

Free Opinion

### A New Beginning

By the time you read this, the election will be over and a brand new council will be preparing for what promises to be an exciting and challenging term.

With so many newcomers entering the fray, the campaign was at times riveting – a term rarely used to define municipal politics – and at times raucous, but it certainly got people thinking and talking and perhaps recognizing the importance of casting their vote at the ballot box. We would like to thank all the candidates who threw their hat into the ring – it takes a lot of courage and fortitude to participate in public life, especially when you are representing people in your own home town.

In the closing days of the campaign, with debates in full swing, Stouffville held an event that was unconnected to the election, but that showcased how fortunate we are to live in this community. The York-Durham Aphasia Centre (YDAC), based at Parkview Village on Ninth Line, celebrated 25 years of service to adults living with communication disabilities.

The event was held at Nineteen on the Park and included moving testimonials from clients who have benefitted from YDAC's amazing programs as well as

a program of song, dance and art to celebrate creative communication for people coping with a profoundly life-altering condition.

As our thoughts turn to Remembrance Day, this year marks the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I, once described as the way to end all wars, a sadly inaccurate prediction. On Nov. 11 we honour Canadians who gave or risked their lives in World War I, World War II, Korea, Afghanistan and other peacekeeping missions, as well as those in the Middle East fighting against ISIS militants in Iraq. See page 12 - 14 for full details of Stouffville's Remembrance Day events.

While more bike lanes are being established, in Stouffville, it is disheartening to see how often drivers regard them as legitimate parking spots. On a recent fall afternoon, the lanes on Hoover Park Dr. east of Ninth Line were dotted with stationary cars, posing a major threat to biker safety. If the town is looking to increase revenue, maybe they should consider having a blitz by local police or bylaw officers to ticket the offenders.

Free Thoughts

Keep on rollin' mayor Emmerson!



Readers Write

### Artists Thank Community For Support

To the Editor:  
The artists of the 14th annual Whitchurch-Stouffville Studio Tour wish to thank all of the visitors who came out to our studios on Oct. 18 and 19. It was very heart-warming to see our friends, neighbours and new visitors showing so much appreciation for our artwork. It was indeed a great pleasure to share our stories of inspiration and the processes we use to create our pieces.

Thank you to all our sponsors who faithfully support us each year. You, our sponsors, so graciously help make this event possible. We also are grateful for the coverage and promotion from the Stouffville Free Press.

To one and all, come see us again next year for our excitingly new work. On behalf of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Studio Tour,  
Lis Simpson  
Stouffville

Free Musings

### Dying For Peace

If we let people see that kind of thing, there would never again be any war.

*Pentagon official explaining why the U.S. military censored graphic footage from the Gulf War*

'I do not know with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones.

*Albert Einstein*

You can't say civilization don't advance... in every war they kill you in a new way.

*Will Rogers*

It's funny how those who are most pro-war are almost always the guys who never had to fight in one.

*Jerome P. Crabb*

War does not determine who is right — only who is left.

*Bertrand Russell*

The release of atom power has changed everything except our way of thinking... the solution to this problem lies in the heart of mankind. If only I had known, I should have become a watchmaker.

*Albert Einstein*

The world has achieved brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living.

*Omar Bradley*

I'm fed up to the ears with old men dreaming up wars for young men to die in.

*George McGovern*

Why do we kill people who are killing people to show that killing people is wrong?

*Holly Near*

The best defence against the atom bomb is not to be there when it goes off.

*British Army Journal 1949*

If you shoot one person you are a murderer. If you kill a couple (of) persons you are a gangster. If you are a crazy statesman and send millions to their deaths you are a hero.

*Anon, 1939 newspaper*

Borders are scratched across the hearts of men  
By strangers with a calm, judicial pen,  
And when the borders bleed we watch with dread  
The lines of ink across the map turn red.

*Marya Mannes*

I don't know whether war is an interlude during peace, or peace an interlude during war.

*Georges Clemenceau*

The belief in the possibility of a short decisive war appears to be one of the most ancient and dangerous of human illusions.

*Robert Lynd*

When the rich wage war, it is the poor who die.

*Jean-Paul Sartre*

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