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Spring 1999

North Toronto Citizens' Assembly

Tuesday June 1, 1999

6:30 p.m. Open House
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

North Toronto Memorial
Community Centre
200 Eglinton Avenue West

For more information please
call POINT at 487-2390

First North Toronto Citizens' Assembly a Success

The new North Toronto Citizens' Assembly (NTCA) is an opportunity for residents, organizations and businesses to meet to discuss issues of concern in the North Toronto community. The first meeting of the assembly took place on March 1st and attracted more than fifty participants.

Before the meeting, there was a chance to meet old friends and be introduced to new ones.

Official Plan, intensification, the Toronto Olympic bid, traffic calming, rent controls, Y2K risks, City of Toronto services and assessments. There was some diversity of opinion on most issues and while the discussion was often lively, differences were treated with respect.

Join us for the second meeting of the North Toronto Citizens' Assembly on Tuesday, June 1st which will be sponsored by POINT and Councillors Johnston and Walker. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. with refreshments and an opportunity to meet others informally at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre.

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Annual General Meeting

Monday May 31, 1999

5:30 p.m. Reception

6:00 p.m. Meeting

*North Toronto Memorial
Community Centre*

Guest Speaker

Dr. Robert Lester

*Vice President, Community Program
Sunnybrook & Women's
College Health Sciences Centre*

A Forum For Discussing Community Issues

Many thanks to the Second Cup, at Yonge and Albertus, for supporting this community event with complimentary coffee.

The meeting began with a welcome from Pat Taylor, Chair of POINT (People and Organizations in North Toronto). A preliminary identification of issues and presentations by Councillors Michael Walker and Anne Johnston followed. Issues discussed included the new

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PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS
IN NORTH TORONTO

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Pointing the way.

Driver Training Workshop

POINT and the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute hosted a four hour workshop on March 29, 1999 for volunteer and paid drivers from the Woodgreen Community Centre of Toronto, Red Cross, SPRINT, Mid-Toronto Community Services and St. Clair West Services for Seniors. This event was the training component of the North Toronto Ride program.

The North Toronto Memorial Community Centre donated space, equipment and parking to the forty-five participants attending. Betty Lou Lynn representing CTAP (Community Transportation Action Program) from the provincial ministry showed a video explaining the transportation program as it has been developed in other communities and funded by CTAP.

Following the video, presentations were given by; the Red Cross, 55 Alive, (arranged through the Woodgreen Community Centre), the Cana-

dian Hearing Society and the Toronto Chapter of the Alzheimer Society, (arranged by SPRINT).

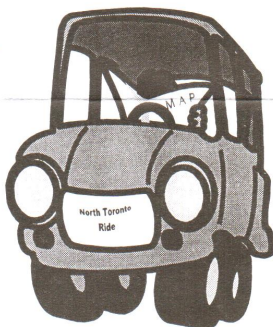
Topics covered included defensive driving, driver responsibilities and sensitivity, as well as a demonstration showing how to assist the disabled in and out of a vehicle.

A meal, prepared by Joyce

Pinnock of the Parkdale Golden Age Foundation was included. As well, the participating agencies gave out a package of information useful for the drivers. A presentation of some door

prizes rounded out the event. The enthusiasm and strong participation of the drivers was noted in the evaluation sheets.

This training session will enable both volunteer and paid drivers to feel more prepared to better serve seniors and disabled adults who require this service.



Community Resources

As your neighbourhood information service, we can POINT you in the right direction!

Q *I'm new to Toronto and now that the weather is spring-like I'd like to get out and explore the city. Do you have any suggestions?*

A We have some brochures and maps that you may take which show you; bicycle trails through the ravines, various conservation areas & the North Toronto Discovery Walk. Also, here is a listing, compiled by POINT of groups arranging hikes, walks and outings.

POINT Community Information Service (CIS) (416) 487-2427, located on the first floor of the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre, 200 Eglinton Ave. West.

Thank You

Many thanks to those organizations and individuals who have supported POINT through their generous gifts and donations.

- ◆ **Toronto Rotary Club-Forest Hill Chapter** for donating \$600 to purchase a laser printer
- ◆ **St James-Bond United Church Ladies Auxiliary Group** for donating a cork board
- ◆ **Roberta McFadden** for donating a typewriter

Legal Rights and Community Resources Workshop

for
Nannies & Caregivers

Wednesday, May 5th 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

or

Thursday, May 6th 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

at

North Toronto Memorial Community Centre
200 Eglinton Avenue West

Jointly sponsored by P.O.I.N.T. Inc. and Intercede

Volunteer Celebration at POINT



POINT volunteers enjoying themselves

On Thursday, April 22, 1999 POINT volunteers were recognized for their tremendous ongoing contribution and commitment at the first annual POINT Volunteer Appreciation Reception, held during National Volunteer Week '99.

Volunteers and board members were treated to a delicious buffet and each person received a volunteer recognition certificate signed by Mayor Lastman acknowledging their gifts of time and talent to POINT.

Joanne Cooper, Executive

Director, Volunteer Centre of Toronto was the guest speaker and provided fresh insights about "Voluntarism in the New Millennium". Patricia Taylor, POINT Board Chair, expressed her heartfelt appreciation to the volunteers and spoke of the dedication and great efforts of POINT volunteers over the last year.

As the National Volunteer Week slogan states, "Volunteers are our greatest natural resource!"

Sharon Moxon Receives Volunteer Service Award



Sharon Moxon receives award from the Honourable Hilary Weston, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario

"Outstanding" is small praise for Sharon Moxon, who was presented with a Volunteer Service Award, April 19th, by the Honourable Hilary Weston. This award is the culmination of 5 years of volunteerism with POINT, and of 25 years of experience with social service agencies in our North Toronto community.

Joining the Junior League of Toronto (JLT) in 1973, Sharon started her rewarding career in volunteerism. Learning the value of a trained volunteer through the JLT, Sharon has taken on many leadership positions in community agencies such as the Junior League of Toronto, Distress Centre, New Directions, and POINT.

Volunteerism has offered Sharon flexibility, diversity and challenges. Working at the grass roots level is most gratifying to Sharon because of the

"tremendous sense that things are happening". Working with volunteers has been very fulfilling for her because "they are a high energy group of people committed to their community".

Sharon has had a long association with POINT. Sitting on the Board in 1979, she was actively involved in the community issue of school closures. Returning to POINT in 1996 as Chair, Sharon set an ambitious agenda of developing a strategic direction for POINT. Rejuvenated, POINT is entering the millennium on a path which is relevant to the social planning and information service needs of the community. Sharon is a volunteer with a passion for creating stronger communities, and compassion for those in need. A volunteer who has only solutions, Sharon strives to point the way to a better future.

Mark Your Calendar !

◆ Legal Rights & Community Resources Workshop

May 5, 1999, 9:30 -11:00 a.m. or May 6, 1999 7:00 -8:30 p.m.
For more information please see insert on pg. 2

◆ Heart Health Event

Presented by Toronto Heart Health Partners & Seniors' Community Dining Program Partners
Monday May 17, 1999, 11:30 a. m. -Cooking Demonstration,
12:00 p.m.-Luncheon, 12:45 p.m.-Heart Health Presentation

◆ POINT Annual General Meeting

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Seniors' Community Dining Program

Made possible through partnerships with: SPRINT, Parkdale Golden Age Foundation, POINT, The Department of Parks and Recreation (North Toronto Memorial Community Centre), and the Department of Public Health.

Wednesday Lunch

May 5, 12, 19, 26

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Friday Dinner

May 14

June 18 (last one until Sept)

Sunday Brunch

May 9, 30

June 13 (last one until Sept)

Location: North Toronto Memorial Community Centre, 200 Eglinton Ave.

Tickets (\$4.50) can be purchased at the POINT kiosk desk in the Community Centre on the 1st floor. Reservations can also be made by calling POINT at 487-2427, or SPRINT at 481-6411

Board of Directors

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POINT Membership & Donation Form

☐ Yes! I would like to **become a member** of POINT. My membership fee is enclosed. Please add my name to your mailing list. As a member, I will receive the POINT quarterly newsletter, voting privileges at the Annual General Meeting, and other information bulletins. A charitable tax receipt will also be issued.

Yes! I would like to **make a donation** to support the work of POINT. A charitable tax receipt will be issued.

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