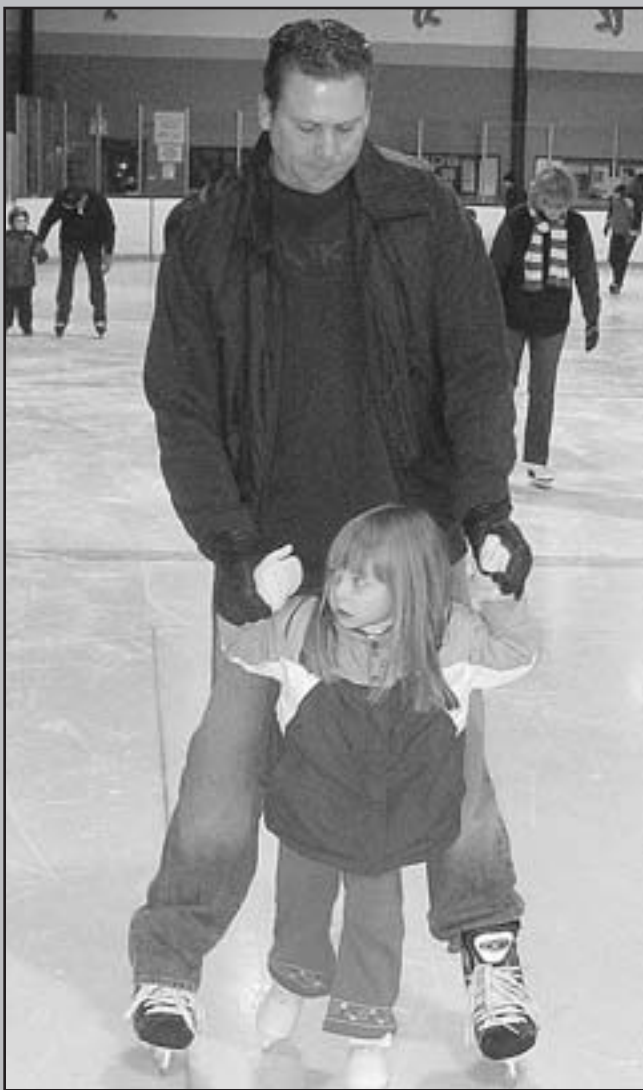


Lots of fun at Lions' Skate with Santa

Santa Claus was the big attraction Saturday night at the annual skating party, hosted by the Nobleton Lions Club, but there was no shortage of other fun activities for young and old. Some people got the chance to practice their skating skills, although Tia Suomela, 4, of Nobleton still needed a bit of a helping hand from her father Tom. Kenny Luimes, 6, needed help from his mother Christine when it came to tightening his skates, with his brother Joshua, 10 watching. And there were plenty of hot dogs for the participants, and Lions Earle Kaake and Elwood Hurst were serving them.



Churches have their schedules set Nobleton Notes

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Kleinburg and Nobleton
United Churches
Submitted by Sharon
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Our Christmas Eve morning service will be held at 11:15 a.m. Dec. 24. Help us celebrate communion, as well as lighting the fourth advent candle the candle of Joy.

Nobleton United Church's Family Christmas Eve Service will be Dec. 24 at 8:30 p.m. It will include a dramatization of the Christmas story. Come see our live baby Jesus.

Horticulture
Submitted by Hans
Nielsen

"Granny's come to our house; and ho! My lawsy-daisy! All the children round the place; Is is a-runnin crazy!" (James Whitcomb Riley)

At the annual general meeting and awards dinner in the Nobleton and King City Horticultural Society, an election of the board members for 2007 was held.

District 15 Director Brenda Heenan conducted the election and declared the following as members of the board. President — Kate Agosta; Past-president — Blair Day; First Vice-president — Barb Downey; Second Vice-president — Lynda Rogers; Treasurer — Jules Maude-Ffinch; Directors for one year — John Arnott, Maude Featherstone, Jill Gellatly, Jean Keane and Sandra Kirby; Directors for two years — Kathy Ball, Roz Elson, Carol Field, Maria Pedersen and Tina Stone; Auditors — Joan Jackaman and Nola Stacy. No Secretary has been appointed as yet.

The outgoing and the incoming board members will have a joint meeting at President Kate Agosta's home Dec. 29 at 11 a.m. (pot-luck lunch and Christmas cheer). The board will also be discussing plans for 2007 and setting up committees to carry them out. Membership Director Tina Stone reported that the society presently has 73 members, but that a membership drive is on the way for the new year. Volunteer Hour Director Maude Featherstone appealed to all members to report their volunteer hours if they had not already. It is important for the society to report as many hours as it can to the OHA by year end.

This will also be the last report that I, Hans Nielsen,

will be writing for the Horticultural Society. After five years doing the weekly column, I will be retiring. I'd like to thank all my readers, both gardeners and non-gardeners, who at various times complimented me for my work. Also, thank you to the two weekly papers and their editors for allowing me to be part of their paper. They have been most graceful. It was something that I enjoyed immensely. John Arnott will be the next correspondent for the society. He did this before with much success and was my mentor when I started.

The Nobleton and King City Horticultural Society wishes to all friends and fellow green thumbs a very Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.

St. Mary's Church

Masses for the Christmas Season are as follows: Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve) — 5 at p.m. at St. Patrick's School (Schomberg), 7 p.m. at St. Mary gym (Nobleton), 10 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church (Schomberg); Dec. 25 (Christmas) — 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Mission Church, 9:45 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church; Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve) — 4:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church; Jan. 1 (New Year's Day) — 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Mission Church, 9:45 a.m. at St. Mary gym, 11 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church.

Confessions at St. Patrick's Church will be Dec. 12 from 6 until 8 p.m.

Immanuel Reformed Church of Nobleton

Free skating is being offered by the Immanuel Reformed Church of Nobleton Dec. 29 from 3:30 until 5 p.m. at the Nobleton Community Centre and Arena. There will be hot chocolate and cookies.

The church meets in the

church building of the Nobleton United Church at 6076 King Rd. and the services are at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. every Sunday.

If you have any questions or want more information about this church, feel free to call Pastor Maurice Luimes at (905) 859-3425 or visit the Web site at www.immanuellocrc.com

Sears Christmas colouring contest

It's that time of year again, for the annual Sears Christmas colouring contest.

The theme this year is "How my family celebrates Christmas, and the contest is for children aged five to 12. They can use crayons, paint, pens, pencils or chalk. No help from parents, please.

Entries can be dropped off at the Sears store in Nobleton at 5870 King Rd. Children from all schools in Nobleton are welcome to enter. The contest runs until Dec. 22.

For more information, contact Frances at (905) 859-6654.

Men's pick-up hockey in Nobleton

The men's league that plays at 10 p.m. Wednesday nights is looking for more players. Players should be 30 and older. For more information, please call Earl Groombridge at (905) 859-0114 or (416) 806-2637. They need at least four or five more players. Consider joining this truly community event that has been running for many years in our town.

Anglican Parish of Lloydtown

The schedule for the Parish's Christmas Eve Services this Sunday is as follows: 6 p.m. at St. Alban's in Nobleton, 7:45 p.m. at Christ Church in Kettleby and 9:30 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene's in Schomberg.

The Christmas service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Mary Magdalene.

Temelkovski sends condolences to typhoon victims

Oak Ridges — Markham MP Lui Temelkovski recently sent condolences to The Philippine Government and the Filipino community throughout Canada after Typhoon Durian hit the province of Albay, Bicol Region.

He issued the statement in his capacity as an MP and chair of the Canada-Philippines Parliamentary Friendship Group.

The Canadian government has contributed \$500,000 to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent to assist with emergency and temporary shelter, non-food items, water and sanitation, he stated. A further \$500,000 will be allocated to the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives to support the recovery of affected households and address future disaster preparedness needs.

"I am pleased that the government is providing assistance, but it must remain vigilant and continue to monitor the situation," he stated. "Canada must react quickly to changing circumstances and provide as much assistance as possible to help our friends in The Philippines cope. I recall the substantial aid and humanitarian assistance the previous Liberal Government contributed in 2004 to victims of typhoons in the Philippines and to countries affected by the tsunami.