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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The active North Toronto Community is off to a bustling start in the 1988 Fall season and POINT's activities represent no exception to this challenging life style.

After many meetings, open forums and several deputations made before the Neighbourhoods Committee of City Council, the North Toronto Community Centre will at last become a reality. The Board of POINT wishes to thank the very capable members of the North Toronto Community Centre Working Committee and Sub-Committees for their many hours of dedicated service that finally culminated in the approval by City Council, October 3, 1988, of this much needed Centre.

By the news deadline of submission for October's POINT by POINT Newsletter, the decision whether Metro Parks and Property will enter into a lease agreement with the City, with the Community Health Centre as a third interested party, is currently unknown. The North Toronto Health Centre Steering Committee has proposed that a Community Health Centre be accommodated in the former No. 53 Division Police Station at Yonge Street and Montgomery Avenue.

The draft program proposal includes plans for the following: a) a day program for seniors; b) specialty clinics for adolescents and young adults; c) specialty clinics for seniors; d) health promotion and disease prevention activities directed to the needs of seniors, young adults and families; e) and an information service regarding health and social services in the catchment area. The Centre will serve a catchment area consisting of North Toronto, Leaside and the South Central area of North York.

POINT by POINT intends to keep our membership fully advised as to the progress of the activities and progress of the Steering Committee.

POINT successfully developed and implemented a Pilot Program in Hodgson and Glenview Senior Public Schools for children of single parent families. This program is designed specifically to alleviate the stress felt by children trying to cope with parental marriage breakdown. As a result of a summer meeting with the Director of the Toronto Board of Education, staff members of the Toronto Board of Education are drafting a tentative proposal for a similar In-School Program that would be utilized in a number of schools.

A Committee has been appointed by POINT to administer the donation of \$50,000.00 designated as a memorial to Countess Mary Bieniewski. Freda Finley, a POINT Past Chairman, will chair the Committee which will include: Joan Osler, POINT Executive Director; Fran Brown, POINT immediate Past Chairman; Gerald Connor, Partner, Connor Clarke and Co. Ltd.; Marg Ann Loughheed, Guidance Counsellor, Northern Secondary School and John Hodgson, Q.C., Blake, Cassels and Graydon.

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A United Way Member Agency

This fall, the Committee will prepare guidelines for potential proposals from non-profit organizations in North Toronto. Proposals will be reviewed during the winter and recipients will be announced in the late spring.

For further information watch for news in future editions of POINT by POINT.

Our Annual Agency Marketplace on Thursday, October 6, 1988 will bring together agencies, community advisors and residents for the purpose of focusing on the many issues arising from the Housing Crisis in North Toronto. Input from these concerned groups fosters exciting program ideas geared to meeting the needs within our community. POINT continues to seek to inform and serve in areas where attention and change in our community is required.

The annual United Way Campaign is now underway. POINT has been a member agency of the United Way since 1976. Please support the United Way and show your commitment to the well being of POINT and our community.

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SENIORS

"WELLNESS AND YOU"

"Wellness and You" Sessions are being held on Thursdays for 10 consecutive weeks, September 22 through November 24, at Maurice Cody Community Centre, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Program is sponsored by the City of Toronto Department of Public Health and Department of Parks and Recreation and is free of charge to City of Toronto residents. For information call 392-0747.

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PARENT RELIEF INC.

Parent Relief Inc. are looking for seniors interested in earning extra money as permanent part-time caregivers for children. Positions are available in a regular or varied basis. If interested, call 783-4329 or 783-3987.

SECOND MILE CLUB

Looking for volunteers to assist at their Jolly Holly Christmas Bazaar, Thursday, November 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 65 Shelldrake Boulevard. If you could assist call 481-4416 or drop in November 3 and they will put you to work.

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"THE HEALTH CONNECTION"

"Seniors and their Health" is part of the continuing program "The Health Connection" on Channel 10. This 8 part series, a project of the Northern Health Area Community Advisory Board, continues through October 27, Wednesdays at 12 noon and Thursdays at 11:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

YWCA INTERNATIONAL BOUTIQUE

2532 Yonge Street, offers a selection of unusual gift items from many countries. The Boutique carries a variety of gifts, including children's games, puzzles and toys, as well as jewellery, quilted travel and personal items, carvings, applique wall hangings, baskets, clothing and specialty foods. Open Monday to Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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JOLLY HOLLY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Sponsored by the Second Mile Club, Thursday, November 3, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at 65 Shelldrake Boulevard. Sales of baked goods, plants, jewellery, books, white elephants and cloth and fur coats will delight buyers. Also featured are boutiques, vendors, draws and a refreshment booth.

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AIDS COMMITTEE OF TORONTO (ACT)

is co-ordinating participation of community organizations and public health units in offering special educational events and projects during AIDS Awareness Week, October 17 to 23. Events sponsored by ACT include a launch of thousands of balloons, symbolizing hope for the future, on Monday, October 17 and a candlelight vigil on Thursday, October 20 to remember those who have died of AIDS. Call 923-0063 for further information.

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MANOR ROAD FALL FAIR

will take place on Saturday, October 22, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Manor Road United Church, 240 Manor Road East (at Forman Avenue). Features will be door prizes, children's games, a silent auction, sales of baked goods, books, records and gifts and a Tea Room. Come, enjoy fun, food and being part of a community happening!

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PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF TORONTO

Planned Parenthood, a not-for-profit voluntary health service agency which assists approximately 25,000 to 30,000 individuals and couples each year to make responsible decisions about their sexuality and fertility, is searching for a new Executive Director to replace Dallas Petroff who has accepted a senior position with the YWCA. The Executive Director is responsible for the overall management of the agency and its three main areas of service - clinical, education outreach and volunteer training. If you are interested, contact Donna Baptist, Search Committee Chair, 863-0576.

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VOLUNTEER CENTRE OF METROPOLITAN TORONTO

now have available interesting, new resource material on volunteers and volunteer management. For listings and order forms please contact 961-6888.

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PARENTS IN TRANSITION

is holding a concert and reception featuring well known performing artists in an evening of musical magic.

Performers: Gaynor Jones, David Walden, Sheldon, Gratke and David Low

Date: Saturday, November 5

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Place: Holy Blossom Temple, Philip Smith Congregation Hall, 1950 Bathurst Street

Tickets: \$10.00

Call: 481-4543

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FAMILY, MARITAL AND INDIVIDUAL THERAPY

Susan Leventhal, M.S.W., C.S.W., member of the Canadian and American Associations of Family Therapy, will provide further information regarding her services, hours and fees at 487-1395. In private practice, she specialized in family, marital and individual therapy with women and adolescent girls.

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HUMAN SERVICES CONSULTANT

Martha Bobrovskis, an independent consultant whose areas of expertise include: program evaluations, policy development and community consultation will provide a proposal outlining her services for organizations in need of a consultant. She was formerly a manager with City of Toronto Planning and Development Department and involved in developing the Metro Toronto Federation of Community-Based Seniors' Agencies. Call 463-2883.

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WORKSHOPS

COURSES

SEMINARS

VOLUNTEER CENTRE OF METROPOLITAN TORONTO

"Team Building" - an interactive workshop targeted for agency staff, volunteer co-ordinators and leadership volunteers. Participants will complete a Meyers-Briggs Personality Type Indicator questionnaire and return it for scoring before the workshop. The workshops will use this indicator to help participants understand themselves and their behaviour; problem solve in a productive way and other team building incentives. Workshop Presenter: Kathleen Canon

Date: Thursday, November 24

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Place: Queen Street Mental Health Clinic
1001 Queen Street West

Cost: \$45.00 (lunch included)

Call: 961-6888

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SYSTEMATIC TRAINING FOR EFFECTIVE PARENTING (S.T.E.P.)

Workshop offered by the Northern Health Area of the Toronto Department of Public Health designed to assist parents in raising responsible and co-operative children.

Date: Mondays, October 17 to December 12

Time: 1:15 to 3:15 p.m.

Place: Northern Health Area

188 Eglinton Avenue East, 5th Floor

Cost: \$13.00 (for materials)

Register by October 11, cheque payable to "City Treasurer"

Call: 392-0962

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YWCA

Pre-school programs to delight infants, toddlers and parents:
Creating Together; Mostly Music - for babies and moms; Shake, Rattle and Roll - gym program; Story Time; Make Believe Hour.
Programs begin the week of October 1.
Place: YWCA, 2532 Yonge Street
Call: 487-7151

HUNTLEY YOUTH SERVICES

Presents "The Skills of Supervision and Staff Management", a 2 day workshop on the interactional process which occurs between supervisor/manager and staff members.

Leader: Dr. Lawrence Shulman
Dates: November 10 and 11
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Place: Bond Place Hotel, Toronto
Cost: \$160 before October 15
\$190 after October 15
Call: Joyce Gorrie 967-1773

"CELEBRATING FAMILIES"

A five part series for parents.
October 17: Finding Meaning in an Unfamiliar World
October 24: The Fallacy of Punishment
November 7: Your Child is Getting a Sex Education: What's Your Part?
November 21: Stress and the Healthy Family
Time: 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Cost: Full Series: \$30.00 per couple
\$20.00 per person
Individual Series:
\$5.00 per person

Place: 65 Shelldrake Boulevard
Registration/Information:
Eglinton United Church: 483-3514
Toronto Parent Co-operative Pre-School Corporation: 759-2582

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE

is offering a number of first aid and health care courses including: Standard First Aid; Infant/Child CPR; Heartsaver and Healthy Aging. These courses will be offered at 46 Wellesley Street East. For a full listing of courses and fees contact 967-4244.

YORK UNIVERSITY ONTARIO HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

"The Challenge For Healthy Communities: New Partnerships - New Directions", a 5 day, 2 block seminar series. Will give valuable information for developing new partnerships to plan for healthy futures that are essential within our present environment.
Dates: November 1, 2, 3 and December 1, 2
Cost: \$475.00
Call: York University Voluntary Sector
Management Program 736-5092

LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO

"All Children Learn Differently", focus on the importance of metacognitive skills in any individualized educational program for any learning disabled student.
Speaker: Dr. Bernice Wong
Date: November 19
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Place: Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (O.I.S.E.)
252 Bloor Street West
Cost: \$20.00 (lunch not included)
Call: Carol Jones 537-9154

MULTICULTURAL HEALTH COALITION

"Partnership in Health #2 - Meeting the Needs of a Multicultural Society" - a symposium sponsored by the Multicultural Health Coalition. Major themes include: provincial initiatives in health; health issues from cultural perspectives and other pertinent subjects. Symposium is directed to Health Care Professionals.
Date: October 28 and 29
Place: Faculty of Education, Althouse College, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario
Call: (519) 439-0026 or (519) 432-2153