

COMING EVENTS

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The Probus Club of Aurora meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month at the Royal Canadian Legion on Industrial Parkway North. Probus was sponsored by the Aurora Rotary Club in 1995 with an initial membership of 25, now 82, for retired and semi-retired professional and business men and women, former executives and others. The club is non-sectarian and non-political. For information call 905-841-3558 or 905-727-9344.

The York Regional Police Male Chorus is looking for new members. You do not have to be a police officer nor are you required to read music to volunteer. The group rehearses Monday evenings between 7.30 and 9.30 p.m. For further information, contact the chorus supervisor at 905-727-9676 or the coordinator of volunteer services for YRP at 905-830-0303, extension 6717.

The Adult Bereavement Support Group offers a chance to learn how to cope with the loss of a loved one. Fred Bullen has given the use of the Aurora Lions Club and Brent Forrester of Thompson Funeral Home will provide administrative cost so that this service is given free to the community. Contact mariesgriefjourney@yahoo.com to reserve a seat or get further information.

Aurora's Air Cadets meet every Tuesday night at Cardinal Carter School from 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., and offer a program for 12 years and older boys and girls.

Aurora Opera Company's Children's Chorus is a new treble voice choir dedicated to educating, nurturing and providing opportunities for children to express their musical abilities. The chorus is open to boys and girls in Grades 1 through 12 and consists of two choirs: Angel Choristers, a training choir for six and seven-year-olds and the Children Chorus, open to eight to 17-year-olds. To audition, contact general director Sarah Kyle at keepsinging@look.ca.

CHAT'S Community Home Assistance to Seniors is looking for volunteers to assist with the activities in its Adult Day Program. The positions call for a commitment of a few hours a week at its Aurora location. Various times are available. Call Christine at 905-713-3494.

Every Tuesday from 9.30 to 11 a.m. it's Story and Playtime at Aurora Cornerstone Church, 390 Industrial Parkway South for tots (age 0-4 years) and their caregivers for coffee or tea. Call 905-841-8883 for further details.

Every Wednesday from 6.30 to 8 p.m. the Pioneer Club for boys and girls, age three to Grade 4 and the Junior High Club for boys and girls, Grades 5 to 8, will be held at the Aurora Cornerstone Church, 390 Industrial Parkway South. For more information call 905-841-8884.

Corridor study awaits phase 3

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They were then asked to choose their favourites. The photos from Aurora consistently received amongst the fewest number of votes.

Research so far indicates the Yonge-Wellington stretch has seven distinct character areas.

There is nothing wrong with that, said Mr. Madi. The key will be to provide appropriate transition between them.

The workshops also identified four potential redevelopment focus areas: the cenotaph, GO Station, library square, and the northwest corner of Yonge and Wellington.

Other existing elements of the downtown area that will assist in bringing people back to this area include the Library, Church Street Cultural Centre, Farmer's Market, the Aurora Community Centre, and although it's a bit outside the study area, the Factory Theatre.

It was suggested that the former library and seniors' buildings would be good sites for the establishment of a new focal point, such as an Arts Centre.

Another goal of the study is to identify ways to reduce traffic and make the area more pedestrian friendly.

This could be accomplished through eliminating some driveway accesses onto Yonge Street by diverting traffic behind the buildings, encouraging truck and

through traffic on Yonge Street to use Industrial Parkway, and introducing pedestrian priority signals at crosswalks.

Some of the urban design features that are expected to attract people downtown include new pedestrian lighting, enhanced street crossings, burying hydro lines, adding more trees, and widening sidewalks, perhaps by setting future buildings back farther from the street.

Setbacks will likely be necessary in future, anyway, as the Region is working to develop dedicated bus lanes on Yonge Street. If these go through Aurora, as planned, widening of the street will likely be necessary.

At the same time, it was felt important not to set buildings too far back from the street. Locations such as this, with parking in front - the former Price Chopper complex, for example - should be redeveloped over time to bring the stores closer to the street, with the parking in behind.

Future shops along Yonge Street should better integrate retail and residential uses, such as having ground floor storefronts, with apartments or condominiums above or behind them.

Connecting this entire study area through a more comprehensive series of open and green spaces was also considered critical.

This is an ambitious project, and one that will take many years to implement.

Mr. Madi said it is critical to first get a plan in place, so that

A drop-in centre will operate every Wednesday at the Community Bible Church on Bathurst Street just south of Henderson from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information e-mail Judy Hoffmann jhoffmann@sympatico.ca.

Scottish Country Dancing every Friday morning at St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church beginning at 10.30 a.m. No partners are needed and beginners are welcome.

Aurora Rotary Club meets every Monday evening at 6.30 p.m. at Gabriel's on Yonge Street. New members are welcome. For further information call 905-841-1352.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge 148 meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. at 15216 Yonge Street, south of Wellington. For more information call 905-830-9205.

Masonic Rising Sun Lodge meets the first Thursday of each month at the Rising Sun Temple, 57 Mosley Street, Aurora at 7.30 p.m.

Robertson Masonic Lodge meets the third Saturday each month at 57 Mosley Street at 10.30 a.m. Coffee Club at 9 a.m. and lunch at noon. Call 905-727-3032 or 905-727-1080 for more information.

Gamblers Anonymous meets every Tuesday night at Trinity Anglican Church, Victoria Street, at 7.30 p.m.

Progressive Euchre every Thursday night at the Aurora Legion at 7.30 p.m. Call 905-727-9932.

Canadian Federation of University Women holds monthly meetings at the Aurora Legion with a variety of speakers. Contact Beverley at 905-727-2151.

The Aurora Seniors Evergreen Choir practice in the West-McKenzie Hall of the Seniors' Centre, every Wednesday from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. under the direction of Enid Maize.

Merlin's Hollow, a one-acre garden in East Aurora, is free to visitors today. It's located on Centre Crescent, north off Centre Street, west of Industrial Parkway North.

The Aurora Garden and Horticultural Society annual Aurora Garden Tour covers seven gardens including a chat with the owners and creators of the landscape designs. Tour is from noon to 5 p.m., rain or shine. Tickets are \$10 and are available in Aurora at Caruso & Co., 15210 Yonge Street, Flowers by Terry, 14799 Yonge Street, and R&R Revisited, 95 Edward Street. For more information call 905-727-5926 or visit gardenontario.org/site.php/

aurora/news/details/4441.

MONDAY, JULY 6

Revised staff report on the future of Wells Street School goes to the Board of Education in the Boardroom, Wellington Street West at 8 p.m. Public delegations must be booked in advance by calling Mrs. Lori Barnes at lori.barnes@yrdsb.edu.on.ca or 905-727-0022, ext. 2263,

SUNDAY, JULY 12

Merlin's Hollow, a one-acre garden in East Aurora, is free to visitors today. It's located on Centre Crescent, north off Centre Street, west of Industrial Parkway North.

JULY 13-17

Hillary House Summer Programs for Kids takes place at Hillary House National Historic Site, on Yonge Street. For \$15 a day or \$70 for the week, children, ages 6-10, can learn and play during half day programs. Daily themes include: Teddy Bear Picnic, Butterfly Garden, Tea Party, Movie Day, Olympics, and Superhero Day. Pre-registration is required. Call Call 905-727-8991 to register and for more information.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

Aurora Rotary Club golf tournament at Westview Golf Club. Shotgun at 10 a.m. \$150 per golfer includes lunch, dinner at the Graystone Tavern, electric golf cart and prizes. Call Ron at 905-727-3300 for details.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

Aurora Garden and Horticultural Society monthly meeting begins at 8 p.m. at the Aurora Canadian Legion, 105 Industrial Pkwy N. Topic is "A Thousand and One Garden Ideas" with guest speaker Frank Kershaw followed by flower show. Guests are welcome. Admission is \$2 at the door.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

Doors Open Aurora, 2009, takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Senator is guest at seniors' group

Senator Marjory LeBreton was guest of honour at the inaugural meeting of the Senior Advisory Group Tuesday at the Aurora Seniors' Centre.

Service groups, elected representatives and members of the Aurora Seniors' Centre were among the invitees.

She was introduced by Newmarket-Aurora MP Lois Brown.

"At our very first caucus meeting, Lois was already approaching me about coming to Newmarket-Aurora," said the senator. "As you know, in a few years, the first wave of baby boomers will turn 65. This demographic shift promises to have a profound impact on our society and economy. 65 is the new 50."

"Canadians are living longer than ever before, thanks in part to better medical care, good nutrition, activity and exercise our seniors are enjoying more years of health as they age," she said.

Most of the news for older Canadians is very good. But there are still challenges. Some seniors can be more isolated than they used to be. Some have fewer connections to friends, family and the community, and can sometimes feel powerless and vulnerable.

"It is important that seniors know they are not alone," she said. "I am very proud that our government recognizes how valuable seniors are to families, communities and our country. We know that they contribute tremendous knowledge and experience as well as a range of valuable skills to

society."

Senator LeBreton went on to summarize a number of initiatives brought in by the government which included appointing a Minister Responsible for Seniors and establishing a National Seniors' Council.

Several issues affecting seniors were discussed including elder abuse.

The Senator noted that the work of the National Seniors Council identified elder abuse as an important and often hidden issue.

Financial security for seniors was also a topic of discussion.

"We have taken a range of steps and introduced a number of measures to benefit seniors financially from different walks of life," she said. "Canada's Economic Action Plan reinforced our commitment to seniors' financial concerns. Our plan includes tax relief measures, funding for affordable housing, and the Targeted Initiative for Older Workers."

Senator LeBreton also explained that the government has increased its support to caregivers in recognition of their important contribution.

She highlighted the New Horizons for Seniors program which allocates \$35 million each year for grassroots projects.

The senator was later taken for a tour of the Aurora Seniors' Centre work shop which had recently been upgraded as a result of a successful application to the New Horizons program.

"We want Canada to be a country where people can enjoy their later years of life without worry," she said.

It's a sad reflection on life in Aurora, but the Aurora Food Pantry needs more room.

The pantry, located in the basement of a building in downtown Aurora, has outgrown its current space, caused mostly by a sharp increase in activity over the last 24 months.

As a result, the Pantry's Board of Directors has started a search for a new location to meet current and future needs and is looking to the municipal and business communities for assistance.

At question is exactly how much space they require.

Currently, the Pantry operates from two locations, and officials are hoping both sites can be incorporated into one spot.

Currently located in the basement of the old post office in downtown Aurora, the Pantry is open only on Saturdays as parking restrictions and machinery

noise in the basement preclude being opening on weekdays.

On any given Saturday, clients fill the waiting area and the narrow stairs to the basement while volunteers bring food in and help clients carry their food out around the waiting participants.

It's a far cry from supermarket shopping.

Food donated during food drives is stored in space donated by Aurora's First Baptist Church on Wellington Street.

That requires volunteers to transport many cases each week to the main location.

Obviously, it would be an asset to have a location that could handle both functions.

The goal, directors said, is to find affordable space as money available to pay rent is limited.

The generously low rent currently charged by building owners - the Dol family owns the old post office

building - is paid from donated funds.

A new location must be on or near a bus route and have street level access and accessible parking, directors think.

Easy access for elderly and disabled clients is important and a loading dock or secondary entrance would be a great asset, directors believe.

The objective of the Aurora Food Pantry is to provide short term food assistance for local residents.

A new location must be

found in order to meet that objective in manner that is dignified and safe for clients and volunteers.

Food Pantry participants must come from an area that includes all of Aurora but it extends into parts of Richmond Hill, King and Whitchurch Stouffville.

Clients must be able to prove where they live.

Inquiries can be made by calling Aurora Food Pantry at 905-841-1577 and leaving a message.

All calls will be returned, directors promised.



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New president of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce is Geoffrey Dawe. He was sworn in Thursday night as the chamber held the first event in the newly refurbished Church Street School. Offering congratulations is outgoing president Kathy Van Nostrand. Other members of the executive include first Vice-President, Robin Taylor-Smith; Second Vice-President, Bob Ince; Treasurer, Thomas Beck; and Secretary, Barbara Dawson. Directors include Paul Smith, Robert Gray, Peter Dickens, Susie Strom, Stephen Beaumont, Vanda Koukounakis, and Laurie McDonald.

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Poor Ronnie

By RON WALLACE

Columnist blows prediction twice

Columnist Stephen Somerville was wrong twice in his column, written last Friday and reprinted on Page 5 this week. To get the trivia out of the way, he predicted hockey whiz-kid John Taveras would be drafted by the Toronto Maple Leafs. Wrong - Taveras was drafted by the New York Islanders on Friday.

No big surprise there...the Leafs won't spend too much money rebuilding a hockey team because the seats at the Air Canada Centre are already sold.

I have always maintained Toronto is not a hockey town - it's a Leaf town.

The prediction that was most upsetting was that Frank Klees would win the Progressive Conservative leadership race.

Aurora's Klees, who was seeking, one more time, the leadership of the PC party, came second.

Ultimately, had he won that post, he could have become Premier of Ontario.

It was tough finding out Saturday exactly what was going on as the four-person race for the leadership started.

Somerville predicted Klees would win all the marbles after the third ballot, and on that, he was partly right. Voting did go to the third ballot, but when the smoke had cleared, Frank was second to Mike Harris clone, Tim Hudak.

Word was the race was Hudak's to lose, even though several media had predicted Klees would win. I talked to Frank Friday night after I learned he was going to hold a "tailgate party" Saturday morning to help unify the Conservatives.

Of course, Frank knows I seldom leave Aurora for anything, and since the party was slated for a parking lot somewhere in Markham, I declined his offer to attend.

He was still pretty jubilant about his chances to win the whole thing as we spoke.

"To celebrate an outstanding PC Leadership Race Frank Klees, M.P.P. (Newmarket-Aurora) is throwing a 'tailgate' breakfast bash and inviting all PC Party members to join him in celebrating Party unity," said the press release I received.

Not paying a whole lot of attention to the leadership race, I thought that meant Frank had lost the race and this was his way of saying "thanks for the memories..."

But he told me vote counting would happen later that day. I wished him well and went about my business.

When I read Somerville's column (he is a tad biased, you know, even though he does admit it) I thought about not running it all.

"Why bother?" I thought, "The results will be known by the time The Auroran hits the streets."

Earlier in the campaign, I called Frank an "also-ran" when I wrote a story about him entering the race again.

He wasn't too impressed with that.

But he did finish out of the money (well out of the money) the first time around and other media gave him little hope for achieving all the marbles.

So, having him get to the third ballot and finishing just out of the money, was a feather in his, and his campaign workers, hat.

So, where is all this going?

I don't know Tim Hudak, never met him.

But I guess I'm going to have to now, given the fact he could become the province's next premier.

I knew Mike Harris (hell, we attended the same high school in North Bay many years ago. He was a year behind me) and I knew Ernie Eves.

Both knew my feelings about amalgamation. Keep Aurora as a single unit, I said. Never mind joining the Region of York into one city.

Harris amalgamated the boroughs of Toronto, and I think, while it may not have been his only mistake, it didn't help his political career much.

Ernie Eves, who took over after Harris resigned, promised me amalgamation would not happen up here.

I think Frank agrees with that...but I also didn't just fall off a vegetable truck. Amalgamation of some sort will be necessary in Aurora, because we're simply out of land.

And, I don't think people care about it too much.

If you went to the Silvercity theatre on Yonge Street north of Aurora, where do you think you'd be?

Newmarket? Wrong. You're in East Gwillimbury. Newmarket doesn't have a theatre, like it doesn't have a Costco. But who cares? As long as there's one close, no one cares whose town it's in. Do they?

I live on a dead-end street and I hope, with everything I can hope for, that it stays that way. It won't.

It may not happen in my lifetime, but that street will eventually see the "no exit" sign disappear.

If Klees was the next provincial premier, I could tell him that. Now, I'll have to think of something else to talk about when we meet at Baldwin's.



These 13 women were part of the 1949-50 graduating class of Aurora High School, better known these days as the controversial Wells Street Public School. They gathered at the home of Ruth Sleeth Fletcher in East Gwillimbury recently. Those attending are, left to right, Jo Maaten Buscombe, Beth Brodie Case, Ruth Sleeth Fletcher, Yvonne Billing Bovair, Mary Lacey Ward, Norva Feren Whitehead, Joan Bradbury Davis, Lois Underhill Cook, Vivian Rose Stone, Shirley Holman Stunden, Barb McCachen Keith, Fern Preston Walton, and Mary Wassink Rogers. Those who attended said the most fun was trying to recognize each person as she arrived.

Letters to the Editor

Arrogance ridiculous: Evelyn

To the editor,

Growing old happens one day at a time.

Every day feels the same as the day before.

Growing is the operative word.

Every observation, experience, good or bad, every mistake made, is a lesson learned and filed

away for future reference.

People who haven't lived as long may not have learned how much there is to learn from living.

Its relevance may even be cavalierly dismissed. That's a reflection of inexperience or failure to grow.

An advantage of living long is the opportunity to

exercise knowledge and experience and keep on growing.

A sense of the ridiculous is an asset.

Humility comes from facing mortality.

False modesty is unseemly in great age.

Ignorance is pathetic. Arrogance is ridiculous.

Fear is unknown.

Little is left to fear after surviving life's vicissitudes.

What is there of value to be lost?

Great age can't fail to establish reputation.

Character, good, bad or indifferent has been moulded.

It can't be lost, mislaid or misappropriated. It's of no use to anyone else.

Except as a lesson in someone else's growing.

Evelyn Buck
Aurora

Bus will take supporters to Simcoe Site concert

To the editor,

Re: Site 41, Simcoe County.

Simcoe County Council made the decision to locate a dump on one of the best aquifers in the world, notably the Alliston Aquifer.

As they excavate, water is filling the space.

The plan is to line this space with a plastic liner to keep the garbage out of the aquifer.

He thanks vendors for contributions

To the editor,

Recently, I was fortunate to win the "Customer Appreciation" basket in a draw at the Aurora Farmers' Market.

The basket was filled with contributions from each of the vendors at the Market.

I would like to thank all the vendors for their products and, also for maintaining a great Saturday market place.

David Savage
Aurora

Next, to keep garbage and liner from floating, they will pump thousands of litres of water from the Alliston Aquifer every day, possibly forever.

This is a call to all people in Aurora, Richmond Hill and surrounding areas, especially my colleagues at Retired Teachers District 34.

If you are interested in preserving our clean water sources, notably the Alliston Aquifer, you are invited to a concert entitled "No Water To Waste".

Our program offers entertainment, music, and our featured speaker is Maude Barlow, renowned chairperson of the Council of Canadians and recent appointee as consultant to the United Nations.

The date is Saturday, July 4, and a bus will be available in at the Aurora GO train station parking lot at 11.30 a.m.

The concert, to be held at Site 41, begins at 1 p.m.

At no cost to the participant, the bus will return you to Aurora when the concert ends.

For more information, and to secure a seat on the bus, call Elsie at 905-727-6982, any afternoon or evening.

Elsie Adair
Aurora

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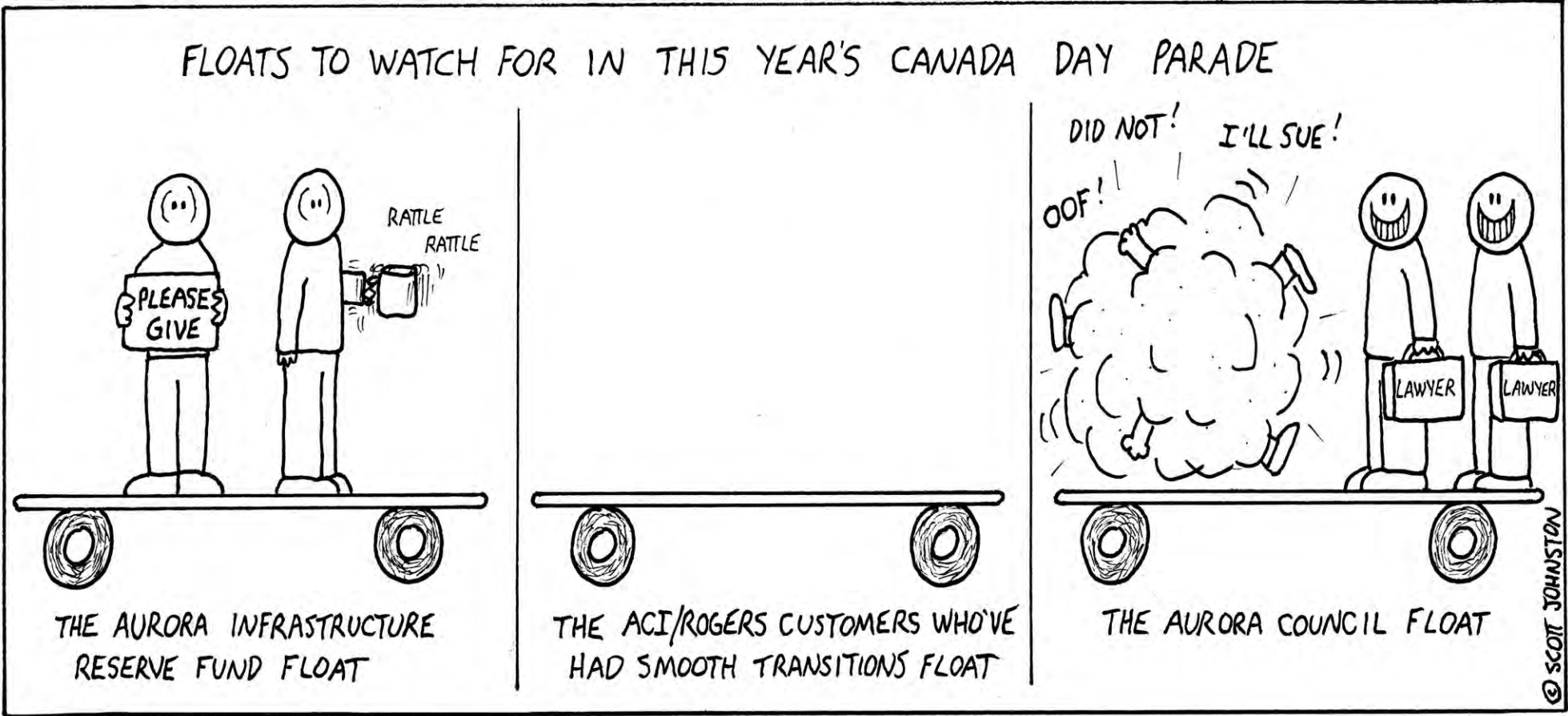
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Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

By the time you read this column, the provincial Progressive Conservative leadership election will have already taken place.

But that won't stop me today (Friday, June 26th), however, from a favourite past time - making electoral predictions.

Before I provide you with this, a little history is in order regarding my predictive powers.

I thought that Frank Klees and the Progressive Conservatives would win the 2007 provincial election contest in Newmarket-Aurora by between 2,500 and 3,000 votes, not the 1,347 votes that it turned out to be.

In December, 2006, I also boldly predicted Bob Rae would easily win the federal Liberal Leadership on the fourth ballot - another one of my classic "clangers".

But this still pales in comparison to my 1993 forecast when I confidently predicted that Kim Campbell would win 100 seats!

I also predicted that then incumbent Mayor Tim Jones would retain the mayor's chain by about 350 votes over Phyllis Morris and Nigel Kean in November, 2006!

My only consolation is that I did correctly pick six of the eight Aurora councillors in that same municipal election.

Based on my record in predicting elections, I won't be headed for Las Vegas, or Casino Rama any time soon.

Outside politics, the only time I can recall rendering a correct prediction was with respect to the Men's NCAA basketball tournament pool.

As a fan of the Indiana Hoosiers, I have chosen them to win every year in the office pool for the past 20-some years. And they did win it...in 1987.

There is, without a doubt, a betting theorem now being developed by a PhD mathematics student somewhere in the bowels of academia called the Somerville co-efficient.

It is very straightforward: "Bet in opposition to the actions of Stephen Somerville and, 99.6 percent of the time, you will be successful". The dissertation should be a best seller!

For those of you who have not been following the PC Leadership race, it was called after John Tory lost a bi-election earlier this year and stepped down as party leader.

There are four declared candidates for the PC Leadership: Tim Hudak, an MPP from Niagara Falls; Christine Elliott, MPP from Whitby; Randy Hillier, an MPP from eastern Ontario, and last, but certainly not least, Frank Klees, the MPP for Newmarket-Aurora.

I state my bias here - I was, on a volunteer basis, the Policy Chair for the Frank Klees Leadership Campaign.

Membership officially closed May 13th. This means that only currently paid up PC members had the opportunity to participate in the Leadership vote, which was held over two days this past week.

Published reports show provincial party membership around the 43,000 level.

The electoral system employed this time was a preferential ballot, meaning that individuals only voted once by ranking the candidates; you could rank each of the four candidates or just vote for one of them.

Each of the 107 electoral districts in the province are apportioned 100 points, and each candidate receives points commensurate with their voting percentage in that particular riding. The winner requires 50 per cent plus one of the total points.

PC Leadership prediction

This means the winner must show strength around the province.

If there is no winner after the first ballot, the candidate with the fewest votes on the ballot gets removed and his or her supporters get allotted amongst the remaining candidates in each respective riding.

This is the reason that handicapping this race is so tough as I believe a large number of voters will only cast a ballot for one person, meaning their vote disappears if their candidate drops off.

This process continues until we have a winner.

The new Leader will be (was) announced at a party convention in Markham Saturday.

Tim Hudak has been the perceived front-runner all along, and it should be his election to lose, but I believe that Mr. Klees will win - by a razor thin margin. Here is the scenario:

First Ballot: Hudak, 32 per cent, Klees, 30 per cent, Elliott: 28 per cent, Hillier, 10 per cent

Hillier drops off the ballot and 80 per cent of his supporters go to Hudak and 20 per cent go to Klees.

Second Ballot: Hudak: 40 per cent; Klees, 32 per cent; Elliott, 28 per cent.

Elliott drops off and 65 per cent of her supporters go to Klees and 35 per cent go to Hudak.

Third Ballot: Klees: 50.2 per cent; Hudak: 49.8 per cent.

While I am at it, the Leafs will trade up and get John Taveras in the NHL entry-level draft Saturday!

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Inside Aurora

By Scott Johnston

The half dozen passengers eagerly settled in their seats, as the driver adjusted his microphone and announced: "Good morning, and welcome to the 2011 edition of Aurora Historical Tours."

Starting the engine, and pulling out into the street, he continued: "Aurora has a wonderful history, and has been settled since the late 1700s. Today, we will be looking at some of our oldest neighbourhoods. Coming up on our right is one of our earliest homes, dating from the 1830s."

Two people sitting behind the driver exchanged puzzled glances as the van slowed in front of a modern looking structure.

"Actually, only part of the back room dates from that period, and you can't see that from the street. The remaining 4,000 square feet was added last year."

Necks were craned, and cameras flashed.

"And on our left is another beautiful home. Although the original building was torn down and replaced with this duplex, the driveway itself dates from at least the 1890s. I believe the Aurora Museum has a hinge that was saved from one of the bedroom doors."

"This next house is particularly interesting. It was originally owned by the town's butcher. In all, 10 different families have lived here since the late 1800s, each fixing up a small bit of the house."

"What parts are left from the butcher's days?" asked a voice from the back of the van.

"Well...none."

"Doesn't this town have any structures that are unchanged since they've been built? Entire buildings - not just bits and pieces?"

"Good timing, sir. Some of those are coming up. As we turn down this next street, most of the houses here date from the late 1970s. Notice the historic architecture characteristic of this period."

"One of the reasons we have so many historical homes in Aurora," the driver continued proudly, "is due to the creation of our Heritage District. This was established to preserve the remaining homes that were left in the older central area of town."

"Then why are these 'historical' homes so recent? Are we not in the Heritage District, yet?"

"We've been in it all along," explained the driver. "You see, there was a lot of argument about the designation of a heritage area. Some felt it would be too expensive and restrictive for the homeowners to maintain and live in older homes in a modern world. Provisions were therefore put in the bylaw to allow for minor alterations."

"How minor?" asked the same voice at the back.

"For houses within the Heritage District, modifications are restrict-

ed to 95 per cent."

"So, 95 per cent of the original home had to be preserved?"

"Well, no. They could modify up to 95%."

"That's ridiculous. How can you class an area as historic if there's nothing old in it?"

"What do you mean 'nothing old'? What about the driveway of the house we saw earlier from the 1890s?"

"That's just dirt!"

"But it's old dirt."

The driver was puzzled, as his last statement was met with muttering from the passengers.

The tour continued, but despite his most enthusiastic efforts, he could tell his passengers just didn't appreciate the historical sights.

As he drove back to drop them off, he decided he'd better skip the highlight of the tour; Wells Street Public School.

Or at least, the vacant lot where the school used to be before it was condemned by the Board and torn down last year.

These people probably wouldn't appreciate it, either.

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Letters to the Editor

When it's gone, it's gone forever

To the editor,

My formative years were spent in Aurora and the town still has a place in my heart.

I also still have family members there.

I attended Wells Street School when it was a high school and moved to the new high school on Dunning Avenue with my Grade 10 class.

I remember well when the Wells Street School opened as an elementary school.

I've spent about one third of my life living in Ontario, one third in New England and the other third in Quebec.

I'm not a fan of American politics, the country's military industrial complex that feeds on war, or their lack of universal health care; but I do admire how Americans preserve their historic buildings.

Old school houses are treasured.

In Woodstock, Connecticut, the children go to school in Woodstock Academy, a large, handsome, three-storey school built in 1801.

In Chaplin, Connecticut, a small village established in 1822, the people preserved their 1700 one-room school house.

It's now a museum over-

seen by volunteers from July to September.

The North Bennet Street School established in 1885 in Boston, Massachusetts, continues to operate, as it did when founded, as a school teaching craftsmanship.

Lyme Academy in Old Lyme, Connecticut, built in 1817, is now The Lyme Academy of Fine Arts. There are too many examples to mention here, but the point is that these heritage school houses are preserved as they should be and they have many uses.

Yet, in Aurora the Wells Street School may disappear and this would be trag-

ic. Personally speaking, I regret that the first school on the site wasn't preserved and that at least one of the old one-room school houses, that once existed on Yonge Street in Aurora, weren't saved.

That's asking too much, I guess.

How savvy those New Englanders are.

They retain and refurbish their historic homes and inns.

You can stay in the Sturbridge, Connecticut Publick House built in the early late 1700's, stay or just dine at the Bee and Whistle Inn in Old Lyme built in 1756 and enjoy Thayers Inn built

in 1843 in Littleton, New Hampshire, as well as many other landmark inns.

Historic homes throughout New England have been lovingly restored by private owners, taken over by local institutions, or the state and given perpetual care.

Every city, town and village seems to have at least one historic home that accepts visitors.

Aurora too has preserved many of its fine old homes, thanks to people who realized their importance.

Aurora has also kept its historic churches and some landmark buildings.

Unfortunately, however, some are gone.

Just imagine Aurora with the old town hall on the northeast corner of Mosley Street; Castle Doan on the north corner of Yonge and Catherine Street; the wonderful Fleury Mansion on the south corner of Maple Street and the old Trinity Anglican Church Hall on its site, next to the second Anglican church, which still stands.

(Alas, the first Anglican Church on the same site was taken down.)

The old hall bore the secret symbols of the Masons because it was once a Masonic Lodge and had been moved from another site next to the

church.

Yes, it was once saved, but it eventually went as the new and larger Anglican Church was built.

Consider the north corner of Wellington Street West and Yonge Street with Doan Hall there.

The old house, built by a New England family that came north, had a New England appearance and was architecturally unusual having double brick walls and other interesting features.

Imagine the Queen's Hotel on the north corner of Yonge and Wellington Street East.

Yes, in its last years it needed help, but had the old hotel been in a New England town it would have remained with its veranda painted white and hanging flowering pots would tempt summer guests. Aurora entrepreneurs might even have invented a ghost or two.

Oh, please don't take down Wells Street School, another heritage building.

Our old Ontario buildings might be younger than the New England landmark buildings, but they're all we've got and once they're gone; they're gone forever.

Elizabeth Hearn Milner
Bracebridge

Ambassador program would be good for Aurora

To the editor,

The Parks Ambassador Program is an excellent program that Aurora should adopt.

It builds community spirit, community pride and sense of ownership and empowers all residents who decide to participate.

It has been in place in York Region since 2005 in the City of Vaughan.

In Vaughan it was promoted by the Safe City Committee and fully

endorsed by council, the police and fire departments.

In 2007 members of Aurora PACT (Police and Community Together) attended one of Vaughan's meetings and all expressed an excitement of bringing this program here.

The Town of Richmond Hill have had a pilot program in place since 2008. It has successfully grown over the years.

My question to the mayor, council and staff is how soon can we start this

excellent program here in Aurora?

I have been involved in two meetings where it has been presented to various staff and members of council with little interest in its implementation in our town.

This confuses me.

For so many reasons it should be adopted here in Aurora. It is inexpensive to run and successful in communities around the world and locally in York Region.

The program: People who want to be involved are

empowered to report concerning activities or decencies they find during their normal course of their daily activity.

For example you are walking your dog and see a number of street lights out; you call a specified number on your list to alert them to the problem; or if you see some new graffiti you have another number to call to report.

As you are walking your child to school you see odd behaviour in the bush-lot beside the park, there is another number to call.

At no time do you involve yourself other than to report your observations to the people who can assist with the problem.

What a great way for people to formally help keep our community well, happy and safe.

In Vaughan, police and other community providers, come in for a few meetings over the spring and summer to offer information and crime prevention advice to participating community members.

I urge the residents of our town and council to take another look at this really great program.

Reader adds to Dick's Bouquets & Brickbats

To the editor,

I am sure there are others like me who miss Dick Illingworth's Bouquets & Brickbats. So I would like to send a few out.

First, **Bouquets** and congratulations to David Tomlinson on being named Aurora's Citizen of the Year. David not only beautifies Aurora but he also volunteers at the Aurora Food Pantry during the winter. He assists clients in a very caring and informative way.

Second, **Bouquets** to the Grade 8 graduates of Regency Acres Public School who decided not to ride in limos to their graduation and used the money to buy food for the Aurora Food Pantry instead. Thank you!

Also, **Bouquets** to those who collect food for the Food Pantry instead of presents at their birthday parties and other events. Special mention to Alice Sandiford who has done this four years in a row! Your generosity makes a difference. Thank you!

Bouquets to the students who complete their mandatory volunteer hours willingly and make their best effort when doing them. Special thanks to those who do more than required and those who work in the summer.

(Remember the Aurora Food Pantry needs volunteers throughout the summer. It is a good time for students to get some of their Community Service hours

done.)

Bouquets to those who work so hard to organize the Canada Day Parade.


And last, **Bouquets** and thanks to Lois Brown for providing Canada flags for every house in Aurora ...and **Brickbats** to those who did not take the time to put the flag in their window.

We have a town to be proud of!

Lorna Rummenie
Director,
Aurora Food Pantry

Cyndy Skillins
Chair PACT (Aurora)

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Letters to the Editor

This vet sent back a cheque, reader says

To the editor,

Having recently moved to Aurora, I found myself having to leave behind many important people in my life: a trustworthy mechanic, a gentle dental hygienist, a fabulous hair stylist, a familiar mall, a loving doctor- and perhaps the most difficult of

all to replace, especially for a devoted animal lover- my compassionate vet of more than two decades, Dr. Dan Scorgie.

My now husband, having lived in Aurora for several years before I moved in, had experienced an awful ordeal at a posh vet clinic located on Yonge Street (whose

name I won't mention) some four years ago.

So when our two little (well, one is really not so little!) purring fur balls needed their annual vaccines, we asked our neighbours for referrals.

In we trotted to the Aurora Animal Clinic on Edward Street.

Upon entering, we were greeted by friendly staff members and met (for a second time) a pleasant veterinarian who thoroughly examined our friendly felines and proceeded to administer the concoctions.

After our hefty, black, panther-like, (but totally wimpy) male kitty "Romeo" embarrassingly peed all over himself, and the examining table, my husband and I gathered up our other kitty, a petite, charming, quick-witted female tabby "Munchie", and apologetically left.

All the way home my hubby was grinning ear-to-ear because his "little girl" won the hearts of everyone at the clinic and made her daddy proud, while my big boy made quite the stinky mess!

Fast-forward a few days later...

Little Munchie stopped eating and became very ill. Worried for the worst (another near-death experience for our little princess) we rushed her back to the vet clinic.

After numerous exams, blood work and intravenous, we were told that she had kidney failure (a common condition for cats).

Dr. Bill Hanson and his team of veterinary professionals carefully and lovingly nursed Munchie back to health, and several long days later we brought her home with a bag full of medicine and special food.

And a nice dent in our credit card!

(I must tell you that Dr. Hanson had generously offered to give us breaks in Munchie's medical treatment bills to help offset the cost of the necessary ongoing exams, and we were very grateful.)

But, being a newlywed couple with a new mortgage, my considerably large student loan, and having just purchased all the "firsts" that go along with a new home and married life together, we were not prepared for this added expense.

Although Munchie's illness was not caused by the vaccine, Dr. Hanson proceeded to contact the company that made the vaccine to inquire if they had known of any similar cases.

No such cases had ever been reported.

Several weeks later, my husband and I were thrilled to see 'Lil Miss Munch back to her usual delightful ways, and had forgotten about the worries, and cost, of having had such a sick little kitty. Then one day, I arrived home from work to find a handwritten letter from Dr. Hanson stuck to our fridge.

As I curiously read the note, I couldn't help but notice a cheque, addressed to us, attached to the back! Apparently, and unknown

to us, Dr. Hanson had continued to communicate with the vaccine company regarding Munchie's case.

The letter read, "as a gesture of good spirit they consented to contribute to the cost of Munchie's treatment".

WOW!!! We have had pets all of our lives, and this was unheard of. Actually receiving a cheque from a veterinary clinic...WOW!

My jaw literally dropped! (Anyone who has treated a very ill pet knows how costly it can get.)

To conclude my story, my husband and I are ecstatic to have finally found a permanent, local vet who we undoubtedly trust with the care of our beloved felines.

The service that we, and, of course, our little Munchie, who is sitting on top of my desk beside me as I write, grinning, received from Dr. Hanson and the veterinary team at the Aurora Animal Clinic, was rare and indeed outstanding!

Thank you to you all!!! And if you are a local resident, you have my word that you can go to this clinic in confidence, knowing that your four-legged family member will be dearly cared for.

Michelle and Todd Leppington Aurora

Times are tough getting golfers, reader discovers

To the editor,

The Rotary Club of Aurora does so many great things for people in need in Aurora and around the world and they do these things by raising money at such functions as the upcoming Rotary Club of Aurora golf tournament.

Ron Wallace, the president of the Aurora Rotary Club, approached me a couple of months ago to help him organize the tournament.

That is like the blind leading the blind.

That being said I accepted with pride that I was

asked.

Having run a few tournaments in the past I thought that this would be easy.

Then I started approaching people to golf and get donations for the tournament and I quickly found out that times are tough and that to get prizes and golfers is tougher than I thought.

We still need five or six foursomes and prizes.

Please call Ron Wallace at 905-727-3300 or myself at 416-888-0173.

I will pick up prizes at your request.

The golf tournament is July 14th at Westview Golf Club and dinner to follow at

the best restaurant in Aurora, Graystones.

Golf includes 18 holes with a cart, lunch and a great day at Westview, Aurora's oldest and best golf course, for only \$150.

The Rotary Club of Aurora raises money for to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training plus many other wonderful things.

Please do what you can to help this wonderful association in Aurora.

Thank you.

Nigel Kean Aurora

Neighbourhood Network says "thank you" for BBQ

To the editor,

On behalf of Neighbourhood Network, thanks to all who came out to our first Neighbourhood awareness BBQ at Hickson Park in Aurora on Sunday, June 14th.

As a relatively new neighbourhood in Aurora, we were happy to sign up 16 residents to volunteer in the Aurora area during the event.

Many enjoyed sausages, hamburgers and hot dogs courtesy of our

Neighbourhood Network community partner The Aurora Optimists.

A special thanks to Carol Bartlett, president of the Aurora Optimists and her team who did a spectacular job cooking and keeping up to the orders for food.

If you wish to know more about Neighbourhood Network, please visit us at www.neighbourhoodnetwork.org.

Together we can help build a strong community.

Who decides what roads get repaved?

To the editor,

Amen.

What department in the Town of Aurora decides what street is to be repaved each year?

Nisbet is a mess and should have been repaved two or three years ago.

Hawthorne was repaved in 2008. There were no potholes, no cracks and did not require to be repaved.

Hawthorne is a dead-end street - local traffic only.

Nisbet has a lot of traffic as a cross street.

Now I hear Nisbet is to be repaved in 2010.

R.W. Hanes Aurora

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Happier Times: Member of the Provincial Parliament for Newmarket-Aurora, Frank Klees, casts his ballot for leadership of the Progressive Conservative party last week. One of four people running for the top post, Klees came second to Tim Hudak, after the third round of voting. It was close, however, as Hudak scooped 55 per cent of the vote while Klees had 45 per cent. Only 900 votes separated them.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Report puts pressure on growth

Over the years Aurora has developed as a community of mainly single family homes, originally on large lots and with growth smaller lots and more dense subdivisions.

The way in which the town was planned and developed was constantly evolving due to customer demand, market forces, various trends and the Ontario Municipal Board.

All this will change as a result of provincial initiatives that provide some strong clues as to how communities will develop in the future and what future neighbourhoods may look like.

A provincial plan - Places to Grow - provides a vision of what might be expected in the future as the Greater Golden Horseshoe area continues to be the fastest growing area in North America as an additional 3.7 million people will call the area home by 2031.

Introduced three years ago, one of the key components of the Growth Plan relates to intensification and it requires identifying local municipal intensification targets to reach the overall York Region target of 40

per cent.

In 1991 provincial policy mandated that all municipalities address housing intensification in their official plans.

Residential intensification was defined as the creation of new residential units of accommodation in existing buildings, including accessory dwellings, rooming, boarding and lodging houses and infill.

In October, 1992, Aurora Council held a public meeting on intensification with a poor turnout of citizens.

The majority of those in attendance opposed the proposed intensification policy on the basis of a potential impact on single family residential neighbourhoods, parking problems and inadequate servicing infrastructure..

With the possible exception of the 2C lands and some infilling, Aurora is almost completely built-out and accommodating the extra people bringing the town's population to a projected 70,000 people and still maintain a quality of life will require very careful planning and public understanding.

It means that the densities

will increase in the future especially along the Yonge Street corridor as it has been designated in York Region's Centres and Corridors Study.

In May, 2003, regional council adopted the Regional Centres and Corridors Study and distributed it to local municipalities as well as public and private agencies.

The region designated four regional centres and Aurora was designated as a regional corridor due to Yonge Street.

The proposed regional corridors were seen as areas to add new housing units, employment and services in a mixed use format that was supported by public transit featuring a pedestrian friendly design.

Aurora Council raised concerns by pointing out that certain sections of Yonge Street should have limited intensification consideration because of the historical importance and environmental issues north and south of the historic core.

There will likely be a greater mix of housing types with retail and employment areas mixed in with the housing so that residents will drive less and walk or cycle or take public transit more often.

The growth plan also focuses on reinvesting and revitalizing downtown areas across the Greater Golden Horseshoe at higher densities to ensure that they are both vibrant and convenient.

In order to achieve the required region-wide intensification target of 40 per cent, in April, 2007, the region set intensification targets for each municipality during the period



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Hot Spot suffers from closing of bingo hall

Wendy Gaertner, currently a councillor with the Town of Aurora, has a problem.

She has, for the past 17 years, been the driving force behind the operation of Hot Spot in Aurora, but with the closing of Aurora's bingo hall, money has dried up.

She's on the verge of closing an institution that is now older than the people who attend.

"How do you enable pre and young teens, Grades 6, 7 and 8, to socialize other than hanging out at the mall or in the park?" she wondered. "How can this be accomplished so that they feel independent yet make it acceptable to their parents? Can such a place be financially viable and still be affordable so that all kids can be able to come?"

It was because of those questions that the Hot Spot

Youth Club became a reality December 13th, 1991.

It opened with the help of the Optimists Club, the Opti-Mrs. Club and the Town of Aurora.

Local businesses and volunteer parents gave their support. It soon became clear that only Friday evenings worked for the children and the parents.

It also became clear that the cost of insurance, rent, equipment and security could not be covered by an average \$3 entrance fee.

In 1992 permission was granted to run a bingo which enabled the project to cover some of these costs.

"It has been a lot of work; but relatively smooth sailing for 17 years," Wendy said. "And the children love it."

Over the years, thousands have come through the doors at the Lions Hall and the Aurora

Community Centre.

Hot Spot's first participants are now more than 30 years old.

Hot Spot's contribution to the community was acknowledged with its receipt of a 'Best Not For Profit Community Group' award from the Town of Aurora.

However, awards aren't enough to keep the organization functioning.

In May of 2008 the bingo hall closed and several community groups, Hot Spot included, suffered as a result of it.

"Do you give up after 17 years?" Wendy wondered. "Do you charge the participants enough to cover costs eliminating many who benefit from the experience?"

So Councillor Gaertner is asking for help.

Hot Spot has approached the Town, the Optimists Club and the Rotary Club for help.

Officials have also put out the word to alumni.

"Some local businesses, HS Financial Services in particular, have come forward with help; but times are not good," she said. "And as a not for profit, financial contributions are not tax deductible."

If you have any ideas or can be of help Ms Gaertner can be reached at: gaertner4council@yahoo.com.

Currently, it costs about \$400 a week to run Hot Spot, including rent at Aurora's Community Centre, where the group meets every Friday night.

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Committee resigns

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whether the parade will be held in 2010.

Prior to this year's parade, Ms St. Kitts said she couldn't "wait for it to be over".

But she admitted, "it has been a lot of fun".

At the end of last year's parade, Mayor Phyllis Morris said Ms St. Kitts would become an "honourary citizen of Aurora" even though she lived west of town, in King Township.

Ms St. Kitts was responsible for holding several events to help bring the parade into focus, and, she spent her own money to do so.

"People perceive that I held these events for my husband," she said. "But last Sunday, he had seven gigs."

George St. Kitts leads a band that has been featured in many of his wife's endeavours.

"What the Town needs to do is direct staff members to do what the people want," she said, noting it was difficult to get staff members to help the committee.

The parade was part of celebrations held every July First since 1969, when Aurora became known as "Canada's Birthday Town".



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The way we were in 1966

Aurora was a busy place during 1966 with plans of development, traffic and noise problems, a Code of Ethics for members of council, the promotion of Greater Aurora Days and traffic congestion on Yonge Street.

A shopping plaza was announced in 1966 when Consolidated Building Corporation, developers of Regency Acres, made application to build a commercial/residential complex at Orchard Heights Boulevard and Yonge Street, and wanted a yes or no answer.

The project was to include 300 homes and 1,000 apartments in addition to a large shopping centre. It never happened. The St. Andrews link homes and St. Andrews Shopping Centre now occupy the site.

At the south end of town in the parking lot of the Aurora Shopping Centre, a tractor trailer loaded with 14 tons of dangerous liquid chlorine started to leak and the driver could not be located.

Residents of Aurora Heights complained to council about potential traffic and noise problems if the community centre was built on Aurora Heights Drive. Schneider and Stevens were hired to design the new community centre.

Aurora Fire Chief Harry Jones recommended the hiring of eight full-time firefighters. At that time, other than the chief, all firefighters were volunteers. The Ontario Fire Marshal recommended major equipment and manpower additions to the department.

Council also considered a suggestion that Aurora,

King and Whitchurch hire a full-time economic development officer.

The Ontario government refused to pay a subsidy for an extension to Industrial Parkway North. The town went ahead with construction in hopes the cost would be recovered when lots were sold. Some are still empty.

Council asked that the proceedings of council be recorded in shorthand and transcribed. It also changed the meeting date so councillors could attend the Ontario Good Roads convention. It also rejected a proposed municipal Code of Ethics as not required.

Starline Manufacturing began production of holiday trailers in Aurora. A promotion named "Greater Aurora Days" was launched with 100 merchants and staff from 27 stores participating.

Traffic on Yonge Street was increasing and the Department of Transport was asked to carry out a traffic light study at the intersections of Cousins Drive, Kennedy Street and Aurora Heights Drive and reported that none qualified.

The Aurora Lions sponsored a public speaking contest for high school students and 18-year-old Mike Raymond went on to win the provincial impromptu speaking title.

Del Babcock was re-appointed to the Aurora Library Board. This was a position he held for more than 40 years, many as chairman.

Aurora's Clayton Pogue caught an 8-foot, 9-inch sailfish in Mexico.

Sketch plans for an addition to the Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary

School were approved. The Aurora Public School Board decided to build a senior public school to accommodate all Grade 7 and 8 students. It had been hoped to include Grade 9 but the Aurora and District High School Board wasn't interested.

Aurora presented a ceremonial sword to the Commanding Officer of "A" Squadron located in Aurora and granted the Queen's York Rangers the Freedom of the Town to commemorate 100 years of friendly relations.

In 1866 the Village of Aurora presented a ceremonial bugle to the York Volunteers, predecessors to the Rangers. The bugle is on display at the Ranger's Museum in Toronto.

Governor General Georges Vanier visited Aurora to take the salute at the Annual Cadet Inspection at St. Andrew's College. During the history of the school to that time each Governor General had inspected the Cadet Corps during their term of office.

The Aurora Board of Trade announced plans to erect signs at the entrances to the municipality extolling the industrial potential of the town. Council recommended new traffic lights for Yonge and Wellington Streets and a pedestrian crosswalk at Yonge and Kennedy Streets. The crosswalk was later approved.

Despite strong protests from parents in Regency Acres the Aurora Public School Board stood firm its decision to reopen the Church Street School for Grades 3 and 4. Parents called the old building a "fire trap".

Catherine Avenue residents formed the Catherine Spruce Ratepayers Association to protest the conversion of an old home into 10 bachelor units. It was the third ratepayers group in town. The others were Golf Glen Homeowners and Regency Acres.

Council named Toronto lawyer, Norman Mathews, as its appointee to a three-man board to decide the salary and other issues between the town and its police force.

The Ontario Water Resources Commission, now the Ministry of the Environment, warned Aurora that its growth would be halted until sewage problems are solved.

The Aurora Highlands Golf Club won its appeal against the town over business taxes. The Court of Appeal ruled the club was not liable for municipal business taxes, as it was a private club in spite of the town's argument that the banquet hall and other facilities were rented out to other than club members in competition with other local businesses.

Aurora citizens strongly opposed the move of the post office from Yonge Street to the new federal building on Wellington

Street East. They claimed it didn't have the same warmth and meeting place atmosphere of the old post office.

By an 8-1 vote council decided to extend the voting franchise to non-owner residents by putting the question on the December ballot. Council also agreed to ask the citizens if they wanted Sunday sports and movies.

During November, election fever was running wild in Aurora as 10 candidates were in the running for six council seats including Peter Bailey, Robert Buchanan, Evelyn Buck, Cliff Corbett, Walter Davis, Dick Illingworth, Pete Miller, Norm Perkins, Bill Trent and Charles Wilkinson.

There were 12 candidates for the six seats on the Aurora Public School Board including Jean Baker-Pearce, Murray Binions, Dick Buchanan, Bill Coleman, George Dawson, Beryl Downing, Rudolph Jansen, Yolande Marshall, Len Ostick, Albert Smalley, Bev Stewart and Bert Turnbull.

Ron Simmons and Clarence Davis were in the race for mayor and Jim Murray and Stu Patrick in a battle for reeve and Jack Williamson got a free ride for deputy reeve. Sunday

sport was also on the ballot.

In his inaugural address, Mayor Clarence Davis looked forward to 1967 and the role Aurora would play in the Canada Centennial Celebrations. He also looked forward to the opening of the Community Centre, which opened in February 1967.

With Ontario Water Resources Commission approval to extend the sewage system, based on the contact stabilization process, he said controlled growth would occur to provide needed assessment to help meet the cost of providing new services, maintenance of current facilities and increased county commitments.

He also looked forward to the coming Ontario Municipal Board hearing on Aurora's application to annex land in Whitchurch Township, south and east of the town, to provide industrial lands.

The question of a ward system for Aurora was a hot issue with strong opinions on both sides.

A wild shot from somewhere came close to Stephen Smith's heart as he walked in Regency Acres. The bullet grazed his left arm.

That was Aurora in 1966.

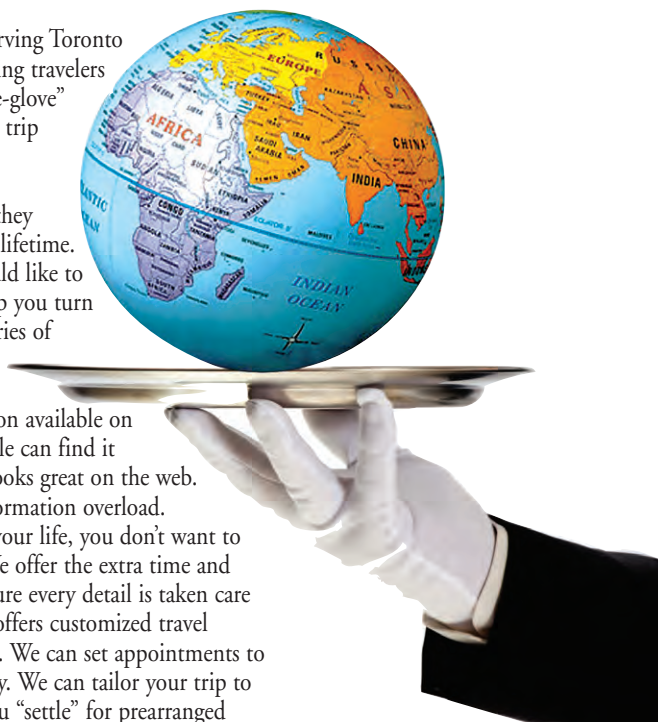
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Fresh from their recent successful trip to Buffalo, are, back row, left to right, Renald Foisy (coach), Joanne Scott (coach), Janna Gosar (coach), Taylor Piotrowski, Sabrina Brochu, Courtney McGrath, Jasmine Biasi, Julia Steiner, Haily Riggs, Carley Steiner, Caroline Kewley, Sara Reynolds, Katelyn Van Winckle, Sam Duncan, Marilena Perri, Savannah Hendy. Next row, left to right, Briar Koski, Alicia Alberton, Julie Briscoe, Alana Wise, Ally Sutton, Hailey McGrath, Alana Fabbicino, Shauna O'Connor, Elyse Glen, Sierra Chovanec, Raquel Burgess, Katie Sutton, Andy Klein (coach), Blair Koski-Klein (coach);

second row, left to right, Nicole Marino, Megan Howe, Haven Moulds, Megan Bailey, Lily Biasi, Annabelle Alberton, Jennifer Scott, Erin Forster, Sarah Kim, Tyler Robinson, Brendan Kewley, Dryden Koski, Carson Klein, Alison Greenwood (coach); and front row, left to right, Madison Lenchak, Brittany Erickson, Paige Dafeo, Kassidy Yaeck, Celine Yau, Kailynd Yaeck, Madisyn Lamoure, Anastasia Severinets, Kylie Robinson, Elise Popa, Holly Biasi, Eliana Neophytou, E. Brochu, Maya Lappin, Remmington Friel and Victoria Wilce.

Aurora Skating Club ends its season

The Aurora Skating Club finished its 2008-09 season with a bang. After winning the Cheney Cup in Buffalo, New York, at the Spring Skate

Competition they returned home to a successful test day at Aurora Leisure Complex recently. The following skaters passed skating tests.

SKILLS

Preliminary Skills: Anastasia Severinets, Remmington Friel, Hannah Lang.

Jr. Bronze Skills: Sarah Kim.
Jr. Silver Skills: Kaitlin Van Winckle.
Gold Skills: Jennine Brunton, Kate Sutton.

Fiesta: Hannah Lang
Willow: Haven Moulds.
Keats Foxtrot: Nicole Marino, Emma Smith.
Harris Tango: Taylor Piotrowski.
American: Jasmine Biasi.
Paso: Hailey McGrath.
Blues: Marilena Perri,

Carley Steiner.
Kilian: Raquel Burgess, Nicole Calvert, Kaitlin Van Winckle.
Viennese: Jihyun Cha, Katie Sutton.
Quickstep: Alana Fabbicino.
Argentine: Elyse Glen.

FREESKATE

Preliminary Freeskate - Part 1: Sarah Kim.
Jr. Bronze Freeskate - Part 2: Mackenzie Maunder.
Jr. Silver Freeskate - Part 1: Carley Steiner.
Jr. Silver Freeskate - Part 2: Hailey Riggs, Tayler Sim.
Sr. Silver Freeskate - Part 2: Sierra Chovanec.

DANCE

Canasta: Madeline Feder.
Baby Blues: Lauren Cluney.
Swing: Anastasia Severinets.

Pool clubs learn

Three does go into two

It's official; three swim clubs can fit into two pools - at least for now. Last week, Aurora Council was given a memo from Director of Leisure Services, Al Downey, noting that with the assistance of Swim Ontario, The Selkies, Ducks and Master Ducks had reached an agreement regarding the allocation of pool time for the 2009/10 season. Town staff had reviewed the revised schedule and had no objections. This good news announcement had been over a year in the making, but rather than enjoy the moment, councillors started debating the issue again.

ests to get this resolved, and not to keep going through these disagreements. If in a couple of months, staff members felt the clubs were not getting closer to an agreement, they would step in to assist. The Committee members were also anxious to actually see the new schedule, which as in normal practice, had not been attached to the memo. Staff members advised that the impacted hours included only those previously allocated to the three clubs, and that no other pool users were impacted. None of the available non-prime hours discussed in previous

ous meetings had been used, either. Staff agreed to provide the schedule to the members. Following all the additional questions and discussion, Councillor Evelina MacEachern noted that she was surprised this was getting so much attention, when instead "we should be celebrating". In the end, Council agreed to direct staff to issue the pool permits in accordance with the new schedule. It is expected that the finalizing of the Pool Allocation Policy will be revisited later his summer.

Staff members confirmed the agreement was developed based on the direction agreed upon by General Committee June 2, and covered the upcoming season. Now that this issue was resolved, the clubs would be working to come to an agreement on any amendments to the town's proposed Pool Allocation Policy. In order to have time to do this, on June 2, they had asked the committee to hold off on making a decision on the policy for three months, which was approved. Committee members were concerned that now that the hours for 09/10 season had been settled, the clubs would have no incentive to work on the Allocation Policy. Staffers noted that this wasn't so, as it's in the clubs' best inter-

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U8B Mon - June 15 - Navy/USA - Century 21 Martin Read 6 (M. McConnell 3, C. Read 1, C. Harrison 2, N. Smith 1) vs **Red/Canada - Soccer Nation** 1 (Q. Bruckner 1); **Gold/Brazil - Primerica** 3 (A.Laboni 3) vs **Forest/Italy - Joia Ristorante** 7 (R. Clarke 6, M. Bruce 1); **U8G Tues - May 25 - Gold/Brazil - Primerica** 0 vs **Royal/Greece - Great Clips** 0; **Navy/USA Century 21 Martin Read** 1 (N. Forrester 1) vs **Forest/Italy - State Farm Insurance Allan Cruickshank** 1; **Sky/Argentina - Ploder's Collision Centre** 4 (K. Henson 1, V. Filion 1, C. Zunker 1, S. Casey 1) vs **Red/Canada - Soccer Nation** 0; **June9-Gold/Brazil- Primerica** 0 vs **Navy/USA - Century 21 Martin Read** 5; **Royal/Greece - Great Clips** 3 (M. Cumiskey 1, Woodward 1) vs **Red/Canada - Soccer Nation** 4 (Worthman, Haws); **Sky/Argentina - Ploder's Collision Centre** 3 (S. Casey 2, E. Vanderploeg 1) vs **Forest/Italy - State Farm Allan Cruickshank** 1 (E. Wright 1); **U8/9 Girls T/Th - June 4 - Gold/Brazil - R & J Concepts Inc** 6 (B. MacFarlane 2, K. MacFarlane 1, L. Howell 2, H. Kenkel 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Kile Contracting Inc** 1 (J. Lunn 1); **Forest/Italy** 4 (K. Locke 1, N. Graham 1, E. Point 2) vs **Red/Canada - Kwik Kopy Printing** 4 (B. Fraser 1, M. O'Connor 1, L. Morrison 2); **June 11 - Navy/USA - World Mosaic Stone & Tile** 5 (S. Mogayera 2, T. Vierling 2, A. Camick 1, K. Bulgaretti 1, G. Bennett 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - R & J Concepts Inc** 0; **Red/Canada - Kwik Kopy Printing** 3 (B. Fraser 1, L. peck 1, I. Pavlich 1) vs **Royal/Greece - Bank of Montreal** 1 (L. MacPherson 1); **Sky/Argentina - Kile Contracting Inc** 5 (J. Lunn 2, I. West 1, N. Modreanu 2) vs **Forest/Italy** 2 (N. Graham 1, A. Rahal 1); **June 18 - Sky/Argentina - Kile Contracting Inc** 3 (S. Evans 2, E. Bellerby 1) vs **Red/Canada - Kwik Kopy Printing** 2 (V. Lima 1, L. Morrison 1); **Gold/Brazil - R & J Concepts Inc** 3 (K. MacFarlane 1, L. Howell 1, A. Robidoux 1) vs **Royal/Greece - Bank of Montreal** 1 (E. Barber 1); **Forest/Italy** 4 (K. Locke 1, N. Graham 1, E. Point 1, C. Glynn 1) vs **Navy/USA - World Mosaic Stone & Tile** 0; **U8/9B M/W - May 25 - Forest/Italy - Port Royal Mills** 7 (K. Fisher 2, J. Gonsalves 1, W. Wetham 2, J. Turiff 1, E. Adams 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Bank of Montreal** 4 (L. Klein 2, M. MacDougall 2); **Navy/USA -Longos** 4 (E. Pringle 1, B. Shennan 1, P. Charleson 1, N. Hubbard 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands** 2 (A. Mueller 2); **Red/Canada - Belairdirect Car Insurance** 3 vs **Royal/Greece - Belairdirect Car Insurance** 5; **Silver/France** 3 (R. Farewell 1, B. Keeler 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Dr. Weaver's Drillers** 4 (W. Sherman 2, C. Sands 2); **June 1 - Gold/Brazil - Bank of Montreal** 1 vs **Orange/Netherlands** 6; **Navy/USA - Longos** 3 vs **Forest/Italy - Port Royal Mills** 1; **Silver/France** 3 vs **Red/Canada - Belairdirect Car Insurance** 3; **Sky/Argentina - Dr. Weaver's Drillers** 2 vs **Royal/Greece - Belairdirect Car Insurance** 3; **June 8 - Forest/Italy - Port Royal Mills** 2 (E. Adams 2) vs **Orange/Netherlands** 1 (A. Mueller 1); **Gold/Brazil Bank of Montreal** 3 (M. MacDougall 2, E. Brian 1) vs **Navy/USA - Longos** 8 (N. Hubbard 3, P. Charleson 3, N. Sever 2, B. Shennan 1, J. Stewart 1, P. Trajceski 1); **Red/Canada - Belairdirect Car Insurance** 2 (J. Levy 1, D. Kislev 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Dr. Weaver's Drillers** 2 (C. Lang 2); **Royal/Greece - Belairdirect Car Insurance** 6 (N. Rountes 2, S. Colin 1, M. Ferry 2, M. McRae 1) vs **Silver/France** 2; **U9G Thurs - June 4-Forest/Italy - Guaranteed Roofing** 1 (E. Ronis 1) vs **Royal/Greece - Great Clips** 3 (R. Meehan 1, T. Stipout 1, A. Koller 1); **Red/Canada - Soccer Nation** 3 (C. Card 2, B. Ford 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Wellington Aurora Dental** 5 (J. Winter 3, C. Spector 1, S. MacLeod 1); **Sky/Argentina - Bank of Montreal** 2 (I. Pennington 1, S. Spanguolo 1) vs **Navy/USA - Summers & Smith** 1 (L. Shaw 1); **June 11 - Royal/Greece - Great Clips** 3 (A. Koller 1, R. Meehan 1, B. Cumming 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Bank of Montreal** 4 (S. Spanguolo 3, I. Pennington 1); **Gold/Brazil - Wellington Aurora Dental** 3 (J. Winter 1, S. MacLeod 1, A. Devogel 1) vs **Forest/Italy - Guaranteed Roofing** 2 (C. Kenwell 1, T. Dunstan 1); **Navy/USA - Summers & Smith** 3 (L. Shaw 2, E. Hargrave 1) vs **Red/Canada - Soccer Nation** 4 (M. Kuchar 2, B. Ford 1, K. Weller 1); **June 18 - Royal/Greece - Great Clips** 2 (A.

McGregor 1, R. Meehan 1) vs **Navy/USA - Summers & Smith** 0; **Sky/Argentina - Bank of Montreal** 3 (I. Pennington 2, L. Breedon 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Wellington Aurora Dental** 6 (J. Winter 4, S. Rame 2); **Forest/Italy - Guaranteed Roofing** 2 (C. Kenwell 1, E. Ronis 1) vs **Red/Canada - Soccer Nation** 1 (C. Card 1); **U9B M/W - U10G T/Th - June 2 - Italy/Forest - HomeLife North Realty Inc** 4 (E. Butler 1, J. Psapia 1, N. Trozzo 1, J. Lewis 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Upper Canada Dental** 2 (E. Haw 1, P. Solano 1); **Red/Canada** 5 (M. Coutts 2, L. Brock 2, A. Mosu 1) vs **Sky/Argentina- Michelberger Orthodontics** 1 (B. Barberio 1); **Royal/Greece** 2 (K. Quinn 1, R. Holt 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands** 7 (J. Aben 1, M. Andraws 1, J. Hardy 1, M. Cantelope 2, J. Stel 2); **Fuschia/Spain - Michelberger Orthodontics** 3 (H. Powers 1, J. Spicer 1, J. Ashton 1) vs **Navy/USA** 3 (S. Mai 1, J. Moody 2); **June 9 - Gold/Brazil - Upper Canada Dental** 4 (E. haw 3, P. Solano 1) vs **Royal/Greece** 0; **Red/Canada** 2 (A. Mosu 1, L. Brock 1) vs **Fuschia/Spain- Michelberger Orthodontics** 2 (A. DiPietro 1, M. Cabelis 1); **Orange/Netherlands** 2 (J. Stel 1, J. Hardy 1) vs **Forest/Italy - HomeLife North Realty** 5 (N. Trozzo 2, J. Pisapia 1, J. Pawlaczek 1, C. Robinson 1); **Navy/USA** 1 vs **Sky/Argentina - Michelberger Orthodontics** 6 (A. Kristakakos 3, M. Hughes 2, G. DaSilva 1, E. Laurignano 1); **June 16 - Sky/Argentina - Michelberger Orthodontics** 1 (A. Kristakakos 1) vs **Fuschia/Spain- Michelberger Orthodontics** 3 (S. Morelli 1, H. Powers 1, L. Harrison 1); **Red/Canada** 2 (S. Casey 1, L. Brock 1) vs **Forest/Italy - HomeLife North Realty Inc** 1 (G. Lewis 1); **Orange/Netherlands** 0 vs **Gold/Brazil - Upper Canada Dental** 1 (E. Haw1) vs **Navy/USA** 4 (K. Dajia 1, M. Petit 1, C. Rutherford 2) vs **Royal/Greece** 3 (A. DiMaio 1, V. Garritano 1, M. Graham 1); **U10G T/Th STANDINGS**

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	4	0	1	13
Sky	3	2	0	9
Gold	3	2	0	9
Navy	2	1	2	8
Orange	2	3	0	6
Forest	2	3	0	6
Fuschia	1	1	3	6
Royal	1	5	0	0

U10B T/Th - June 17- Division sponsored by Shoeless Joes Aurora - Silver/France 2 (B. Scott 1, M. Niro 1) vs **Gold/Brazil** 7 (R. Lidster 2, T. Macklin 1, C. Devogel 3, D. Persaud 1); **Sky/Argentina** 2 (M. Schwarze 1, E. Turner 1) vs **Royal/Greece** 3 (D. Tonelli 1, J. Gonzalez 1, M. LeBlanc 1); **Navy/USA** 5 (K. Thompson 1, G. Logan 4) vs **Red/Canada** 2 (A. Zori 1, J. Salomons 1); **Forest/Italy** 3 (J. D'austr 1, E. Pears 2) vs **Orange/Netherlands** 0; **U10B M/W STANDINGS**

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Gold	2	1	0	6
Navy	2	1	0	6
Forest	2	1	0	6
Royal	2	0	0	6
Orange	1	1	1	4
Silver	1	1	1	4
Red	0	2	0	0
Sky	0	3	0	0

U11G T/Th - June 9 - Orange/Netherlands 5 (S. McGee 1, E. Colin 1, M. Keller 1, M. Brenzel 1, J. Petsinis 1) vs **Forest/Italy - En Ville Event Design & Catering Inc** 2 (C. Hutel 1, E. Clarke 1); **Royal/Greece - Dr. Weeden** 5 (E. Scott 2, R. Remedios 2, C. Vasiliou 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Joia Ristorante** 2 (B. Howell 2); **Red/Canada - Michelberger Orthodontics** 4 (Z. Webster 3, S. Bellerby 1) vs **Purple/Czech Republic - Canadian Vascular Labs** 5 (S. Gupta 1, S. Steeles 2, V. Petinarelis 2); **Sky/Argentina - Howard Johnson Hotel Aurora** 0 vs **Navy/USA - Reflections Pools** 4 (H. Donkers 1, B. Gibbons 2, M. Shehta 1); **June 16 - Royal/Greece - Dr. Weeden** 1 (N. Schachter 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands** 1 (M. Brenzel 1); **Gold/Brazil - Joia Ristorante** 4 (S. Pietrolungo 2, B. Howell 2) vs **Sky/Argentina - Howard Johnson Hotel Aurora** 2 (C. Long 1, P. Sandwell 1); **Red/Canada - Michelberger Orthodontics** 1 (R. Al-Kas 1) vs **Forest/Italy - En Ville Event Design & Catering Inc.** 4 (K. Robb 1, K. Palmer 1, C. Wright 1, A. Kramer 1); **Purple/Czech Republic - Canadian Vascular Labs** 2 (M. Howe 1, V. Petinarelis 1) vs **Navy/USA - Reflections Pools** 3 (M. Olmsted 2, M. Shehata 1); **U11G T/Th STANDINGS**

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
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Orange	4	0	1	13
Royal	4	0	1	13
Forest	3	2	0	9
Navy	3	2	0	9
Gold	2	3	0	6
Purple	2	3	0	6
Sky	1	4	0	3
Red	0	5	0	0

U11B T/Th - June 11 -Forest/Italy - Hunter Lavigne Communications Inc 2 (M. Colucci 1, J. Kleine 1) vs **Red/Canada - Soccer Nation** 0; **Sky/Argentina - Core Micro Technology** 2 (D. McConnell 1, M. Heese 1) vs **Navy/USA** 1 (S. White 1); **U11B T/Th STANDINGS**

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Navy	2	1	0	6
Gold	2	1	0	6
Sky	2	1	0	6
Red	1	2	0	3
Forest	1	2	0	3
Royal	1	2	0	3

U12G T/Th - June 4 - Gold/Brazil - Hartwell Thayer Financial Services Group 1 (N. Bagshaw 1) vs **Forest/Italy** 0; **Red/Canada** 2 (R. Bell 1, F. Ing 1) vs **Navy/USA - JDS Financial Group** 2 (T. Bosch 2); **Sky/Argentina - Royal LePage Cathy Stuart** 6 (M. Baile 2, S. Brochu 2, T. Landry 1, K. Wood 1) vs **Royal/Greece - Century 21 Martin Read** 0; **June 11 - Sky/Argentina - Royal LePage Cathy Stuart** 1 (S. Brochu 1) vs **Red/Canada** 1 (K. Gram 1); **Forest/Italy** 3 (N. Zaroski 1, S. Fusco 1, E. Thompson 1) vs **Navy/USA - JDS Financial Group** 0; **Gold/Brazil - Hartwell Thayer Financial Services Group** 2 (N. Bagshaw 1, M. Patterson 1) vs **Royal/Greece - Century 21 Martin Read** 0; **U12G T/Th STANDINGS**

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Gold	2	0	0	6
Sky	1	0	1	4
Forest	1	1	0	3
Red	0	0	2	2
Navy	0	1	1	1
Royal	0	2	0	0

U12B M/W - June 15 - Forest/Italy - Country Style 7 (L. Camick 1, E. Railton 2, J. Sherwood 1, J. Maxwell 1, N. DaCosta 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - AMG Metals** 2 (R. Ouwroulas 1, M. Caicco 1); **Navy/USA** 3 (J. Mohabeer 1, J. Power 1, J. Parkes 1) vs **Royal/Greece** 2 (A. Hung 1, I. Sapozhnikov 1); **U12B M/W STANDINGS**

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Forest	4	0	1	13
Navy	2	1	2	8
Sky	2	2	1	7
Royal	2	3	0	6
Gold	2	3	0	6
Red	1	4	0	3

U13G M/W - No scores reported at this time**U13G M/W STANDINGS**

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	3	1	1	10
Navy	3	2	0	9
Gold	1	0	3	6
Forest	1	2	2	5
Sky	1	2	2	5
Royal	0	2	2	2

U13B M/W June 3 - Royal/Greece 4 (L. Pozzebon 2, L. Coll 1, A. Remedios 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Pizza Pizza** 2 (R. Smith 1, C. Forrest 1); **Red/Canada - Wikoff Color Corp** 4 (M. Tamil 1, G. Olohan 1, V. Chadrov 2) vs **Navy/USA** 2 (N. Pellarin 1, B. Wilson 1); **June 10 - Red/Canada - Wikoff Color Corp** 7 (J. Vndzs 2, L. Martineau 1, G. Oulahon 1, M. Tanel 1, K. Strachan 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Pizza Pizza** 3 (T. Rotilio 1, C. Forrest 1); **Royal/Greece** 6 (L. Coll 3, L. Pozzebon 2, M. Caceres 1, shutout: A. King) vs **Navy/USA** 0; **June 17- Sky/Argentina - Pizza Pizza** 4 (C. Richard 1, C. Graham 2, G. Robinson 1) vs **Navy/USA** 3 (C. Malbeuf 1, A. DeRoos 2); **Royal/Greece** 6 (L. Pozzebon 3, M. Caceres 1, J. Caldwell 1, A. Remedios 1) vs **Red/Canada - Wikoff Color Corp** 1 (G. Oulahen 1); **U13B M/W STANDINGS**

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Royal	3	0	0	9
Red	2	1	0	6
Sky	1	2	0	3
Navy	0	3	0	0

U14/15B T/Th - No scores reported at this time**U14/15B T/Th STANDINGS**

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Forest	2	0	0	6
Silver	2	0	0	6
Navy	1	0	1	4
Red	1	0	1	4
Gold	0	1	1	1

Orange	0	1	1	1
Royal	0	2	0	0
Sky	0	2	0	0

U14/15G M/W - No scores reported at this time**U14/15G M/WSTANDINGS**

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	3	0	0	9
Silver	3	0	0	9
Purple	2	1	0	6
Sky	2	1	0	6
Navy	1	1	1	4
Royal	1	1	1	4
Gold	1	2	0	3
Orange	0	2	1	1
Fuschia	0	2	1	1
Forest	0	3	0	0

U16/18G Tues - No scores reported at this time**U16/18G TUES STANDINGS**

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Royal	3	0	1	10
Navy	2	1	1	7
Fuschia	2	1	1	7
Sky	2	2	0	6
Gold	1	2	1	4
Red	1	2	1	4
Orange	1	2	1	4
Forest	0	2	2	2

U16/19B Wed - June 10 -Division sponsored by Upper Canada Mall - Red/Canada 5 (C. Hadley 2, G. Iaboni 1, V. Rea 2) vs **Sky/Argentina** 4 (M. Ierner 1, J. Russell 3); **NMKT/Royal** 3 (B. Dunn 1, T. Standard 1, S. Villeneuve 1) vs **Gold/Brazil** 3 (A. Marsillo 2, D. Scott 1); **Royal/Greece** 2 (D. Kovacs 1, K. Town 1) vs **NMKT/Scarlet** 1 (C. T. 1); **NMKT/Silver** 5 (M. Belley 2, A. Giacuna 1, A. Lupis 1, R. Sellan 1) vs **Navy/USA** 2 (M. Khammissa 1, A. Munn 1); **June 17 - Division sponsored by Upper Canada Mall - Navy/USA** 2 (L. Lamanna 1, G. Marshall 1) vs **Red/Canada** 1 (A. Oliveira 1); **Gold/Brazil** 0 vs **NMKT/Silver** 5 (Belley 4, Jackom 3, Sellan 3); **NMKY/Scarlet** 7 (G. D. 5, G. Rossi 1, C. Tomlinson 1) vs **NMKT/Royal** 4 (T. Antel 1, A. Manouk 1, S. Moore 1, T. Standard 1); **Sky/Argentina** 5 (D. Eveleigh 1, J. Russell 3, J. White 1) vs **Royal/Greece** 2 (S. Fraser 1, C. Lawrie 1); **U16/19B WED STANDINGS**

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
NMKT/ Silver	3	0	0	9
NMKT/ Scarlet	2	1	0	6
Royal	2	1	0	6
Navy	2	1	0	6
Sky	1	2	0	3
Red	1	2	0	3
NMKT/ Royal	0	2	1	1
Gold	0	2	1	1

U19/25G Sun - June 14 - Red/Canada - Pizza Pizza 0; **Sky/Argentina - Sundance Signs & Billboards** 3 (A. Courtemache 2, M. Smith 1); **Royal/Greece - Dr. Orschel's Drillers** 2 (F. Massie 1, A. Cubbitt 1) vs **Forest/Italy - Aurora Celtic Supporters** 2 (A. Durant 1, N. Trask 1); **U19/25G SUN STANDINGS**

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Royal	1	0	2	5
Forest	1	0	2	5
Sky	1	1	1	4
Red	0	2	1	1

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Water quality good in Aurora

Aurora's track record on drinking water quality is excellent, according to information provided to the town's General Committee recently.

Aurora's water supply is provided by the Region of York, but the water distribution system, over 180 kilometres' worth, is owned and operated by the Town of Aurora.

The town's water comes from three sources: six ground water production wells, the City of Toronto feed through Richmond Hill, and the Region of Peel feed up Bathurst Street.

The percentage of water from each source varies seasonally, but in general, about 65 per cent of Aurora's supply comes from groundwater.

According to staff members, the town has never received a non-compliance order from the Ministry of the Environment (MOE), and water loss in the system is the lowest in York Region.

Part of the focus on water quality province-wide is a result of the Walkerton Inquiry.

One of the recommendations from that inquiry was that all reporting agencies become accredited in accordance with a quality management standard.

As part of this process the Operating Authority - in this case the Town of Aurora - must successfully pass an audit and receive accreditation from a third party stating they have fulfilled the requirements of the MOE Drinking Water Quality Management Standard.

In order to reach this stage, the Town had to go through a number of steps, including developing and documenting an operational plan, implementing the plan, conducting training, completing an internal audit, and taking care of any necessary corrective actions.

With the audit now suc-

cessfully completed, the town must submit both its application for a Municipal Drinking Water License, and its Operational Plan to MOE by August 1.

It is expected council will approve the plan later this month, allowing the town to send it to the ministry well ahead of this deadline.

After that, the town will continue to work on such things as conservation, preventative maintenance, corrosion protection, and training.

While Aurora's water quality is excellent, water quantity is in shorter supply during warmer weather, so residents can continue to expect the usual water restrictions this summer.



Members of the Priestly Demolition under eight soccer players control the ball Saturday during a game to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the Aurora Youth Soccer Club. Several activities took place at Sheppard's Bush to mark the occasion.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Horticultural tour features 7 gardens

The Annual Garden Tour of the Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society is ready to roll again, this year on Sunday, July 5th.

The tour takes place between noon and 5 p.m. and seven gardens are involved.

Two of the garden owners include Sheena and Dave Griffith, 44 Cousins Drive, and Adele and Ray Matsalla, 38 Simmons Crescent.

As usual there will be volunteers from the society pres-

ent at all of the gardens,

Officials are expecting at least 200 people from the Aurora area will purchase tickets to help support this endeavour of the Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society.

Of the seven gardens on the tour this year, owners - who are also the designers and gardeners - will be on hand to answer questions.

The society believes in educating the public about

gardening and its positive effects on the environment.

The tour will happen, rain or shine.

Tickets at \$10 are still available in Aurora at Caruso & Co., 15210 Yonge Street; Flowers by Terry, 14799 Yonge Street; and R & R Revisited Book Store, 95 Edward Street.

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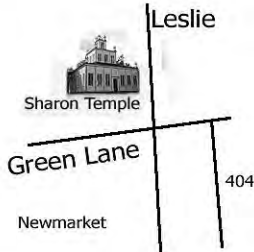
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Doors open 2009

Hillary House important part of Doors Open tour

By MICHAEL SEAMAN
With research and text
by Jacqueline Stuart
and Dr. W. John McIntyre

The fifth article in the Doors Open series features Hillary House, located at 15372 Yonge Street. This year's Doors Open Aurora festival takes place Saturday, August 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m

One of the attractions of Doors Open is the opportunity it gives to visitors to experience some of the many fine examples of early architecture of a community.

Visitors to Doors Open Aurora will see a number of outstanding examples of historic architectural styles this year including Georgian, Arts and Crafts and Edwardian.

Of all the architectural styles that can be seen in Aurora, it is the Gothic Revival Style which has really put the town on map.

Much of the credit for this goes to Hillary House which is widely recognized as one of the finest examples of its style in Canada.

Hillary House is designated under the Ontario Heritage Act and is also recognized by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada as Aurora's only National Historic Site.

Gothic revival has its origins in the architecture of the United Kingdom. Since many of the early settlers in Ontario were from the United Kingdom, it is not a coincidence that their buildings often contain details found in medieval and gothic architecture.

The Gothic Revival is an architectural movement which began in the 1740s in England.

Its popularity grew rapidly in the early 19th century, when increasingly serious and learned admirers of neo-Gothic styles sought to revive medieval forms in contrast to the classical styles prevalent at the time.

Its popularity was in some ways a reaction to the industrial revolution as it reminded 19th century industrialized society of what they perceived as a more spiritual age.

Hillary House remains one of the best and most complete examples of Picturesque Gothic known to exist in Ontario. Gothic Revival was an important presence in Ontario archi-

ture from the mid to late 19th century.

Hillary House, also known as "The Manor", was designed in 1861.

A local architect and builder, Henry Harris, may have been responsible for its design. Harris came to Aurora around 1855 just after the railway brought Aurora's first wave of prosperity and growth.

He may have been influenced by a popular book of his time, The Architecture of Country Houses, first published in 1850. Author, Andrew Jackson Downing (1815-1852), described and illustrated buildings that were essentially Georgian, then added Gothic elements such as pointed arches, gables and bargeboard.

A design by A.J. Davis, included in the book, shares many of the same features as The Manor. W. John McIntyre in his essay, The Manor: Essay in Gothic Revival, feels certain that whoever designed The Manor had seen the designs in this early architectural book and adapted them to the needs of his client, Dr. Walter Bayne Geikie.

The following description is taken from W. John McIntyre's essay:

"The front or main section of The Manor is essentially a two-storey brick rectangle topped by a gable roof. Its façade is dominated by a high, pointed gable at the centre and a wide verandah...which continues along the north and south sides of the house...clustered wooden columns support a bell-curved verandah roof...spring pointed wooden arches recall the stone tracery of Gothic cathedrals... a wide front door [with] upper panels [are] embellished with Gothic Revival work...around the door are sidelights and a transom with pointed wooden mullions. Opening off the front verandah are two pairs of glazed French doors flanked by louvered shutters. Above the front door and verandah is a small balcony reached by French doors...The roof line is broken by pierced bargeboard...The second storey windows above, like those on the north side, are of the casement variety, capped by wooden labels."

Hillary House represents a fully developed example of the Gothic Revival style. Among the original elements still present are the patterned brickwork, the intricate bargeboard tracing the line of the roof, the clustered wooden columns, pointed arches and trellises of the verandah, the front door including sidelights, transom and Gothic revival scrollwork.

Over the years, families who lived there made changes.

The billiards room and the ballroom or music room form part of a brick wing believed to have been



Aurora's national historic treasure, Hillary House, located on the west side of Yonge Street, between Wellington and Aurora Heights Drive, is part of this year's Doors Open tour.

added by Dr. Strange about 1870.

The Hillarys built another wing of timber construction designed by architect David Dick, including a maid's room, a kitchen and a bathroom about 1888. They also added two bay windows on the south side of the building shortly after they moved in.

The original windows would have been plain and flush with the wall. Stairs leading from the veranda on the north side, similar to those on the south side, were removed at some point in time.

A small sunroom over the front balcony was added and later removed by the Hillarys.

In the process the original Gothic Revival balcony railing was destroyed. A small conservatory on the southwest corner of the veranda was added, then removed.

When the house and veranda roofs were repaired, the original patterns of gutters and eavestroughs were changed.

The National Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, following the design from early photographs, reconstructed the wooden fence in 1975. The fence is owned and maintained by Parks Canada.

The architecture of Hillary House has helped to make it possibly the most photogenic building in Aurora. In recent months, images of Hillary House have been featured in a number of national and provincial publications. It is hoped these images will have inspired people to visit the town and see Hillary House first hand on Doors Open day.

Even for those who live in Aurora, Hillary House is well worth a visit.

For most locals, their usual image of this home is from a very quick glimpse when driving up or down Yonge Street. Hillary House is a building that deserves a much closer look.

When you visit the house, don't just go through the door. Stop for a moment, and take in the richness of the detailing that is before you. What you will see is dedicated craftsmanship and inspired design of more than a century and a half ago. Its still as inspiring today as it was back then.

Also inspiring is the continuous work and care that goes in to keeping Hillary House looking as good as new.

Imagine the effort that goes into maintaining the intricate and extensive detailing of Hillary House, and you will see why the Aurora Historical Society is to be commended for all it has done there. To be a

healthy community we need inspiring and beautiful buildings, and in Aurora there are few that meet that description more closely than Hillary House.

It's well worth a visit on Doors Open Aurora Day.



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MEMORIAM

Busby, Donald F.

It is with great sorrow the family of Don Busby announces his sudden passing on Sunday, June 14, 2009 at Southlake Regional Health Centre. Beloved husband of Jane. He will be greatly missed by his children Lee-Ann and (Bruce Mackenzie), Glen and Suzanne Busby and Lynn Busby. Proud 'Pops' to Madelaine, Matthew, Dennis, Audrey, Megan and Riley. He will be dearly missed by his sister Carol (John Carl) and brother Jon. Predeceased by his sister Barbara Nethercott and brother Oliver. He will be fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews as well as friends and extended Matthews and Smith families. Don's lifetime career was transporting milk from Ontario farms to Toronto dairies. Don formed and operated Glenview Transport from 1972 to 1993. At Don's request, a private family service has taken place. Friends are invited to attend a memorial visitation at King City Senior Centre, 30 Fisher Street, King City on July 4th from 1 to 4 in the afternoon. If desired, donations may be made to Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation/Cardiac Care or a charity of your choice in Don's memory. Arrangements entrusted to Thompson Funeral Home, Aurora, 905-727-5421.



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Senior Scape



The Aurora Seniors Association (ASA) was the location for Belinda's Barbecue 2009, and was greeted by a warm, bright and sunny sky, marred later by a little rain, but not enough to spoil a great party day, with the option available to use the park or the centre.

In attendance, with members of her Neighbourhood Network team, was the ever popular Belinda Stronach who appeared delighted with the huge turnout of seniors and guests, all gregarious and all managing to mix effortlessly and engage in conversation.

In addition to Belinda, members of her team included Tim Jones, Steve Hinder and others, plus a great pianist, Tom Agnew from Magna, who entertained with classics on the piano.

Two former citizens of the year were present, Dorothy McGuire and Susan Walmer, plus two members of town council, and also Mayor of King City, Margaret Black.

Somebody had to serve the food and the ASA Belinda's Kitchen volunteer crew did just that.

This team of stalwarts makes itself available time and again for functions at the ASA.

They included, in no particular order, Bill Higgins and wife Mary, Bob Robinson, master of the dishwasher, Don and Joan Stevenson and Jane Stangl whose husband Eric is a highly respected member of the computer club.

Other members included Sonia Alfari, Jasmine Khan, Luba Nickerson and Joan Levert who runs the sewing club.

The barbecue is fully funded by Belinda, with all of the proceeds going to the well being of the seniors' centre.

The Seniors Advisory Group (SAG) inaugural event took place last week in the seniors' centre, which provides an appropriate and excellent setting for such an event.

Bill Higgins, Virginia Bodnar, Derek Murray and Charles Sequeira are directors of the ASA and represent the ASA with the SAG.

Patrice Graham-Brown acted as host welcoming guests and introducing guest speakers later.

The SAG is a group devoted to fostering communi-

*Belinda's Barbecue
draws huge crowd*

By BRIAN WARBURTON

cation on senior issues of importance including health care, safety and financial security, issues which should be attended to before the need arises for them.

The SAG will provide a platform for the Municipal, Provincial and Federal governments, updating policies and information and allowing seniors to funnel concerns and questions back to government.

Guest speakers were Senator Marjorie LeBreton and Lois Brown, MP.

Frank Klees, MPP, was scheduled to speak but was unable to attend.

Marjorie LeBreton is Leader of the Government in the Senate and Minister of State (Seniors) which indicates a powerful position and serves notice that attention to senior affairs is occurring where attention is vital.

She noted that senior caregiver programs are available but not well known, which is an example of where those in need of caregiver assistance could look for assistance.

Lois and Marjorie talked about a number of issues including elder abuse, which is clouded by elders reluctant to complain and thus is hidden to a significant degree and difficult to address, but is clearly an issue worthy of note.

New Horizons received mention as a federal agency that is worth investigating and mining for information with regard to a diversity of funding.

Marjorie and Lois provided a rich diversity of information which requires study to absorb adequately, but clearly, the three levels of Canadian government offer more services and funding than is being accessed by the average person eligible for government assistance.

SAG may take up some of the slack if interest is shown in its mission and support offered for its efforts.

SAG may be able to assist seniors who are willing to assist themselves to some degree, even if the degree is only in ascertaining personal requirements or needs, and initiating communications with the SAG committee.

A correction to last week's column is that Albert Wheeler played Dr Jekyll.



York Regional Police Constable Terry White was on hand last week to help Belinda Stronach make hamburgers during the annual Belinda's Barbecue held at the Aurora Seniors' Centre. Successful event raised about \$1,500 for the centre. PC White is the York Regional Police member of Aurora's PACT (Police and Community Together) committee and was selected by the Aurora Optimists as the Policeman of the Year at their recent Police func-

tion. At one time, the barbecue was known as "From the Hill to the Grill" when Belinda was a member of parliament for the Newmarket-Aurora riding, but the name was changed to Belinda's Barbecue when she retired from politics. Barbecue appliances were provided by Greg Foster, owner of the M & M Meats Franchise in Aurora.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Big lineup for park concerts

Dust off those lawn chairs and blankets, it's time for another season of Concerts in the Park.

The popular summer concert series held in Town Park begins July 8 with Smudge Fundaes, who will entertain kids with a combination of wit and music.

Following them on July 15 is Retrocity, seven vocalists who perform music of the 1980s in acapella.

The Tartan Terrors mix Celtic music and dance, with rock 'n roll and comedy. Their unique performance can be seen July 22.

The Garth Brooks Tribute, Fresh Horses, on July 29 will provide a night of high energy country music.

August opens with Opera York's Concert "Last Night at the Proms" on the 5th, which will provide a bit of British tradition.

Jazz fans will want to be on hand August 12 for the Toronto All-Star Jazzband, at which the golden age of jazz from the 30s and 40 will be featured.

Wrapping up the series August 19 is the return of Benny and the Jets, the Elton John Tribute. Expect an evening of great piano playing, solid vocals, and dazzling outfits.

All concerts start at 7 p.m. If you don't have time for dinner, or just need a snack, food vendors will be on hand by 6.30 p.m.

While all of the concerts are free, attendees are asked to bring a donation to the Aurora Food Pantry.

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