

Gilda's Club hosting gala

Sun Life Financial, located in Barrie, has donated \$10,000 as the sponsor of the third annual Red Door Gala for Gilda's Club.

The fundraising event is set to take place at the Gryphon Theatre at Georgian College on Saturday February 16. It will feature Beverly Thomson, co-host of CTV's Canada AM, as guest master of cere-

monies, and Lunch at Allen's, a group consisting of Murray McLaughlan, Cindy Church, Marc Jordan and Ian Thomas, will headline. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the show starts at 7. Tickets are \$75 and are available through the Gilda's Club office by calling 726-5199.

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, Muskoka, Parry Sound, Grey Bruce and Dufferin County.

Monkman on duty during downtown Barrie fire

By Susan Stein

It was gratifying to know, that Rick Monkman, the son of the late Don and Ann Monkman and grandson of the late Lou Monkman of Cookstown, was on duty as the deputy chief of the Barrie Fire Department.

Monkman, who has been with the department for 27 years, helped with the evacuation and controlling the fire.

The fire destroyed part of the old Wellington Hotel and several other businesses at the Five-Points intersection .

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 L0G 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.

Donations are needed for Music Fun Night at the Gilford United Church. If you have any old or unused music instruments like tambourines, shakers, chimes, drums or other fun instruments, call Dawn at (705) 456-2555.

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 at 7:30pm. 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.

Innisfil Pipes & Drums meet for practice at the Legion in Bell Ewart, 1017 Robinson St. at 7 p.m. Always looking for new members. Phone Ken at (705) 456-3717.

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 (705) 424-9433 or (705) 458-0937.

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 Younge 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.

The Beta Classes will be held at the Innisfil Community Church starting January 9th at 1pm. Beta is a life changing program and the twelve week course will enable you to live free from fear, stress anxiety and the pain of past hurts and traumas. This program is offered at the Church from 1:00 - 2:30 pm. For more information, call Sherri McLaughlin at (705) 436-1611.

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 11:30 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.

Job Search Assistance, help with job search, resumes, interview tips, job bank internet assistance. On 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 located on Hwy 89, east of Hwy

27. All pre-school children and their care-givers are welcome, as well as new members. The hours will be 9:30 to 12:00 every Wednesday & Thursday. Come out with your pre-school aged children (senior kindergarten and younger), have a snack, make a craft and meet some new friends. For more information please call Brian Haas at (705) 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.

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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 8:30 pm. Youth between the ages of 9-12 years are welcome to attend regardless of denomination. Please call Pam Gervais for information at (705) 735-3484.

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.

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

Overeaters Anonymoyus meets at the Mapleview Community Church at 7pm. Do you eat when you are not hungry? Is your weight affecting the way you live your life? It's not what you eat, it's what's eating you! For more information, call Anne at (705) 436-7921.

The Teen Youth Group of the Parish of Churchill and Cookstown meet at St. John's Anglican Church every other Sunday in the parish hall from 12:30 - 2:30 pm. All teens aged between 13-18 years are welcome to join regardless of denomination. Please call Pam at (705) 735-3484 for information.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 14

Thornton Skating Club will be holding registration at the Thornton Arena from 5 until 7 p.m. for power skate and adult later skate. Both programs are once a week for 10 weeks, starting in January. For more information call Charlene at 739-9226.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 16

Soprano Joan Achehurst will be singing at Stroud Presbyterian Church at 10:30 a.m., accompanied by pianist Ken Cheney. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Earl of Alcona is hosting a Sunday brunch with Santa between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The restaurant is located at 945 Innisfil Beach Road. For more information, call 431-8543.

MONDAY DECEMBER 17 **St. James United Church** is hosting a Blue Christmas Service, beginning at 7 p.m. The church is located at 2230 Victoria Street West in Stroud. All are welcome. For more information, call the church at 436-5225.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 23

Tenor MacKenzie Gallinger, who previously performed at the Musical Memories Concert, will be singing a medley of Christmas songs accompanied by John Hart at the organ. Come out to Stroud Presbyterian Church at 10:30 a.m. for this musical event.

St. Paul's Coulson Hill Church, located on the corner of the 11th Line of Bradford West Gwillimbury and County Road 4 (formerly Highway 11), is having their carol service at 10 a.m. Their Christmas Eve Service will be held Dec. 24 at 7:00 p.m., and will include special music.

MONDAY DECEMBER 24 **Renowned Christmas Eve** Candlelight Carol Service at 7:00 p.m. at Stroud Presbyterian Church will feature Musical Memories Concert performers John Hart, MacKenzie Gallinger, Paul Crocker, Ken Cheney and a brass ensemble. Come early as seats are limited.

Innisfil Community Church will be hosting a free Christmas Eve dinner, beginning at 6 p.m. The dinner will include turkey and all the trimmings. After dinner, there will be an hour long carol sing in the church sanctuary. Everyone present will also receive a gift. Local transportation will be provided. Reservations can be made by calling 436-1611.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 26

Boxing Day pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Adults \$4 per person, seniors and kids under 12 are \$3. Innisfil Lions Hall, 982 Innisfil Beach Road in Alcona. Plenty for everyone.

For information, call 737-1617.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 31

Innisfil Lions New Years Eve Bash, starting with cocktails at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Music by Ian Mitchell. Admission is \$40 per person. If needed, free drive will be provided within the Innisfil area. For information, call 431-6231.

MONDAY JANUARY 7

The Simcoe County Arts and Crafts Association has rescheduled its snowed-out December Christmas program. The session begins at 1 p.m. at the Simcoe County Museum in Midhurst.

Bring sharp scissors for paper cutting. Cost is \$7 and includes treats. For more information, call Janice at 733-9615.