

**THORNTON NEWS**

by Cathie Miller

Many Easter and springtime events are being held around the area in the next couple weeks. One of my favourites is the annual Pancake Breakfast held by the Thornton Lions on Good Friday, April 6 serving breakfast from 7:30 until 11:00 a.m. at the Lions Hall on Barrie Street in downtown Thornton. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children. All proceeds will be donated to the Cancer Unit at Royal Victoria Hospital. Also the Thornton Lions will be at the 400 Market this coming weekend and Easter weekend taking Photos with Live Easter Bunnies which is always fun for the kids.

The Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival is this coming weekend, March 31 and April 1 at the Tiffin Conservation Area. It features many family activities including music, horse drawn wagon rides, hiking tours, children's crafts, an Enviro Fair featuring national, provincial and local agencies that are working to protect our natural

environment and a full pancake breakfast. Admission prices include breakfast and all activities. Adults are \$10 and children 12 and under are \$5. The gates open at 9 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. The Tiffin centre is located on the 8th line of Essa north of County Road 21. For more information call 705-424-1479 ext. 713 or visit [www.nvca.on.ca](http://www.nvca.on.ca)

The Easter Bunny will be riding the South Simcoe Railway on Easter Weekend, April 7 and 8. There will be four trips starting at noon, then at 1:00; 2:00 and 3:00 p.m.; each trip takes about an hour. They will feature games, prizes, treats and lots of fun. Advanced reservations are recommended by calling 905-936-5815 or by visiting their website at [www.southsimcoerailway.ca](http://www.southsimcoerailway.ca). Tickets cost \$13 for adults and \$7 for children. The Easter Express is located in Tottenham. The regular South Simcoe Railway schedule begins on Victoria Day weekend and continues until Thanksgiving.

Ivy Minor baseball is

hosting a registration on Saturday, March 31 from 10 a.m. until noon at the Ivy Orange Hall located on the 20th Side Road of Essa west of County Road 27. Registration is for teams of T-Ball, Rookie Ball, Tyke, Peewee and Bantam players. For further information contact Christine Mink at 721-8116 or Charlene Vanderpost at 739-9226.

Registration began this week for the next story time at the library. Each four week session runs on either four consecutive Monday or Tuesday mornings. The cost is \$2.00 per child per session.

Also a reminder that you only have until Saturday, March 31 to purchase your dog tags available at the Essa Public Library or Township Offices for \$20 per dog. Valid proof of their rabies vaccination is needed at time of purchase.

As always, if you have any news, meetings, anniversaries or special occasions, I'd be happy to write about them. You can email me at [thorntonnews@rogers.com](mailto:thorntonnews@rogers.com) or call me at (705) 458-0869 or drop it off at 25 Robert Street. Bye for now.....

# Movement and music



by Susan Stein

That was the theme at Cookstown Central Public School's Dance-a-Thon, held on Friday, March 23rd.

The gym was completely dark with only the glow lights on the dancers heads and in their hands as they danced to the music of a live band. The proceeds of that fundraising will go towards extracurricular activities. photos by Susan Stein

## Susan remembers a former colleague

by Susan Stein

We first met at Cookstown United Church 100th Anniversary Service, in which I took part.

During lunch, Carol interviewed me about our family's background for an article she wrote as a freelance writer for the Barrie Examiner.

When she became editor of The Scope, a friendly relationship developed between us. "How is my friend Peter?", she would ask picking up my news on Monday mornings; Fine when I see your pretty face with that lovely smile, was his response.

We exchanged goodies: Baking from me for Craig, delicious red pepper jelly from her. Seeds and cuttings from plants, and on one occasion, Carol admiring my roses, taking a picture of them for The Scope. Swapping knitting patterns, she a perfect

knitter, I a sloppy one.

We had fun on The Scope Float at Alcona's Santa Claus Parade; watching the presentation of Romeo and Juliet at the Shakespeare in the Park.

I cherish the write-up she wrote on the occasion of Peter and my 50th Anniversary and was moved and grateful for her presence at the Memorial Service held for Peter.

I rejoiced with her, when Craig was admitted at Whitby's Bible College and when Craig took the Culinary Course, gave her special European recipes to enter.

As an editor she made me proud giving me a certain page, often putting one of my pictures on the front page. I appreciated her Christmas Card with "Thank you for the good job, keep it up." But stayed out of the heated political debate between her and my

husband: She a fiery member of the NDP, he (not affiliated with any party) a staunch Centre Right. Not one giving an inch.

It came as a total surprise for me, when she told me, that she will quit The Scope and start her own paper.

We saw each other at special events such as the Community in Bloom, where she was awarded with a prize for her flower arrangement, or when she was honored as Entrepreneur of the Year by the Innisfil Chamber of Commerce. And her presence, when I received a plaque from the Cookstown & District Chamber of Commerce as an Unsung Hero.

It came as a great shock to me, hearing of her death. But knowing of her deep Christian faith, I am sure, she was at peace, embracing the Lord.

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