

CHURCHILL NEWS

by Linda Gerow

I'm going to talk about Father's Day a week early because I will be away on a cruise with my husband for forty years. We celebrated the momentous event in January, but are treating ourselves to a first ever cruise to the Caribbean and so I won't be sending a column (or a joke, Don) until after we get back. Mrs. John B. Dodd, of Washington, first proposed the idea of a "Father's Day" in 1909 to honour her father, William Smart, a Civil War veteran, who was widowed when his wife (Mrs. Dodd's mother) died in childbirth with their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washington state. It was after Mrs. Dodd became an adult that she realized the strength and selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent. The first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19th in 1910. It wasn't until 1924 that President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day. Finally in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day. Father's Day not only honors your father, but all men who act as a father figure. Stepfathers, uncles,

grandfathers, and adult male friends are all honored on Father's Day. So I'm wishing all men out there a very Happy Father's Day (a week early!!)

Library News: Churchill Branch: 2282 4th Line, Churchill, Ontario: (705) 456-2671 "Due to staffing shortage, Innisfil Public Library Board will continue to change the Churchill Branch Wednesday hours to 1-8 p.m. and all Churchill programmes will be CANCELLED for the current Spring Session. We thank our customers for their understanding and patience. If in doubt, please call ahead to 705-456-2671 to confirm open hours.

Skip to the Library: Bring your skipping rope, bring a friend, and skip for as long as you can! Sign up today for this exciting, FREE event. All participants will receive a certificate of participation and a refreshing snack. Pre-registration is required. Sign up today at your local branch. Ages: all skippers welcome. Cost: FREE...Churchill Branch: Thursday, June 21, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

The TD Canada Trust Reading Club has a great theme this summer... "Lost Worlds"...and children of all ages are invited to visit their local library to pick up their free posters, bags, stickers

and activity book. It's a great time to get involved and keep reading over the summer. Literacy and lifelong learning is the credo of most libraries...make this a super summer of reading. Check out the library's website at www.innisfil.library.on.ca

and see what programs are being offered at the four branches. Registration for the programs is June 19th and the will begin on July 3rd.

Junior Youth Group: The Parish of St. Peter's and St. John's (St. PJ's) youth group hold their weekly meetings at St. Peter's Anglican church in Churchill from 6:30-8:00 p.m. each week. All youth aged 9-13 are welcome to join. Call Pam at 705-735-3484 for information.

Senior Youth Group (ages 13-18) meet every second Sunday at St. John's Anglican church in Cookstown for lunch and bible study at 1:00 p.m. All high school aged youth are welcome to join. Please call Pam at the above number for all information and meeting dates.

Youth Retreat: The Youth Groups are planning an upcoming retreat from June 8-10th, 2007, to Camp Couchiching. All youth aged 9-18 are welcome to attend this fun and faith filled weekend. The youth have been fundraising to help to cover the costs. Just ask all those guys at the church who have purchased boxes of chocolate almonds! Ask

Pam about all the details for the retreat.

VBS (Vacation Bible School): St. Peter's Anglican Church Vacation Bible School theme this year is Avalanche Ranch. Get ready to take a wild ride through God's word with unforgettable songs, amazing bible adventures, cool crafts and life-changing missions. St. Peter's will be hosting VBS this year during the week of July 16-20th. Please speak to Pam Gervais (735-3484) if you are interested in registering your children or helping this year. Assisting with the VBS this year will be Michael Caines the Parish summer intern. Welcome aboard, Mike!!

The Gilford and District Horticultural Society hold their meetings from March to November each year at the Churchill Community Centre. The meetings are usually held on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and there is often a guest speaker. Friends and guests are most welcome. The next meeting is June 11th when the topic will be an interesting and amusing discussion on Humour & Passion in the Garden by David Hobson and a flower show featuring Roses, Peonies and Irises for which trophies can be won. Come and enjoy!

Euchre: Join Reg at St. Peter's Parish Hall for his weekly euchre game every Wednesday afternoon. Start time is 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Come on out and join in the fun and

fellowship. Call Reg at 705-456-6801 for all information. All proceeds go to the St. Peter's building fund.

Car Trunk Sale: This is the last call for you to get your spot at the upcoming St. Peter's annual Car Trunk sale on June 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Churchill Community Centre parking lot. The cost to vendors is \$25.00 per car/truck and shoppers get 'free admission'. Also available is a delicious all day BBQ, a silent auction of some amazing articles plus a not-to-be-missed Bake Table from the church ladies. What you don't sell, you close the trunk and away you go! Contact Dean Williamson at 456-2202 and book your space NOW!!

Cemetery Service will be held at St. Peter's Anglican Church, 6254 Yonge Street, Churchill, on Sunday, June 10th. The service will begin at 10:30 a.m. (note different time). After service, lunch will be served in the parish hall. For information call 705-458-1801.

Strawberry Supper: St. Peter's Anglican Church is hosting its annual Strawberry Supper on Thursday, June 21st from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each. It's time to enjoy those delicious fresh berries and have a great social time with all your friends. For information call 705-456-6731.

Smile: A man is waiting for wife to give birth. The doctor comes in and informs the dad that his son was

born without torso, arms or legs. The son is just a head! But the dad loves his son and raises him as well as he can, with love and compassion. After 21 years, the son is old enough for his first drink. Dad takes him to the bar and orders up the biggest, strongest drink for his boy. With all the bar patrons looking on curiously and the bartender shaking his head in disbelief, the boy takes his first sip of alcohol. Swoooop! A torso pops out! The bar is dead silent, then bursts into a whoop of joy. The patrons chant "Take another drink"! He does... Swoooop! Two arms pops out. The bar goes wild. The patrons chant, "Take another drink"! The bartender ignores the whole affair. By now the boy is getting tipsy, and with his new hands he reaches down, grabs his drink and guzzles the last of it. Swoooop! Two legs pop out. The bar is in chaos. The father falls to his knees and tearfully thanks God. The boy stands up on his new legs and stumbles to the left.... then to the right.... right through the front door, into the street, where a truck runs over him and kills him instantly. The bar falls silent. The father moans in grief. The bartender sighs and says, "That boy should have quit while he was a head."

If you have any news/items for this column, please contact me at 705-436-9769 (voice mail available) or email me at lagerow@rogers.com.

Hydro One support adds up for United Way of Greater Simcoe County

Hydro One Networks Inc staff presented United Way of Greater Simcoe County with \$23,200 raised during the past campaign at United Way offices.

This puts the total funds raised by Hydro One at \$114,253 over the past five years.

"These funds will impact services supporting residents of Orillia, Midland, Penetanguishene, Bradford, New Tecumseth and everyone in between because every dollar raised by United Way of Greater Simcoe County stays in Simcoe County," said Seija Suutari, executive director for United Way of Greater Simcoe County.

"Services funded by United Way help people who are abused and people who are addicted. It rescues

families in distress and troubled children and youth. It provides a helping hand to the mentally ill, the terminally ill, and the people who care for them."

"We are very proud of the accomplishment of our employees at Hydro One in Greater Simcoe County," said Hydro One's Grid Operations Manager, Colin Wilson.

"Hydro One is committed to making our communities strong and United Way is a trusted means of making that happen."

Last year, funds raised from United Way of Greater Simcoe County's campaign touched the lives of over 150,000 people in our community, including:

- Women and men with intellectual disabilities who received housing support

through Simcoe Community Services

- Individuals, families and communities impacted by disasters including fires, floods, gas leaks and weather related occurrences who receive assistance with the basic needs of food, clothing and shelter through the Canadian Red Cross

- Isolated seniors who accessed transportation services from Community Link North Simcoe

- Young parents who had the opportunity to complete their high school education and develop positive parenting skills through YMCA Simcoe/Muskoka's Young Parent Program.

- One gift provides support to 40 local programs and services, and touches the lives of 1 in 3 people in Simcoe County.



Photo (L-R):: Seija Suutari Executive Director United Way, Sheelagh Lawrence Manager Community Citizenship Hydro One, Colin Wilson Grid Operations Manager Hydro One, Emily Fleming Campaign and Events Manager United Way. **submitted photo**

Library events June

6th Annual Skip to the Library

Bring your own skipping rope, bring a friend, and skip as long as you can! Sign up for this exciting, FREE event. All participants will receive a certificate of

participation, and a refreshing snack. All skippers are welcome. Pre-registration is required.

Cookstown: Wednesday, June 20th, 4:30 – 5:30 pm
Churchill: Thursday, June 21st, 4:30 – 5:30 pm
Lakeshore: Friday, June 29th, 2:00 – 3:00 pm
Stroud: Friday, June 29th,

11 am – 12 pm Summer Reading Club

Come and discover "Lost Worlds" and join in the fun at this year's Summer Reading Club where we have events planned for school age children and story-time for preschoolers. Check the flyer at you local branch or go to

www.innisfil.library.on.ca for more details. Registration for programs begin Tuesday, June 19th and programs begin July 3rd.

Book Club Events
Come share your thoughts about books with other people who love to read. Call your local branch

to sign up for a book club.

Cookstown: Wednesday, June 20th, 7pm – "Oryx and Crake" by Margaret Atwood
Lakeshore Desperate Housewives: Thursday, June 14th, 7pm – "Strange Allure" by Susan Lewis

Lakeshore: Thursday, June 28th, 7pm – "The Time in Between" by David

Bergen
Stroud: Wednesday, June 27th, 7pm – BYOB – please call for details

Please check your local branch to see if pre-registration is required or any events.

Pre-register early, as some programs book up fast!