

# Whitchurch-Stouffville online business network officially launched on Feb. 1

With support from the Whitchurch-Stouffville Business Development Office and the Chamber of Commerce, the Stouffville.biz network is officially launched on Feb. 1.

The new website features free, secure business e-mail and many other resources designed to bring together Stouffville's commercial community. "The initiative is aimed at leveraging the unique opportunities that the Internet has given us. By using this site, local businesses can promote themselves much more effectively using their own web presence, by connecting with other businesses or even by posting online discount coupons," said Claudiu Popa, founding partner in Stouffville.biz.

Although a large number of online features and resources will be offered at the launch date, Stouffville.biz will be gradually introducing exciting new features over the coming weeks and months. Business members, who pay no charge for membership, will be periodically notified by e-mail to visit the site and take advantage of everything it has to offer.

"We took a look at the local business climate and designed something we would want to have here in town. With over 800 local businesses, Stouffville is a town that deserves its own online business portal," said Glenn Jackson, founding partner in Stouffville.biz.

Stouffville.biz will be featuring exclusive content from the local

Business Development office, the Chamber of Commerce and any other organizations or businesses that wish to participate. "Our goal was to make Stouffville.biz a useful, relevant and fun place to visit often, where consumers can easily see value in the information and discounted services provided by local businesses and other organizations."

For those not familiar with the Internet, the ".biz" domain extension is a common suffix used to indicate an online business-related website. You can find the website and sign up for the free e-mail address at [www.stouffville.biz](http://www.stouffville.biz).

## Youth dance

Students from grades 4 to 8 are invited to attend a youth dance at Latcham Hall on Feb. 14 from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

The event, organized by local parents, is fully supervised and will feature a DJ with music, dancing and door prizes. Diane Sibley, one of the organizers, said that while people had to be turned away in the past because of space limitations, the newly-renovated hall can now accommodate more than 200 people.

Admission is \$5 at the door. For information call 905-473-9899.

## Ali Baba 10th anniversary

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roles. "The cast and crew always come up with some great sight gags and surprises for both me and the audience," noted Denise Pettitt, who will direct her tenth production, assisted by Julia Topping and music director Mark Peters. "I suspect that this year's performance will be even more fun than usual."

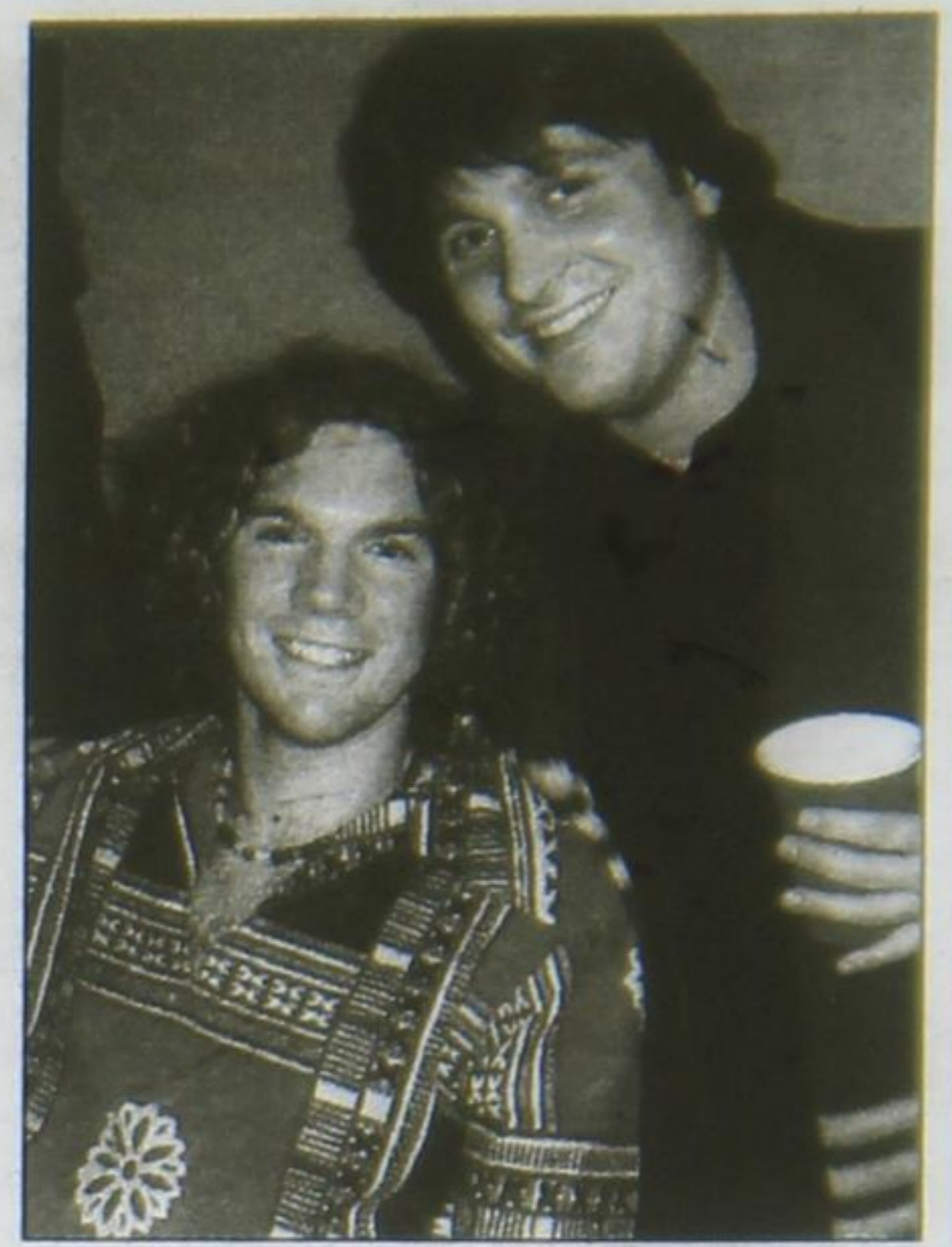
*Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves*

will be performed at Latcham Hall on Friday Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m., and on Saturday March 1 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. A special seniors' performance will be held at Parkview Village on Friday, March 28 at 7 p.m.

For tickets and information call Rose Lloyd at the church office at 905-640-1461. And remember to book early, since performances in recent years have been completely sold out.

# Wasn't that a party?

## Shindig raises \$15,000 for Luke's Trust Fund



Wasn't that a party? Luke Anderson with his good friend at the 'Saucy Shindig', a fundraiser for Luke, who was seriously injured in a mountain biking accident last fall. The event took place at Latcham Hall, which was filled to capacity, and more than \$15,000 was raised for Luke's trust fund. Below, Dermont Gilderdale, Marie Cote, Joe Cote, Kate Gilderdale, Joey Rochacewich and Tim Rochacewich were among more than 200 guests who attended Luke's party.

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