

# POINT *by* POINT

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## Upcoming POINT Events

Fall 2008

October 21 -  
"Poverty in North  
Toronto?"  
How Does it Affect You  
and Your Community?  
Forum

October 23 -  
North Toronto  
Community Fair

November 13 -  
Cultural Festival

November 20 -  
Charlotte Maher  
Luncheon

November 27 -  
POINT Youth  
Leadership Conference

*For details see page 4*



**POINT by POINT**  
Newsletter  
sponsored by  
*The Rotary Club*  
of  
*Toronto-Forest Hill*



## Honouring Charlotte Maher "One of North Toronto's Finest"

At the third Anne Johnston Event, P.O.I.N.T. Inc. (People and Organizations in North Toronto) is thanking Charlotte Maher for more than 40 years of service to her community of North Toronto and to the City of Toronto by holding a luncheon in her honour.

The "Anne Johnston Event" is held to recognize an extraordinary contribution to this community by a North Toronto resident. The two previous distinguished honourees are Anne Johnston, for whom the event is named, and Joan Osler. Anne Johnston was a founder of P.O.I.N.T. Inc. and its second chair. As a Councillor for many years with both the City of Toronto and Metro Council, Anne worked tirelessly for our community of North Toronto. Joan Osler served as Executive Director of P.O.I.N.T. for 26 years as well as serving in many volunteer capacities within both North Toronto and our City. Both former recipients are delighted to have Charlotte join their illustrious ranks.

Charlotte has resided in North Toronto, in the same house behind Northern Secondary School, since 1969 and, at 83, she remains a strong pillar of our community. We are extremely grateful that she chose North Toronto as her home base.

Within our North Toronto community, Charlotte was instrumental in the founding of P.O.I.N.T., S.P.R.I.N.T. (Senior Peoples' Resources in North Toronto), Central Eglinton Community Centre, the Upper Yonge Village Day Care, and the Sherwood Park Residents' Association and her interest in the activities of these organizations continues to this day. She also contributed to the development of the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre by chairing the Needs Assessment Committee.

With her Masters in Social Work from Boston University and an Advanced Diploma in Social Work from the University of Toronto, along with her incredible adaptability and excellent problem solving skills, Charlotte has served no less than 48

times as interim executive director for a myriad of social service agencies. This, in total, is an incredible achievement, as well as a full time – and counting – career.

Charlotte served as a Trustee on the Toronto Board of Education for eight years and ran (unsuccessfully) for City Council against both Michael Walker and June Rowlands. In her honour, a lovely shady park on Rochampton Avenue became "Charlotte Maher Park" in 2001.

A valued member of many Boards of Directors in North Toronto and elsewhere, Charlotte went on to become the Chair of many of these Boards – extensive responsibilities that speak volumes about her knowledge, commitment and reliability. As well, countless task forces, steering committees, strategic planning committees, working groups, conference steering committees and integration projects have benefited from her dynamism, wisdom and experience.

Currently, Charlotte serves as a Director of Care Watch, an organization that advocates preventive care funding for seniors to allow them to live independently in their own homes – funding for such things as help with housework, meals, and some health care needs, and serves as its Treasurer.

Thank you, Charlotte, for all the wonderful work you have done – and still do – to improve the lives of all of us who reside and/or work and/or go to school in both our community and other communities in our City of Toronto.

For information about this luncheon please call P.O.I.N.T. at 416 487- 2390.

PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS  
IN NORTH TORONTO



*Pointing the way.*



### COMINGS AND GOINGS

Bonnie Anderson, POINT's Bookkeeper, retired in May. Bonnie provided bookkeeping services for over 15 years to POINT and other clients. Bonnie wanted to have more time to spend with her family, especially her new



grandchildren, Drew and Dexter, and enjoy life. POINT held a retirement luncheon for Bonnie on August 20<sup>th</sup> and wished her much health and happiness.

Edil Bustamante de Wong, joined POINT in early June 2008 as the new POINT Bookkeeper. Edil, originally from Peru, has worked at agencies such as Newcomer Women's Services and the Sunshine Centre for Seniors. Edil is also currently studying for her Certified General Accountant (Level 4). Welcome Edil!



### People and Organizations in North Toronto and Canadian Pensioners Concerned, Ontario Division

Invite you to attend a Forum

### **POVERTY IN NORTH TORONTO?**

**HOW DOES IT AFFECT YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY?**

#### Invited Presenters

Tatum Wilson, Senior Policy Advisor - *Office of the Minister for Ontario's Poverty Reduction Plan*, Joe Mihevc, City Councillor - *City of Toronto* and Susan MacDonnell, Director of Research - *United Way of Toronto*, Pat Capponi - *Voices from the Street*, Naomi Berlyne - *Take Our Seniors off Welfare*, Michael Shapcott - *The Wellesley Institute*, Roy Horton - *North Toronto Citadel Lunch Program - Salvation Army*, Dennis Bruce - *Out of the Cold Program - Blythwood Baptist Church*, and Michael Kerr from *Colour of Poverty - Colour of Change Network*

Date: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008

Time: 7 pm to 9 pm

Place: NORTH TORONTO MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE, 200 Eglinton Ave. W.

Close to Yonge/Eglinton Subway & Parking Available Underground

Limited Space Available / Light Refreshments Provided

RSVP to P.O.I.N.T. Inc. @ 416 487-2390



# HEY!



## POINT has *new latest model computers!*

In our free computer lab, use our Dell Vostro 410 with:

- A 22" LCD wide screen, flat panel monitor;
- 3 gigabytes RAM – excellent for graphics; and
- 16 speed DVD read/write drive; with multi-ports: USB, flash, etc.

This project is funded in part by  
the Government of Canada's  
New Horizons for Seniors program.

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Thursday, October 23, 2008  
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

YONGE- EGLINTON CENTRE  
SOUTH MEZZANINE LEVEL

- ✓ Healthy eating samples and information
- ✓ Featured Artist:  
Soul singer, Jay Douglas
- ✓ Free Draw Prizes!  
From Yonge-Eglinton Centre  
Mall merchants

Information Displays by local non-profit agencies on social, health and recreational programs.

This is your community; take this time to learn about it!

This event is partially sponsored by **RIO CAN** | YONGE EGLINTON CENTRE



**Mark Your Calendar !**

- ♦ **Charlotte Maher Luncheon** - Thursday, November 20, 12:30pm. For information about this luncheon, call P.O.I.N.T. at 416 487-2390.
- ♦ **Cultural Festival** - Thursday, November 13, 12:00pm. Location to be confirmed. Must reserve for this event. Call POINT at 416-487-2390
- ♦ **North Toronto Community Fair** - Thursday, October 23, 11:00am - 4:00pm, Yonge-Eglinton Centre, South Mezzanine Level
- ♦ **POINT Legal Advice & Government Form-Filling Clinic**  
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday - 9:00am - 11:30pm by appointment only  
For more information call POINT at 416-487-2427
- ♦ **POINT Youth Leadership Conference** - Thursday, November 27, 9am - 3:30pm
- ♦ **"Poverty in North Toronto?" Forum** - Tuesday, October 21 7:00-9:00pm
- ♦ **Saturday Café Socials (Nannies & Caregivers' Support Group)** - Every Saturday 12:30pm-3:00pm. To register, call POINT at 416-487-2390

**Seniors' Community Dining Program**

Made possible through partnerships with: SPRINT, Parkdale Golden Age Foundation, POINT, The Departments of Parks and Recreation, and Public Health.  
**Location:** North Toronto Memorial Community Centre, 200 Eglinton Ave. West.  
 To make a reservation call POINT at 416-487-2390.  
 Lunch (\$5.50), Sunday Brunch (\$6.00), Dinner (prices vary). Tickets can be purchased at the POINT kiosk desk in the Community Centre.

Wednesday Lunch	Friday Dinner	Sunday Brunch
<b>October</b> 1 Birthday Lunch 8 Multicultural Festival 15 Lunch and trivia 22 Lunch and learn 29 Lunch and fun	<b>October 17</b> Big Dinner & Dance night	<b>October 26</b>
<b>November</b> 5 Birthday Lunch 12 Lunch and learn 19 Lunch and trivia 26 Lunch and learn	<b>November 28</b> Big Dinner & Dance night	<b>November 9, 23</b>

**POINT Mission Statement**

To serve the people who live, work and study in North Toronto by improving availability and increasing awareness of the social and health services in the community through information, education, and advocacy.

**Board of Directors**

**Chair:** Marg Muir

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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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Individual \$10.00  
 Agency/Organization/Business \$25.00



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