each and available by calling 416-346-5133.

Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club is at 13242 Tenth Line, Stouffville.

For more information on SIP, go to www.spartnership.org

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