

Classic Car show at Museum

Baby you can admire my car

The 30th annual Antique and Classic Car Show, which took place Aug. 10 at Stouffville Museum, was a resounding success, said curator Dorie Billich.

"More than 1,400 visitors enjoyed the day of family fun which included over 325 vintage vehicles, plus 50 Miatas displayed by the Trillium Club, as well as heritage demonstrations, children's activities

and live entertainment." Ms. Billich thanked members of the advisory board, Friends of the Museum, volunteers and exhibitors for their part in making the museum's largest and longest-running fundraiser a perennially popular event.

Prize winners in the Drivers' Choice categories were as follows: Antique winner: Gord Houston, 1940

Ford; Classic Winner: Jim Rae, 1963 Impala S.S.; Novelty Winner Mary Agresti, 1956 Chev Nomad. Ms. Agresti was also named People's Choice winner in the same category. Other People's Choice favourites were Alec Knight's 1933 Morgan S.S. in the Antique category; and Allan Massicotte's 1964 Galaxie 500 XL, which took top honours in the Classic class.

Fundraising goal in the cards

Iggy Natoli, a member of the congregation at Christ Church Anglican, is using his expertise to help raise money for the church's building fund.

The Unionville resident is the community project coordinator of The Merry Diner Community Fundraising Program, which supports local charities by

offering merchant discounts and special deals to local consumers who purchase a special card. As a long-time fundraiser in the Markham area, Mr. Natoli was impressed at how the program promotes community spirit and benefits the charity, the merchant and the consumer.

"Merchants donate a special or discount and we give them publicity and advertising promotion on our website," he explained. Cards are available for \$20 from members of the Christ Church congregation, and can be used at all participating merchants. The charity receives half the proceeds, said Mr. Natoli.

"They benefit from the fundraising and the consumer benefits because of the good deals and savings. The average consumer will save about \$200 a year." And the program applies not only to restaurants, but to all types of businesses.

An official launch party for the program will be held in Sept. Call the church office at 905-640-1461 or visit www.merrydiner.ca.

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Rural Reflections

A Different School of Thought

by Ruth LeBlanc



Think summer and you think kids, with a sigh.

Think September and you think kids, with a grin. When the first day of school arrives and the last lunch bag leaves the house, calming quiet will descend and sanity will prevail. Not a whisper of a computer game or TV show will be heard. Loud, pounding, bass-heavy MuchMusic, *Yo Baby, You Da One* songs will no longer fill the domain known as home.

Constantly ringing phones will miraculously become silent and the sound of bored, bickering siblings will seem like a bad dream. Adults can stop worrying about their heads exploding, as they are saved by the bell heralding the return of school. Yes, kids make the world go round, but they can also make heads spin.

Local youths Dylan Gott, 17, of Stouffville and James Gaston, 17, of Ballantrae say boredom is a killer and things for youth to do are limited, which makes for restless teens. Boring it may be, but when reminded of school, James says he could live with the boredom.

Yes, life is good for most kids, and the sound of Dylan happily singing *Blinded by the Light* rang through my office at the train station as they waited for a bus to take them to Toronto. Tanned and happy, these guys have had a great summer that they wish could go on forever.

Meeting lots of kids from the town and the rural areas, I can say unequivocally that we have some great young adults living in Whitchurch-Stouffville. Being the recipient of our teenagers'

kindness and consideration on countless occasions, I just want to tell you about the kids I know. Yes, they are loud and boisterous, but they are bubbling over with life and energy, and that's wonderful.

Putting on events needs helping hands and I have always counted on the SDSS student volunteers to lend those hands. During the summer break, however, I was sure I would not have enough helpers.

I mentioned this to some students who dropped by to say hello, and then forgot about it. Soon after, I received a call saying the word had been spread and more than a dozen kids rallied around, putting aside their own plans to help me out.

When the day arrived I was overwhelmed by the kids from Musselman's Lake, Stouffville and elsewhere, who banded together to help a friend. These are the same kids who leave notes saying hello on my desk, and on one blistering hot day, a cold bottle of water awaited my return to the office. Another time I came back to discover my office had been cleaned and tidied up, with the floor washed and everything left in order.

Last fall teens practised singing and dancing for hours so that they could entertain seniors at their Christmas party. Bad kids no, great kids yes. So pack those lunches and try to bite back that smile, because school is right around the corner, and that's where the young ones will be.

And remember, think fall, think freedom. Yours!

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Young Drivers hosting seminar

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The seminar will be held Saturday, Sept. 13 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Young Drivers of Canada, 20 Freel Lane, Stouffville. There is no charge, but participants should call

905-640-1229 to reserve their place.