



SALLY THOMAS

In February of 1987, Sally Thomas started as a junior travel consultant at Stonehouse Travel. Five and a half years later she purchased the agency with her husband Brad.

Today, Sally still enjoys giving professional travel advice. "I've met many people over my 16 years at Stonehouse Travel," says Sally. "I'm glad to be here to help with travel arrangements for special events such as honeymoons or anniversaries, for business, or to visit relatives or friends who are ill." Stonehouse Travel also offers competitive rates on travel insurance.

Sally has taken various familiarization trips to such destinations as Switzerland, Portugal, England, and Amsterdam. She has also been on cruises and most recently visited Jamaica and the Turks and Caicos with Brad and the couple's two daughters, aged three and six.

Stonehouse Travel is located at 6142 Main St. in Stouffville. The office is open Mon.-Fri. from 9 til 5, Sat. 10-2. Sally, along with her staff of Myrna, Lynne and Lori, are also available for evening appointments. Call 905-640-5491.



PAT BYER

Pat Byer has spent the past 30 years encouraging, enabling and inspiring pre-schoolers. Pat operates the Mother Goose Academy, a private school located at Springvale Baptist Church on Stouffville Rd.

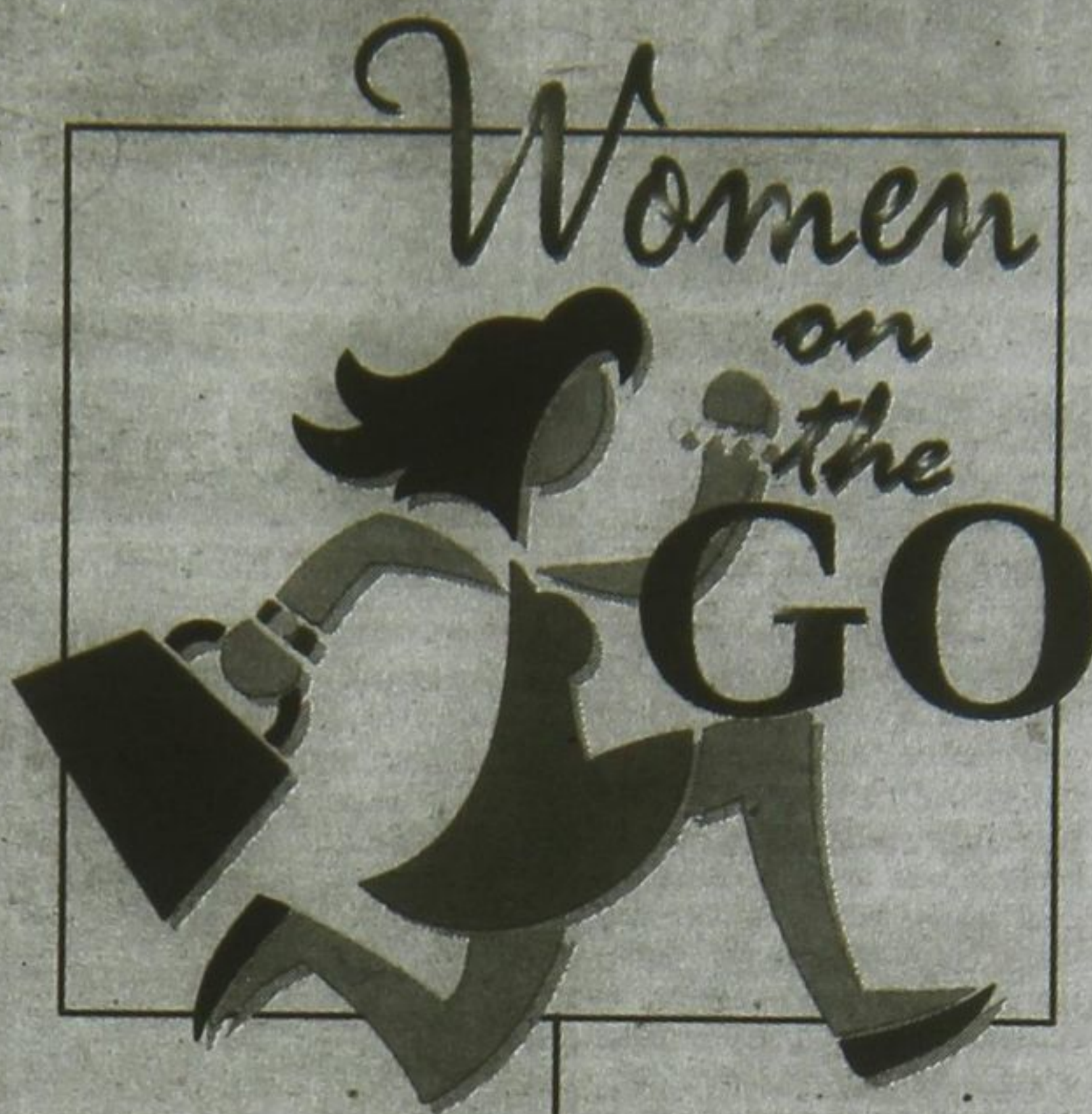
"We're fostering early development and socialization of the young children," says Pat. "We're helping build the foundation they need to meet life's challenges and achieve a high level of success in life."

Pat obtained her Reading Specialist certificate during her seven years as a grade one teacher with the York Board. She introduced an innovative reading program, 'Language Experience', to many primary teachers and taught it at summer school for the Ministry of Education.

She took leave to become a mother, then opened a nursery school in the basement of her home for her children and the children of friends.

"It was then I realized the early years of education are critically important. If we teach and nurture children at three and four years of age, it has an impact that lasts the rest of their lives."

You can contact the Mother Goose Academy at 905-640-1137 or 905-887-5651.



There are many women of influence within our community. Here's just a sampling of the names and faces behind some of our

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PAMELA WRIGHT

Local artist, Pamela Wright, owns and operates Stouffville Picture Framing Studio. Self-taught in fine arts, Pamela has a graphics arts diploma and has worked in the field for many years. She brings this training in balance, colour and design to the framing business; helping customers choose the mats and frames to enhance whatever they bring in, whether it be a piece of original art, print, photo, needlework, certificate or memorabilia.

Thinking of changing your home décor?... A favourite piece of art or photo can be dematted and framed to compliment that new style.

Shadow boxing items from sports jerseys to collections of precious memorabilia adds a new dimension and fresh focus to plain walls.

Whether for gift giving occasions or home decorating projects, Stouffville Picture Framing Studio has the styles and expertise to help you accomplish your goal.

Visit Stouffville Picture Framing Studio at 5 Library Lane for all your framing needs. Call 905-642-5352.



REBECCA STANLEY

Rebecca Stanley, owner of the Pet Stop, believes good customer service and a helpful, knowledgeable staff are essential to her business.

"We focus on responsibility of pet ownership and we offer top quality animal foods, with holistic and herbal solutions for all small animals including reptiles, birds, cats and dogs. I am new to the community and to this store, and I'm excited about being part of this town." Residents drop by constantly to buy food and pet accessories, admire the animals and get advice on products and pet care. Renovations are underway to transform the back room into a kind of spa for dogs, noted Rebecca.

"We emphasize the fact that knowledge and service are free and we take the time to go out into the community and present animal shows for daycares, schools, Brownies and other community groups. Everyone is welcome to come in and visit."

6356 Main St., Stouffville
905-640-0123

SUCCESSFUL FEMALE BUSINESS LEADERS



DR. BARBARA FRACKOWIAK

Orthodontics (braces) isn't something intimidating or painful to put off doing until it can't be put off anymore - it can be positive, rewarding and fun!

That is the message that Dr. Barbara Frackowiak, orthodontist, would like to send out. Dr. Frackowiak has been established in Stouffville for almost thirteen years. Her new location at 6371 Main St., beside the Post Office, is colourful, friendly and reminds us to "Smile - Life is an Adventure!"

Straight teeth are not only an image enhancer (just ask Tom Cruise) but are also a lot healthier and increase the odds of keeping our teeth for our entire lifetimes. With so many different options available now (ceramic braces, lingual braces, Invisalign) braces are not only for children anymore. Call 905-642-3642.



JULIE TESTA

Grapes in York Region? Believe it. Willow Springs Winery is growing 11 acres of vinifera and hybrid varieties, right in Stouffville. Julie Testa along with her husband Mario, own and operate this family run business situated on the Testa family farm.

We welcome you to enjoy a complimentary tasting of grape and fruit wines. Come and tour our pristine vineyard (in better weather, of course).

Julie invites you to experience a little taste of country charm. Come see our selection of crafts, flavoured honey, jams, and wine related items in our beautiful building. We now offer six delicious varieties of jams and preserves fortified with our wine. What an excellent gift.

Are you looking for a gift basket for that special occasion? Come take a look at our selection or place a custom order with Julie.

Take the time to taste the wine.

Our winter hours are Saturday and Sunday 11 - 5.

Willow Springs Winery is located at 5572 Bethesda Rd. Stouffville. Call 905-642-WINE.



DANA DERASMO

Once Is Not Enough is a great place to get your kids clothes. Owned by Dana Derasmo, this business has been serving the Whitchurch Stouffville area for nine years.

Selling great name brands for ladies and children, some brands you might find are Gymboree, Gap, LaSenza Girl and Tommy.

Dana insists on super customer service and is always available to help with your consignments.

"Customers are number one with me and you will not find better service anywhere," says Dana.

Once Is Not Enough is now accepting Spring and Summer items along with all baby accessories.

"I have special sales everyday and a room full of goodies for \$1.00. Every 4 months we have a 50% off sale that is very successful."

Store hours - Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursday and Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

If you love to save money and get great stuff, you will love "Once Is Not Enough". Dana, LeeAnna and Oli welcome you to stop in for a treat.

Located at 18 Ringwood Dr., in the Ringwood Plaza, east of Markham Rd.



TRACY BANKUTI

STOUFFVILLE'S BAKER HILL WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED BUSINESS AND SUPPORT!

Tracy Bankuti, also co-chair of the Stouffville Tourism Committee, takes great pride in being a family run operation. Along side her mother and partner, Norah Thompson, Tracy has been an active member of the community for over 4 years.

Tracy and Norah have developed Baker Hill into a chic and affordable haven, with all the charm of a downtown boutique. Though you may see a "closed" sign next time you're cruising up Highway 48...have no fear! On April 15th the trendy shop will unveil a whole new look and selection of indoor and outdoor home decor and gifts. The coolest store on the planet will never be the same! With an even wider selection of treasures, Stouffville's Baker Hill is a must-see in the coming year.

BET YOU CAN'T JUST DRIVE BY! 905-642-1067.



BESSIE BALIOTIS

Bessie Baliotis invites everyone to come by and spend some time browsing through the great selection of books at her store, the Book Connection. Located at 6601 Main St. at Success Square, the store offers great discounts on everything from children's titles through woodworking books. And if you don't see the book you want on the shelf, she'll order it for you.

Bessie has always had a love for books. Over the years she has volunteered her time at public libraries and helped teach young people to read. Bessie's favourite author is Richard Paul Evans, as she enjoys romance novels.

Book Connection also carries the famous Yu-Gi-Oh cards, as well as Beyblades and mini remote control cars. There's always something new at Book Connection.

Bessie says "Thanks" to Stouffville for their support. She will continue to offer the most in educational books for young readers and great discounts for everyone!

You can check out the Book Connection website at www.stouffvillebookconnection.com. Or call 905-640-2907.



WENDY MCMILLAN

When was the last time someone wanted to help you reach your goal? There is only one Curves for Women, and it offers what one million women already enjoy - an exercise program and weight loss centre that really works!

Wendy McMillan opened her first club three years ago. The growth of Curves and the personal successes of her members led her to open a Stouffville location in Sept. 2001. Wendy is a certified nutritionist and wellness specialist who teaches healthier eating. "I love what I do and the members are amazing."

The Curves concept is unique and most important, goals are reached. We share tears and laughter as we motivate one another. We care about women's health. The popularity of the program is apparent as members spread the word, and their positive support is much appreciated.

Please drop in and take advantage of a 60 percent savings offered this month at Curves for Women, 6306 Main St. or call 905-642-4392 for information. Let us help you reach your goals.