Town boosting efforts to set up Wellspring centre to help cope with cancer

By Bill Rea

Brampton Regional Councillor Gael Miles has been impressing a lot of people with her efforts to set up the new Wellspring Chinguacousy Cancer Support Centre, and Caledon councillors are on that list.

Miles came in for plenty of praise recently as she appeared before Town council to offer an update on the project, as well as to accept a financial contribution. The money came from council's last charitable golf tournament.

The idea for the centre is not even three years old, but it has been taking off at an impressive rate. The plan is to have construction of the 6,000-square-foot facility in Brampton completed by the end of February, with programming starting shortly after that. The eventual plan is to have more than 12,000 visits annually from people impacted by cancer.

Miles, who herself is a survivor of breast cancer, told councillors most people are not prepared for the news that they have the disease, but news like that is being delivered every day. She also observed there are few people today who have not been touched by cancer in some form.

A debilitating part of the ordeal is the emotional trauma associated with such a diagnosis, and Miles pointed out there is very little in Caledon, Brampton or the surrounding areas to help people cope. Doctors and other medical staffers are busy and really don't have the time to offer counselling.

Miles cited statistics from 2006 that 44 per cent of males and 39 per cent of females will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime, and those numbers are increasing.

Wellspring, she said, provides support services on a number of levels, including social, spiritual, psychological, etc. She added there are already centres operating in Toronto, Oakville, London and Niagara Falls.

Miles described Wellspring Chinguacousy as a gift from the community to the community. She added the project has been able to progress as fast as it has because so many people have been willing to help out.

For example, she said the Rotary Club of Bramalea has put up $50,000, and there have been other groups and organizations which have stepped up. "We haven't had any problem getting volunteers," she remarked, adding there are many grateful cancer survivors who want to give something back.

Fund-raising efforts are continuing, but Miles said they are getting close to their goal of $1.2 million.

"It really is just the beginning," she declared. "This centre will live on"

Miles also praised the support the effort has received from Caledon. The Town has been there from the start, she said, adding the only reason she hasn't been before council sooner is she's been so busy with the pace at which the project has been progressing.

"I will say it again, you are to be commended," Mayor Marolyn Morrison told Miles.

Councillor Annette Groves echoed those words, calling Miles a "caring, kind, compassionate person."

Groves also pointed out that cancer knows no borders, observing that most people know at least one or two people who have had the disease.

"You are providing hope for the survivors of cancer and the folks who are going through this very, very terrible disease," she remarked.

Councillor Nick deBoer said he was glad the golf tournament was able to yield money to support the cause.

"I do want to congratulate you of a job well started and a job that will be completed," he told Miles, adding Hospice Caledon also benefited from the event, and those two groups tie in together. Miles agreed that the efforts of Hospice and Wellspring compliment each other.

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JANUARY 31, FEBRUARY 1 & 2
The Blackhorse Village Players presents "The Trouble With Richard", 8:15 pm, at the theatre (Hwy 9 & Mt Wolfe Rd, Caledon). Tickets $17/person, available at the door, or by calling 905-880-5002.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31
ABC Peel (Association for Bright Children) Parent Night "Advocacy and CCAT Tests", 7:15 pm, Peel District School Board HJA Brown Education Centre, Inglewood Rm (5650 Hurontario St, Mississauga). Visit www.abcpeel.org.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1
Parenting Education Workshop, 9:30-11 am, at the Caledon Parent-Child Centre/Ontario Early Years Centre. Topic: "Stress Skills for Life". Child care provided for a small fee. To register, call 905-857-0090 or visit www.cp-cc.org.
Seniors Drop-In Centre, 10-4 pm, every Friday, in St James Anglican Church, Caledon East, hosted by the Caledon Seniors Council. All seniors welcome for cards, games, gentle fitness, chats. For more info, call Alex 905-584-0591.
Friday Night at the Movies, featuring "The Gospel According to Matthew", 7:30 pm, at St James Anglican Church, Old Church Rd, Caledon East. Snacks. Everyone welcome.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2
Red Cross Emergency First Aid at the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness, 9-5 pm. Cost $115/person. To register, call 905-857-3313 or 1-800-621-1287.
Palgrave United Church hosts Kairos Canada, 10-11:30 am at the church (34 Pine Ave, Palgrave). Concerned about the Environment? Learn how to take action on climate change. Everyone welcome. Call 905-880-0303.
Groundhog Dinner & Dessert Auction, 5-8 pm, at Mayfield United Church (12496 Dixie Rd, Caledon). $5/person. Everyone welcome.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3
Ecumenical Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 7 pm, at Christ Church Bolton (22 Nancy St). Everyone welcome.
Annual Catholic Women's League Speech Contest for students of local Elementary Schools, 2 pm, at Holy Family Parish Church Hall (60 Allan Dr, Bolton). All welcome to come out and support the students.
Pancake Breakfast, 9-11 am, in St James Church Hall, Caledon East. Everyone welcome.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4
Play Bridge for Fun every Monday, 7 pm, at St James Anglican Church, Caledon East. All players from beginners to longtime are welcome to come out and enjoy a friendly game for a "twoonie". Call 905-857-1855.
"Has your life been affected by someone else's drinking? Al-Anon Family Group is for you." Al-Anon meets at Westminster United Church (247 Broadway, Orangeville) on Mondays, 8 pm in Rm 11; and Wed 10 am in Rm 5; and on Thursdays in Bolton at Caven Presbyterian Church (110 King St W) 8:30 pm. Call 416-410-3809 or 1-888-425-2666 or visit http://al-anon.alateen.on.ca .

FEBRUARY 4-9 -
Registration for Free Childrens Early Learning programs at the Caledon Parent-Child Centre/Ontario Early Years Centre. Baby Playtime, Mother Goose, Preschool Time and more. To register, call 905-857-0090 or visit www.cp-cc.org.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch, 12 noon, at the Caledon Seniors Centre (7 Rotarian Way, Bolton). $10/non-members; $7/members. Call 905-951-6114.
Mayfield United Church hosts its Annual Pancake Supper, 4:30-7:30 pm, at the Brampton Fairgrounds (Heart Lake Rd & Old School Rd, Caledon). $8/person, with under 11yrs free. Includes pancakes, ham, fruit cocktail. Everyone welcome.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6
Caledon East Seniors Club #588 meet every Wednesday, 1:15 pm, at the Caledon Community Complex, Caledon East. Everyone welcome for an afternoon of friendly euchre and lunch. Call Marjorie 905-584-2691.
Ash Wednesday - Imposition of Ashes service, 7 pm, at St James Anglican Church, Old Church Rd, Caledon East. Everyone welcome.
Bolton Laughter Club meets Wednesdays, 7-8 pm, at the Davis Centre (80 Allan Dr, Bolton.) Laugh with others for no reason. No fee. No pre-registration. All welcome.
The Bolton & District Horticultural Society will hold its first meeting of the new year, 7:30 pm, at the Albion Bolton Community Centre upstairs in Rms C & D. Speaker: Kate Agosta on "Lawn Begone". Note change in meeting day and location.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7
Bolton Banter Toastmasters meet every 1st, 3rd & 5th Thursday at the Albion Bolton Community Centre, Rm E, 7-9 pm. Lose your fear of public speaking and build leadership skills. Everyone welcome. Visit www.boltonbanter.org.
Family Transition Place is offering "New Gateways to Seeking Comfort", Thursdays 11am-1pm, at Robert F Hall School, Caledon East. If food, alcohol, drugs or sex is not solving life's problems, this program is for school-aged girls to learn positive ways to find comfort and take control of their life. To register, call 519-941-4357 or 905-584-1670.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8
Parenting Education Workshop, 9:30-11 am, at the Caledon Parent-Child Centre/Ontario Early Years Centre. Topic: "Helping Children Understand Loss". Child care provided for a small fee. To register, call 905-857-0090 or visit www.cp-cc.org.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9
Caledon Chamber Concerts presents Ron Greidanus in a Piano Recital, 8 pm, at St James Anglican Church, Old Church Rd, Caledon East. Tickets $30/person; available at the door. For more info, call Gordon 905-880-2445.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11
Meeting of the Headwaters Newcomers Club, 7 pm. Open to women who have resided in the Erin/Hillsburg/Caledon area for less than 3 years. For location and more information, call Deanna 519-833-1061 or Joy 519-855-4248.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12
Meeting of the Orangeville & District Horticultural Society, 7:30 pm, at the Orangeville Seniors Centre (26 Bythia St). Topic: "Gardens of Ireland". Refreshments served. Visitors welcome.
MS Self Help Group meets 7-9 pm, at Christ Church Anglican (22 Nancy St, Bolton). Support group for those dealing with multiple sclerosis. Location is fully wheelchair accessible. Call Dorothy 905-880-0969.