

Alzheimer society hosting several fundraising events

The Alzheimer Society of Greater Simcoe County will host several meetings and fundraisers over the next few weeks.

On Jan. 27, the 2008 Manulife Walk for Memories will take place at the Bayfield Mall in Barrie, with registration starting at 9 a.m.

And throughout this month, Barrie's Dunlop Street East CIBC will be accepting donations for the society.

Monthly caregiver sup-

port group meetings will take place Jan. 15 and 17 at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. respectively. The first meeting will take place at the organization's

office, which is located at 12 Fairview Drive in Barrie, while the second will occur at The Spoke in Sandy Cove Acres. The Barrie Public

Library will also host Alzheimer's Disease public information sessions on Jan. 17 and 25, at 7 p.m. and 10 a.m. respectively.

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
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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 Mona Rea at 456-0132 or Eveline Teras at 436-4776 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 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.

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. **The Grange Hall** in Lefroy hosts euchre beginning at 12 p.m. Every third Tuesday includes a pot luck lunch. The cost is \$2, and there is a 50/50 draw as well. Both regular and bid euchre are played. A charge of 25 cents goes towards prizes. The event is open to everyone. For more information, call the Lefroy United Church at 456-2098.

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.

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.

The Painswick Horticultural Society meets on the third Thursday of each month from March to November. Meetings take place at the St. Paul's Anglican Church hall. 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.

Innisfil Leo Club meeting

on the second and fourth Sunday of every month. Come meet new friends, help your community, get your community hours and have fun. The club meets at the Lions Hall at 982 Innisfil Beach Road. New members are welcome. For information call Lynda at 431-6231 or Sharon at 431-6168.

THURSDAY JANUARY 17 The Prostate Cancer Support Group will meet at the Canadian Cancer Society office in Barrie at 7:30 p.m. The office is located at 64 Cedar Point Drive. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month. Women are also invited to attend the meeting. For more information, call 726-8032.

SATURDAY JANUARY 19 The Innisfil Historical Society will meet at the Knock School Heritage Site, located at 7756 10 Sideroad. Please join us as guest speaker, Keith Kell, a well known Innisfil farmer, will offer a presentation on the early days of farming in Innisfil. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call 458-9362. The meeting begins at 2 p.m. at Knock Heritage Site. Shake off the winter doldrums, all are welcome to hear a man full of the joy of living. For further information, call Donna at 436-2578.

The Barrie Ballroom Dance Club will host a winter dance at the ANAF hall on George Street in Barrie from 8 p.m. to midnight. The annual general meeting will precede the dance at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Admission includes sandwiches, sweets, coffee and tea. Admission is \$12 for members and \$18 for non-members. Call Barb at 726-2651 for more information.

TUESDAY JANUARY 22 Bond Head Olde Tyme Fiddle Club members are hosting their monthly dance and jam session at the Bond Head Community Hall, located at the Highway 27 and 88 intersection. All musicians, dancers and listeners are welcome to attend. The event starts at 7 p.m., admission is \$4. For more information, call Ed Elliotson at 519-941-2134.

St. John's Presbyterian Church in Bradford will host a Robbie Burns supper and ceilidh, beginning at 6:45 p.m. The celebration includes haggis and a roast beef dinner, followed by Burns' songs, Scottish music and

dance. Tickets are \$15 per person. The church is located at Middletown Sideroad and the 8th Line. For tickets, call 775-7274 or 775-6618.

FRIDAY JANUARY 25 Stroud Presbyterian Church will be hosting an afternoon of euchre starting at 1 p.m. For more details please call 436-7939.

SATURDAY JANUARY 26 Beat the cold with a homemade spaghetti dinner, including dessert and a beverage, at Stroud Presbyterian Church. Serving will take place between 5 and 7 p.m. Adult admission is \$8, while children can dine for \$4. Please call 436-7939 or 436-3107 for more information.

SUNDAY JANUARY 27 The Irish Claddagh Club is hosting its second annual Talent Extravaganza in aid of the RVH Diagnosis Clinic at the Army, Navy and Air Force Club, located at 7 George Street in Barrie, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Come out and be entertained all afternoon by some great acts, including championship Elvis impersonator Terry Chisholm, Celtic harpist and voice Anneliese Cameron, Harry the Cap, Double Toe Cloggers, Terme Middle Eastern Dance troupe, and Kempenfelt Pipes and Drums. Admission is \$15 for adults and, \$2 for children under 12. For tickets, call Call Reg Bettam at 722-3644, Renee Hall at 431-1087, or Angie Chisholm at 456-1595.

The Essa Historical Society meets at the Thornton Library starting at 1:30 p.m. for the presentation of annual reports. Roll call is show and tell. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call 458-9971.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3

Stroud Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Pampered Chef party at 2 p.m. Proceeds go to the church. Please call 739-5147 for more information.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10

Valentine's Dance at the Thornton Arena starting at 8 p.m. Door prizes, late lunch and entertainment by DJ Keep Them Dancing. Tickets are \$12.50 per person. For more information or tickets call Terry at 458-9054.