

Our Readers Opinions...

There's an angel in our community called Lea

To the Editor:

I believe that every so often in life things are just meant to happen.

Over two years ago I walked up to get the mail and there was a notice on the box for someone to walk a friendly golden retriever. I contacted the number not realizing how it would change my life and the lives of so many other people. This is how I met Lea and her owner Heather McLean. Once you have known these two women you definitely know what love and trust is all about!

After walking Lea for

about four weeks I quickly realized what a wonderful lady I had been fortunate enough to meet. I asked Heather if I could enroll Lea in the St. John's Dog Therapy Program, which she passed with flying colours. Since then Lea has been visiting the residents at the Parkview Home For The Aged on Rupert Ave. for the last two years.

The residents of Parkview and the staff, along with me, now have richer lives because of this 10-year-old golden retriever called Lea. During this time Lea

unfortunately broke one leg and had the other one operated on for a torn muscle. She made an excellent recovery and this setback has not curbed her enthusiasm for visiting all her friends at Parkview. Lea recently received a medal recognizing her 75th visit

from St. John's and she wears it with pride.

Residents of Stouffville, I just wanted to share this story with you, so that you now know that we certainly do have an angel in our town called Lea.

Bryan Millsip
Stouffville

Luke Soup is the right recipe

To the Editor:

Congratulations to all concerned. This is an excellent first column. I hope it will be around for a long time. I am very impressed by this young man's command of English and his well-thought out views. He is a credit to his family and teachers. Keep up the good work!

Val Collins, Stouffville

Museum invites residents to help make history

To the Editor:

On behalf of the board, volunteers and staff of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum, I am writing to thank you for the fabulous coverage and support you are providing for the Museum's Building Conservation Endowment Fundraising Campaign. As this endowment fund will generate interest revenue to support the conservation and maintenance of the Museum's historic buildings in perpetuity, the assistance of Stouffville This Month will contribute to the Museum's successful preservation and promotion of our community's rich heritage for generations to come.

Since June 2001, the Museum's board members, volunteers and staff have been very active organizing fundraising events and direct appeals to Museum members and patrons; as well as campaigning local businesses and community organizations in order to reach our fundraising goal of \$50,000 by June 2003. Our fundraising success will be doubled by a matching Heritage Challenge Fund

grant from the Province of Ontario, resulting in a \$100,000 Endowment Fund.

It has been extremely rewarding to observe firsthand the generosity of our Town's residents, business operators and community groups who have enabled us to raise \$41,000 to date. Your

assistance in promoting our campaign as we enter the home stretch is doubly important, as it will enable us to invite many more residents to 'Make History!', and 'Turn a Loonie into a Tloonie' by supporting the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum Building Conservation Endowment

Fundraising Campaign.

Again, on behalf of the 75 Museum volunteers and staff members who have been involved with this fundraising campaign, thank you so much for your invaluable support.

Johan Aaltink, Chair
Whitchurch-Stouffville
Museum Advisory Board

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