

Local business raises funds for Gilda's Club

Sonia Ciccone and Dave Deane of Wild Wing, 808 Innisfil Beach Road, donated \$800 to Gilda's Club Barrie Ontario from the proceeds of their recent golf tournament.

"Cancer has touched my family and I want to give back to the community" said Ciccone.

Gilda's Club is non-residential and free of charge. Children/teens, men and women living with cancer, along with their family and friends, can join

others to build social and emotional support to complement their medical care. Efforts are now underway to open a Gilda's Club in Barrie which will serve a wide area including Simcoe County (Barrie, Orillia and Midland), Muskoka Parry Sound, Grey Bruce and Dufferin County.

(Pictured at right) Sonia Ciccone of Wild Wing Innisfil, Patricia Gilbert President of Gilda's Club Barrie Ontario.

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Grandmothers to Grandmothers event in Alliston August 11th

The first anniversary of the Toronto gathering of African and Canadian grandmothers is being celebrated with a Native healing drumming ceremony and interactive drum circle, along with guest speakers from the Stephen Lewis Foundation and Dr. John van Dorp who has worked at a hospital in Nigeria, and has seen first-hand the devastation caused by HIV/AIDS. Since the first meeting of Grandmothers to Grandmothers organized by the Stephen Lewis Foundation, 150 groups have sprung up across Canada to raise awareness and mobilize support for Africa's grandmothers raising nearly 14 million grandchildren orphaned by AIDS.

The drumming session will be led by Doug Gray, shamanic Mi'kmaq teacher, international speaker, seasoned storyteller,

spiritual counsellor, intuitive dowser, and ordained, non-denominational minister who focuses on Native spiritualism and sacred medicine. He has just returned from a 10-day visit to Regina connected with the All Nations Hope AIDS Network, during which he visited First Nations AIDS patients and met with troubled Aboriginal youth. There will be world percussion instruments available for all to play.

Grandmothers Embrace, the South Simcoe Branch of Grandmothers to Grandmothers, is presenting this event on Saturday, August 11, 2007, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Alliston Community Christian School on King St. S. (past the Industrial Parkway). Early registration is recommended as there is a limited number of places available, although participants can also register at the door. A donation of



\$25 is suggested, and cheques made out to Grandmothers Embrace Potato Festival can be sent to Judy Temple, 129 Bella Vista Trail, Alliston ON, L9R 2E2; be sure to include your name, address, phone number, group name (if you belong to one) and area. For more information, contact Betsy Vant Spyker (705) 435-4250 or Lorraine Jones (705) 435-2322. All grandmothers and grandfathers of all ages are invited to join us for what promises to be an enlightening, inspiring, and entertaining day.

Summer events at Simcoe County Museum

Threadworks 2007- June 22nd - August 17th

The Simcoe County Museum is presenting Threadworks 2007, a juried exhibition of needle arts.

On exhibition from June 22nd to Aug. 17th, Threadworks is a special project of the Ontario Network of Needleworkers in collaboration with the Wellington County Museum & Archives.

The theme for 2007 is Passions and all of the pieces were created with this theme in mind.

Dramatic wall hangings

provide the background for a variety of smaller pieces such as three-dimensional sculptures.

These pieces of art will only travel to less than 20 galleries and museums across Ontario until the fall of 2009.

Be among the first to see this fantastic exhibit of exceptional art. Regular museum admission rates apply for this exhibit.

Summer Sundays - Sundays in July and August from 1 - 4:30 p.m.

Looking for something to do on a relaxing summer Sunday? Summer Sundays at the Simcoe County Museum are the perfect answer! Every Sunday afternoon in July and August, and included in the regular price of admission, visitors are welcome to participate in our afternoon

activities.

Each week, we are featuring different heritage activities.

Watch working vintage construction equipment in action, sample fresh ice cream made the old-fashioned way, partake in early settler activities, and join us for some good ol' summer fun!

There is a new theme each Sunday, so join us every week!

The Simcoe County Museum is located at 1151 Highway 26 West, Minesing, just 5 minutes north of Barrie.

Our hours of operation are Monday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 4:30 p.m. Museum admission rates are as follows: Adult \$4, Senior/Student \$3.50, Child \$2.50, Preschoolers free.



Multi generations of the Wardlaw family were recently brought together for a wedding.

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Personal Glimpses

Happy Birthday Judith

On Tuesday, July 17, Judith Quist celebrated her birthday at her home in Cookstown, surrounded by friends and neighbours. Daughter Annette with her family from here and daughter Ann from B.C. made it extra special.

Congratulations from all of us, and many blessings.

Birth

Congratulations to Kristina and Johnathan Miller on the birth of Liam, born Tuesday, July 17, at RVH, Barrie.

Liam was welcomed by sister Ava, great-grandmother Gladys Bell and

great grandparents Fred and Jean Zielke.

Vacation Bible School

VBS is coming and children are invited to join in for a week long adventure at Avalanche Ranch!

Cookstown United Church and St. John's Anglican Church are running VBS from Monday, July 30 - Friday, August 3 from 9 am until noon for Bible adventures, crafts, games, music, snacks and more.

The place - St. John's Anglican Church, Cookstown.

For more information, please contact the Charge office at 458-9701.