

# Christmas Conert at Cookstown United Church

by Susan Stein

The third annual Christmas Concert was held at Cookstown United Church on Friday, December 8.

It was presented in the tradition of an old fashioned concert with local people of all ages sharing their talents with the audience.

And how fortunate we are in our community to have in our midst such great singers as Juanita Borland, with her beautiful voice, singing "Breath of Heaven" gave the evening that festive mood.

Norah Miles, a trained opera singer performed "Silent Night", the carol loved all over the world, with deep feeling.

Jeanette Bradbury, nee Corrigan, a graduate of the Randolph Academy of Performing Arts, delighted the audience with her soaring

voice in "Away in the Manger". Her late grandmother Muriel Corrigan would be so pleased to hear her.

Hattie Milne gave a humorous account of Christmas in her native Texas, with no snow on Christmas trees, with Santa clad in overalls and not coming with reindeer's and read a poem she wrote on that subject.

Don Milne read a poem by Longfellow.

The most wonderful performance by the Cookstown United Community Youth Group, must be single out as the highlight of the evening. Directed by Elizabeth and Belinda Sutherland, the young people all in dark clothing, acted out the story of the birth of Christ to recorded music and text. The Stick Dancers with their white

sticks emphasized the message.

Three of the Stick Dancers performed another number in the same spirit.

Brad Kiernan, the church's organist for many years, played a Medley of Christmas carols. We are truly blessed to have him.

The congregation joined in singing carols "Angels We Have Heard on High", "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and than to bring Santa, "Here comes Santa Claus".

Rev. Heather Power was the M.C. and invited all for refreshments at the church hall after the concert.

Many thanks to Fray Elines for organizing this event, and special thanks to Elizabeth and Belinda Sutherland for training the youth group and the stick dancers.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

A directory of what is happening in your community

The community event calendar is provided as a free public service to non-profit organizations to announce upcoming events. Deadlines are no later than Monday for that week's issue to COMMUNITY EVENTS, P.O. Box 310, Beeton, Ontario LOG 1A0

Submissions by mail, fax or e-mail and will not be received by telephone.

### ISSUES & INTERESTS

**The York-Simcoe Naturalists** is a young club looking for new members. Contact: Cathryn Rees at 905-775-7021, e-mail: wilcor@sympatico.ca.

**South Simcoe Community Information Centre "CONTACT"** at 146 Victoria St. W. Alliston. Call (705) 435-4900, Fax 705-435-1106. Website: www.csolve.net/-contact, or Email: contact@focuscdc.on.ca.

**Be a face in the fight against cancer** The Innisfil Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society needs volunteers. Their involvement enables the Canadian Cancer Society to fund cancer research, provide information, services and to support people living with cancer. Call: 436-1060 or 726-8032.

**The Canadian Mental Health Association of Barrie-Simcoe** supports the development and continuance of self-help groups as a viable community resource for individuals experiencing difficulties. Self-Help groups can provide; support and understanding through difficult times; an opportunity to meet with others who have experienced similar difficulties; information and education; a safe and comfortable environment; suggestions regarding coping strategies that help to get through difficult times.

For further information contact the Canadian Mental Health Association, Barrie-Simcoe Branch at 705-726-5033 or 1-800-461-4319.

### MONDAYS

**Friends of the Innisfil Library**, Stroud Branch, meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m.

**Gilford and District Horticultural Society** meets second Monday of

the month from March to November at Churchill Community Centre. New members are always welcome. Call Judith Rogers at 431-9278 or Kathy Barraclough at (905)853-8785 for more info.

**Al-Anon meetings** take place every Monday at Innisfil Community Church at 8:00 p.m. If you have a problem with someone else's drink, come and join the discussion group.

### TUESDAYS

**Job Search Assistance**, help with job search, resumes, interview tips, job bank internet assistance at the Thornton Library 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and the Alcona Library from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Services provided at no charge by The Employment Outreach Team call Marilee or Kathy at (705) 728-0897 for more information. This initiative is funded by the government of Canada.

**Cookstown Computer Club** drop-in program for elementary students, 4 to 5 p.m. at the library.

**T.O.P.S.** (Take off Pounds Sensibly) from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Library, Robert St., Thornton. For information call 739-9226.

**Stroud Seniors invite persons 55+** to join them for an afternoon of bid and progressive euchre, refreshments and companionship. 1 to 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall, Painswick. Call 436-1628.

**St Paul's Anglican Church**, located on the corner of Mapleview and Yonge Street, has two new youth and young adult programs. From 6:30 - 8:00 pm will be informal musical jamming sessions for anyone with a voice or instrument. If you are learning to play an instrument or like to sing and would enjoy having some fun and social time with similar minded people, come and join us. For more information, please call (705) 722-7755

**St. Paul's Church**, Innisfil (corner of Mapleview and Yonge Street), Playgroup for tots, moms, dads, caregivers, and grandparents from 9:30-11:30 am. Come for a social time, friendship, play and snacks. For information, call (705) 431-1694.

### WEDNESDAYS

**Friends of the Innisfil Library**, Lakeshore Branch, meet the third

Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. New members are most welcome.

**Euchre, bid euchre**, Scrabble and cribbage is played at Alcona Seniors club every Wednesday at 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the ABC Hall on the 25th Sideroad below Innisfil Beach Rd. Refreshments and fun days. Bring a bag lunch.

**Euchre every 3rd** Wednesday of the month at 7:30, Newton Robinson United Church in aid of Gwen Taylor Library. Refreshments.

**Weight Loss Group**. The Alcona Chapter of TOPS meets at 7:15 at Goodfellow Public School. Call Joan Davies at 436-3197 after 6 and on weekends.

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Wednesdays, the mornings are alternated between the Churchill and the Cookstown Libraries from 10:00 a.m. to noon., and every Wednesday afternoon at the Stroud Branch from 1:30 - 3:30. Services provided at no charge by The Employment Outreach Team Please call marilee or Kathy at (705) 728-0897. This initiative is funded by the government of Canada.

**Euchre at St. Peter's Anglican Church**, Churchill is held every Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the parish hall. Please call Reg at 705-456-6801 for information.

**The Cookstown Co-Operative Playgroup** is at St. John's Anglican Church in Cookstown for the winter. We will be having a special winter program that will include outings, Story Time with Sue the Librarian, visits from the Ontario Early Years representative and much more. All pre-school children and their care-givers are welcome. The hours will be the same, 9:30 to 12:30 every Wednesday & Thursday morning. For more information please call Karla at 905 778-1507 or Bryan at 458-8468. See you there!!

### THURSDAYS

**Euchre - Progressive and Bid**, every Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion - 1017 Robinson, Bell Ewart 705-436-1144, Betty.

**Register for Book** Book a six week afterschool program for ages 6 and up from 5-6 p.m. Call Innisfil Public Library, Cookstown Branch at 458-1273.

**Job Search Assistance**, help with job search, resumes, interview tips, job bank internet assistance at the Alcona Library from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Please call Marilee or Kathy at (705) 728-0897. Services provided at no charge by The Employment Outreach Team 728-3757, this initiative is funded by the government of Canada.

**Barrie Chapter of Schizophrenia Society of Ontario** family support group meets the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Canadian Mental Health Association, Barrie-Simcoe Building, 39 High St., Barrie. For info contact 726-5033.

**Painswick Horticultural Society** meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at St. Paul's Anglican Church. Meeting time is 7:30 p.m. New members welcome. For info call Linda Lewer at 436-3908.

**The Parish of Churchill and Cookstown** youth group meets every Thursday from 6:30 to 8 on alternate weeks at both St. Peter's in Churchill and St. John's in Cookstown. The youth leader is Pam Gervais. If you need information on joining the youth group, please call the Parish office at 705-458-1801.

**Thornton Seniors Social Club** meets at the Lions Hall, 238 Barrie St, Thornton at 1 p.m. Join them for euchre, uno or carpet bowling followed by lunch and social time. For more information call Norma at 458-9996.

**St Paul's Anglican Church**, located on the corner of Mapleview and Yonge Street, has two new youth and young adult programs. From 6:30 - 8:00 pm we are beginning a study comparing the gospels and learning how and why they developed. For more information, call (705) 722-7755.

### FRIDAYS

**The Cookstown United Church Community Youth Group** will begin meeting as of October 20th. They will be meeting weekly from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at the Cookstown

United Church on 37 Queen Street. Come for crafts, games, movies, fellowship and fun! All are welcome. For more information, call (705) 458-9701.

### SATURDAYS

**Barrie Farmers' Market**, outside and inside Barrie City Hall. From 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fresh produce and fruit in season. For info please call 739-4204.

### SUNDAYS

**Innisfil Pipes & Drums** meet for practice at the Legion in Bell Ewart, 1017 Robinson St. at 1 p.m. Always looking for new members. Phone Betty 436-1144

**Cookstown United Church** welcomes all young people from preschool to grade 8 to join in Sunday school at 11am. Sunday's are cool at Cookstown UC, so come and join as we grow in faith and have fun. New this year - join us in making scrapbooks celebrating God's gifts in our lives. For more information, please call Rev. Heather or Kieran Power at (705) 458-9701.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

**Barrie Thornton Old Tyme Fiddlers Night** at the Lions Hall on Barrie Street in Thornton. The doors open at 6pm and the music starts at 7pm. Admission is \$3 per person and children are free. All fiddlers, dancers, singers, callers and listeners are welcome. Call Cec Denney for more information at (705) 458-9996.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

**St. James United Church** in Stroud is hosting a Christmas Cantata - The Wondrous Story by the Senior Choir of St. James United. The performance is at 7pm and there will be refreshments.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

**The Alzheimer Society of Greater Simcoe County** will be holding their meeting at The Hub at Sandy Cove Acres at 9:30 am. The monthly care giver support meeting is where care givers can discuss issues and successes in a confidential and supportive environment. For more information, call (705) 722-1066

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH**

**Bid Euchre** at Gwen Taylor Community Centre. It is \$3 per person and the fun starts at 7:30 pm. It will take place at the Newton Robinson United Church Building - all are welcome.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

**The Prostate Cancer Support Group, Man to Man**, will meet at 7:30 pm at the Canadian Cancer Society Office located at 64 Cedar Point Drive, Unit 1406 in Barrie. The group meets on the third Thursday of every month. Ladies are welcome and will meet separately. For more information, call (705) 726-8032.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

**The Innisfil Lions Club** will be hosting a New Year's Eve Dance. There will be live entertainment, dancing, midnight buffet, party favours and a cash bar. Tickets are \$50 per couple (\$25 per person). Tickets are available at the Innisfil Lions Hall on Monday and Thursday nights between 7-9 pm. For more information, call (705) 431-6168.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH

**The York Simcoe Naturalists Club** will be holding their meeting at 7:30 pm in the River Drive Park Community Centre, 20 Oak Avenue, in River Drive Park. Songbirds of the Boreal Forest will be the topic. Refreshments will be served - bring own mug. For more information, call (905) 898-2329 or 1-800-216-3830. All are welcome.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH

**The Irish Club of Barrie** is putting on a Talent Extravaganza from 2 until 5:30 pm at the Barrie Legion on St. Vincent. There will be many acts entertaining and all the proceeds will be going towards the RVH Dialysis Clinic. Tickets are \$15 per person, children under 12 are \$5. There will be Harry the Cap, Double Toe Cloggers, Harpist Anneliese Cameron, Barbershop Quartet, Milelr School of Irish Dancing and much more. Get your tickets as there is limited seating. For tickets call Angie Chisholm (705) 456-1595, Renne Hall (705) 431-1087, Bob Cathers (705) 721-8310.