

Winter Carnival an affair of the heart

Ward 2 councillor Phil Bannon is reviving a popular local tradition, the

annual winter carnival at Musselman's Lake, which takes place this year on

Valentine's Day from 1 to 4 p.m. The carnival, which Mr.

Bannon calls Have a Heart, Love the Lake, includes skating, music and games, with free hot chocolate and hot dogs. "I have invited the Stouffville Community Policing Centre, York Regional Police and the Stouffville Fire Department to feature their crime prevention and safety programs," said the councillor.

"I am attempting to get the residents on the lake involved as much as possible, to try and bring the community together and celebrate the season." Residents from across Whitchurch-Stouffville are invited to come and join the fun, he said.

Mr. Bannon also plans to organize annual summer and fall festivals in Ballantrae.



Lucky Winner!

Lucky Margaret Dickson of Stouffville, seen here receiving her delectable prize from Sara Marsala, was the winner of Tempest in a Teapot's big basket, valued at \$150 retail. The winning ticket was drawn Dec. 20.

Sleepy Hollow hosts Heart to Heart auction

The second annual Heart to Heart Silent Auction and Dinner Dance is being held at Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club Feb. 14.

The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. Among the great selection of silent auction items are a cottage weekend, dinner for six, a cruise on Georgian Bay, golf foursomes and tickets for a variety of special events. "This will be a wonderful evening to celebrate Valentine's Day with someone special," said organizer Sandra Stronach.

Everyone is welcome to attend a fabulous evening of delicious food, fun and dancing. Proceeds will go to the Christ Church Anglican Building Fund. Tickets are \$45 each and there will be a cash bar. To make reservations call 905-640-1461 or 905-640-1333.

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Colouring contest to celebrate Heritage Month

In celebration of Heritage Month the Doors Open Whitchurch-Stouffville Committee has launched a colouring contest for children up to the age of 13 and a drawing contest for youth from 14 to 17.

"We want to generate excitement about heritage among our youth," explained Doors Open event coordinator Patricia Robinson. Entries must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. Feb. 11 and will be displayed at Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum from Feb. 13.

First, second and People's Choice prizes will be awarded in each of four age categories -- up to 4, 5 to 8, 9 to 13 and 14 to 17. First and second prize winners will be selected by the Doors Open Whitchurch-Stouffville Committee.

The public is invited to visit the museum between 1 and 5 p.m. to place their votes for the People's Choice award. Admission is free and voting ends Feb. 15, but all entries will remain on display until Feb. 27. Winners will be announced at the council meeting on Feb. 17 at 7 p.m., and in the March issue of *Stouffville This Month*.

Contest forms are available from participating Whitchurch-Stouffville schools and daycares, the Lebovic Leisure Centre, the municipal offices, Stouffville GO station, Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum and online at www.stouffvilleonline.com.

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Money and travel a great duo

Two local businesses have joined forces for an evening full of inspirations that are sure to melt away the February blahs.

Speakers at the Tuesday, February 10th Work Now, Play Later seminar presented by Edward Jones and Stonehouse Travel will offer ideas and solutions for both sound investment strategies and exceptional travel opportunities.

According to Investment Representative John Paulino the Edward Jones philosophy is that investments "are for the living and focus on people's dreams" and collaborating with Stonehouse Travel and their exceptional travel opportunities during an evening that outlines the services provided by each company is a natural fit.

The event will start with refreshments and hors d'oeuvres at 7pm at the Sleepy Hollow Golf & Country Club at 13242 Tenth Line, south of Bloomington Road.

Guest speaker John Partchenko of Hartford Investments Canada Corporation will provide an economic update for 2004 including current trends, how to increase investment returns and ways to utilize mutual funds to reduce the tax load during a person's working life and the impact it can have on one's retirement years.

Fellow Guest Speaker Michael Geskie will bring to life the European Russian River and Barge Cruises, customized golf itineraries for Scotland and Ireland, and Mega-Yacht excursions aboard the Starr Clipper Ships offered by Exclusive Tours and available through Stonehouse Travel. These specialized trips will capture the imagination of travelers who have experienced the mainstream cruise lines and standard Caribbean vacations and long for a new travel opportunity. According to Lynne Underhill, Stonehouse Travel consultant, "the caliber of Exclusive Tours itineraries is unbeatable," offering the opportunity to visit smaller ports and experience the local people and outstanding regional cuisine or golfing at unique and spectacular locations.

"Vacations are activities that individual investors list as being goals for their retirement," says Mr. Paulino.

Mrs. Underhill says it has been her own personal experience of sound investments that has afforded her husband and herself the opportunity to travel extensively.

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