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Around the Villages



King City Seniors off to 70's Fever musical revue

King's Corners

All Saints' Anglican Church
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May the memories and joys of Christmas continue, and children enjoy a long and safe school holiday, as we look to the New Year, 2008.

Whether you take out your Christmas camera, or spend time together in nature, encourage them to observe the marvels of a snowflake, and the treasures of creation around them.

Students who would like to earn Community Service Hours are welcome to come and shovel snow from the church walkways. Just leave your name and number at (905) 833-5432.

All Saints' extends warm thanks to everyone who came to the outdoor community carol sing last Saturday, and shared in the

pageant and choral music of the services Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We continue to enjoy the old-time traditions and community spirit that marked All Saints' history over the past 150 years.

Join us for Holy Eucharist this Sunday (Jan. 6) at 8 a.m. in the chapel; or at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary, followed by coffee hour.

Remember to bring back the Pennies from Heaven jars, to provide milking goats overseas. Bring back your offerings toward AIDS on Epiphany.

With all the snow, it's hard to believe that winter is moving on. All are welcome to view the movie *Amazing Grace*, with Wilberforce and the abolition of slavery, now moved ahead to Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday falls on Feb. 6, with an early Easter Sunday, March 23. Mark your calendars for Tuesday evening Lenten events Feb.

12, 19, and 26. Rev. Jerry Loweth will review medieval church history, the Reformation, and the Gnostics - such a contemporary topic of conversation - and will lead us in discussion.

Rev. Nicola Skinner and staff wish you a very Happy New Year, and welcome you and your family to join us any Sunday for services at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

All Saints' Anglican Church, at 12935 Keele St. in King City, is a few doors south of King Road. Once children go back to school, the church office will be open Tuesday to Friday, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. If you know of a need, or have a family member in hospital, contact Rev. Skinner at (905) 833-5432, e-mail to allsaints@eol.ca or visit the Web site www.allsaintskingcity.com

Seniors travel to Stage West Theatre
The King City Seniors' next bus trip is to the

popular Stage West Theatre Jan. 13. It will include a scrumptious Sunday buffet, and the show is 70's Fever, a musical review you're sure to enjoy.

The school bus leaves the arena parking lot at 10 a.m. and will return at approximately 4:30 p.m. Come and enjoy the show. You don't have to be a member to join us.

The price is \$75 per person. For reservations, call Marlene Deacon at (905) 833-9841.

Seniors'euchre

The top player for the ladies in the Dec. 14 euchre session at King City Seniors' Centre was Dot Cloutier (76 points), followed by Dianne Wear (73) and Emily Zammitt (42). Leading things at the men's tables was Charlie Zammitt (91), followed by Vic Warner (74) and Rena Gordon (44).

Draw winners were Ron Coles, Betty Simmonds and Vic Warner.

Milla Eigelshoven donated a cake in honour of Rena Gordon's 90th birthday, which was Dec. 22.

This was the last euchre evening of 2007. Ron Coles had the most lone hands over the year with 69.

Thanks was expressed to Betty Coles and Barb Male for their help during the year, and for Dianne Wear for decorating the centre.

Euchre play will resume Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

All around Schomberg

Tai Chi starting

New beginner classes in Taoist Tai Chi will be starting the week of Jan. 14.

The Monday morning classes start at 9:45 a.m. and end at 11:45 a.m. The Thursday evening classes start Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. and end at 9.

Classes will be held at Schomberg Community Hall, 325 Main St. There will be an open house Jan. 7 at 9:45 a.m., and another Jan. 10 at 7 m.

All ages are welcome, and no fitness level is required. For information, call (905) 836-1219 or visit www.taoist.org

Association for single parents

One Parent Families Association is a non-profit organization that provides an opportunity for separated, divorced, widowed or never married parents, to socialize at dances, outings, gatherings, and family activities.

For more information, call the national head office at 1-877-773-7714 (toll free).

Organizations benefit from 'tons of involvement' in community

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Women's Institute, as well as families both in and out of the school community. The aim was to fill wish lists of various needy families in the area clothes, toys and other gift items.

Weir added about 17 youngsters benefitted this year from the program. They usually start with families in the school, expanding that as word of other families needing support is received.

"Year to year, it varies," she observed. "It just depends on who's in the need and who presents it to us."

She added they benefitted from "tons of involvement in the community."

The people at The Country Day School have been busy in terms of holiday giving too.

Communications Director Brenda Castle reported all students have

been involved with the Giving Tree, and the proceeds have been going to three different organizations; Leeder Place, an emergency family shelter in Newmarket; Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers; and York House, a drop-in centre for struggling families.

Students in the junior school were busy with a couple of fund-raising events to buy toys for needy youngsters. They included "Pay a Twonie Day," which bought them the right of wearing wild hair styles or their pyjamas to school. Castle said they raised about \$5,000.

Meanwhile, kids in the middle and senior schools were requested by their student leaders to donate gifts and new toys to the cause, and the result was a couple of carloads.

"It's really hands-on, and it's really a fantastic initiative," Castle said. "We

do it every year."

A couple of organizations benefitted from the charitable activities at King City Public School. Secretary Barb Sutton said student collected gifts for local needy families, and they were distributed through the Children's Aid Society. As well, they auctioned off some gingerbread houses, and the proceeds from that went to the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

At St. Thomas of Villanova College near King City, students put together Christmas kits for needy families, both in York Region and Toronto, according to Linda McGowan-Parsons, co-director of guidance.

The Montessori Country School in Nobleton collected piles of clothing and toys, already to go to the York Region Children's Aid Society.

Students at Holland

Marsh District Christian School were busy gathering non-perishable food items for the Filling the Pantry of the Mercy House fundraiser.

Principal Rod Berg said Mercy House is a centre for abused women and children that will be opening in the spring just outside Bradford.

"A lot of churches in Bradford have been sponsoring and supporting them," he remarked, adding grade 8 students at the school helped out with landscaping work there last year.

He added the student council present more than \$400 worth of groceries to the Mercy House at their last assembly Dec. 21.

York Region paramedics also did their bit, distributing teddy bears Christmas Eve to children who required their assistance en route to, or in, York Region hospital emergency rooms and

children's wards.

Ganz: The Teddy Bear Company generously donated 350 teddy bears to York Region Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for distribution. This is the third consecutive year for the Christmas Eve teddy bear giveaway.

Elio Bellon remembered in the community



Elio Bellon made his mark in a number of areas, most recently as he headed up the efforts to get a new building constructed for St. Mary Catholic Church in Nobleton.

More than 45 blankets were also be distributed to elderly patients in York Region hospital palliative care units. These blankets were hand-knit and donated by the Nanny Blanket Drive, a team of York Region EMS paramedics, family and friends.

Mr. Bellon died last Friday (Dec. 21) after a lengthy illness. He was 64.

He was chairing the steering committee that spent much of the last year raising money to get construction of the new church started, and Fr. Paul Hancko said that work will continue.

"We are grateful for his life," he said "We will carry on his dream."

Services for Mr. Bellon were held Saturday in Mary Lake Shrine, King City. Interment was at St. Mary's Cemetery, Nobleton.

Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.