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Guild Inn Update The Clock is Ticking!

In the last issue of the News and Views, the results of the community survey were announced along with a discussion of Metro's Request for Proposal (RFP) for operations at the Guild Inn.

On December 4, 1996, Metro placed ads that invited "proposals from individuals and corporations interested in developing and operating fine dining facilities at the Guild Inn." The ads, placed in the Toronto Star and the Globe and Mail continued: "Two additional opportunities exist for proponents bidding on the above proposal. These include development of family style dining facilities in the adjacent Studio Building and renovation and operation of overnight accommodation in parts of the Inn Building."

The fate of the Hotel Tower is left in the bidder's hands. No other buildings are included in the RFP and only those grounds immediately adjacent to the buildings will be under the control and care of the operator. The rest of Guildwood Park will remain a Metro public park.

It is Metro's intention to have a single operator for all operations on the site. The closing date for the RFP was January 31, 1997.

In addition to the ad, letters and RFP packages were sent to over 700 people and businesses in Metro, Canada, the United States, Great Britain and Europe. On January 10, several very interested bidders attended a vendors presentation at the Guild Inn. Following this meeting, a tour of the Guild Inn, the Hotel Addition and the Studio was conducted by Metro. A request was made by

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GUILDWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Election of the 1997 Executive:

- ✔ President
- ✓ Vice-President
 - ✓ Secretary
 - ✓ Treasurer

Please bring your membership card

Wednesday March 19, 1997 7:30 P.M. Sharp

Jack Miner Senior Public School 405 Guildwood Parkway Common Room

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Guild Inn Update Continued

several bidders to extend the deadline to February 28, 1997.

Fred Bate, GVCA President, attended this meeting to represent the views of the community and the Association. Fred noted that there were several individuals who were genuinely interested in the operations of the Guild - both the restaurant and accommodation operations. Metro has made available to the bidders all information regarding the current operations and building conditions. In addition, Metro has recommended that all bidders review the "Community Survey Results" document prepared by the GVCA to recognize the communities interests. The bidders were also urged to remember that the opportunity is unique because of the location of the Guild Inn on the most unique site in all of Metro.

With the uncertain times ahead for Metro and the MegaCity, your Executive believes that this will be the last opportunity to find an operator who will take over the site and turn it into an attractive and successful operation. Your Association has

been working very hard to ensure that all avenues have been explored to find the best solution.

At the time of writing this article, it is not known how many nor what type of proposals will be made. However, there will be a major presentation at the Annual General Meeting on March 19, 1997. Please attend this very important meeting to hear the latest results.

Late Breaking News

The Proposal deadline passed at January 31 with no formal proposals being submitted.

The Guild Inn has been temporarily closed for the period from early January until March 30 - Easter Brunch. The management has indicated that this cost saving measure will help to ensure that the Inn will stay operating for the rest of 1997. The sales office is open for reservations at 261-3331.

There are no plans for operations past the end of this year. Please come out to the Annual General Meeting on March 19 to hear the latest updates.



Executive Committee

Fred Bate, President	.287-2497
GVCA HotLine	410-2755
Sam Borgh, Past President	282-4786
Mary Ellen Berwick, Vice-President	265-1326
Donna Milovanovic, Treasurer	
Pat Sands, Secretary	267-8387

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287-2497
266-0294
286-5130
269-2682
283-6043
269-0003
283-8701
284-6949
269-5610

Dates to Remember

March 19, 1997	Annual General Meeting
May 3, 1997	Membership Drive
May 31, 1997	Garage Sale
June 7, 1997	Guildwood Day
December 7	Christmas Celebration

Guildwood News & Views

The Guildwood News & Views is published four times a year with occasional special editions. Submissions are welcome and must be received by the following dates:

Winter edition	January 31
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Summer edition	May 31
Fall edition	Sept. 15

Include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with any submission item you wish returned.

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GVCA Constitutional Changes

Three motions will be presented at the annual general meeting to incorporate the following changes to the constitution:

A new article to be inserted as follows:

Article 6 - Associate Memberships

- (a) Associate memberships in the association is open to anyone 18 years or over who regularly frequents the Area (as defined in Article 2)
- (b) Payment of membership entitles the person to all the privileges of a member except the following:
 - 1. Delivery of the News and View
 - 2. Voting rights

Modification of the following text under meetings:

The Annual General Meeting shall be held as early as possible, but no later than 90 calendar days into the new fiscal years.

Deletion of the following line under meetings:

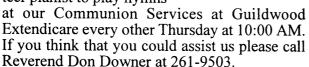
In addition to the Annual General Meeting there shall be at least one other General Meeting during each fiscal year.

A full copy of the constitution will be available at the Annual General Meeting for review.

Sam Borgh, GVCA Past President

Piano Volunteer Needed

The Holy Trinity Anglican Church needs a volunteer pianist to play hymns



Membership Drive

The G.V.C.A.'s membership drive will soon be right around the corner, and with it a small army of volunteer canvassers.

Your annual membership fee of \$10.00 per family sponsors events and items such as Guildwood Day, the Christmas Celebration, a dance and the newsletter.

The Association also has a long tradition of raising a strong voice for Guildwood Village in affairs concerning our neighbourhood, which lately has been the future of the Guild Inn.

Volunteers are not only welcome but needed. Would you be able to give about two to three hours of your time this year spread over two evenings and a weekend, knocking on the doors of a few of your neighbours to collect memberships?

Before your eyes glaze over at the thought, remember - it'll be a lot warmer by then, and if you don't know your neighbours very well, this is a great opportunity to meet them!

So, if you're interested at all in helping with the 1997 membership drive this spring (May 3 to 10) please call me at 265-1326.

THANKS!

Mary Ellen Berwick
GVCA Vice-President

40th Annual Guildwood Day Saturday, June 7, 1997

Guildwood Day will be held on Saturday, June 7 at Laurier Collegiate.

This will be our 40th annual celebration. Enthusiastic community members, to organize the various activities, are required to make this day the success that it has always been. If you can spare an hour or two to help with this annual celebration, please call the GVCA Hotline at 410-2755 and leave your name and number.

Anyone wishing to rent a display table to sell their crafts or to promote local happenings, we want to hear from you. Cost per table is only \$25. Call the GVCA Hotline at 410-2755 to reserve now.

Time To Say Thanks!

As the 1996/97 Association year comes to a close, I would like to express my personal thanks to the many people who have made the year so enjoyable.

All the members of the Executive Committee have worked very hard on your behalf to make living in this great neigh-

bourhood so wonderful. The Members at Large, those who assist us during the year but do not hold one of the four elected positions, have once again added their valuable perspectives to our meetings and planning. The many activities that are sponsored by your membership dues would not be possible without the Committee's efforts. Thanks to everyone who helped during the year through the many meetings and phone calls with your unique perspectives, ideas and support.

A big thanks also to your neighbours who volunteer their time to help us in canvassing during the Membership Drive, and those who deliver the News and Views. This contribution of time and effort is a very special and important way of supporting your Association and making Guildwood a better place.

There has been a lot of activity regarding the Guild Inn this year and all of the people mentioned above have assisted with ideas, plans and meetings. In particular, I would like to thank the Association subcommittee focusing on the Guild Inn for their support.

Since this is the end of my second term as President, the Constitution requires that I now step down. The new Executive will have a lot to do and will depend on you once again. Thanks for all your support over these past two years. Please help the new Executive as you have helped me.

Fred Bate

GVCA President

Scarborough Philharmonic

Firebird - May 10th, 8 p.m. (261-0380) Birchmount Park C.I, \$16.00-\$13.00, Students \$6.00 - Special to Guildwood Residents - Buy One Get One Free

Help Spread The Word

The News and Views reaches out to everyone in Guildwood and we are in need of volunteers to help spread the good word around the neighbourhood.

If you have a good pair of walking shoes and enjoy the fresh air, then we can use your help in distributing the News and Views. We need a few reliable volunteers to deliver the News and Views to homes on Morningside Ave., from the railroad tracks to Guildwood Parkway. We also need some folks to deliver to the townhouses at the bottom of Livingston Road. (#26 Livingston).

We will also need a Distribution Co-ordinator to deliver to the territory distributors beginning in March.

If you have some time to spare and would like to be part of the GVCA distribution team please call and leave a message on the GVCA Hotline 410-2755.

Keith Chapin

News and Views Distribution Coordinator

Good Neighbours

Peter Lau

& Norm Ireland I would like to mention a good neighbour on our street who always takes time to take care of



his neighbours. Peter Lau shovels their walks/driveways, mows and rakes their lawns and provides them with a ride when needed. He never stops, he is continuously puttering about getting things done, and I know that all that he does is much appreciated by all.

Special thanks to Norm Ireland for bringing Santa Claus to our home on a rainy December afternoon. My 2 year old son was absolutely thrilled, and now wants to know when Santa will visit our house again.

Leslie Moore Wooster Wood

What Does the MegaCity Mean to Guildwood?

With all the media focus these days on the future of MegaToronto and the effect it will have on taxes and services, it is time to pause and think about how it will affect our community.

Of primary concern is the responsiveness the new government will have toward community concerns and issues. Currently, we have a local Scarborough councillor representing 23,000 residents in an area that includes Guildwood, Scarborough Village and Cliffcrest Village. In-

formation about all Scarborough services and how changes to them will affect us is easily obtained by contacting our councillor.

In addition, we have a Metro councillor who represents a larger area that includes Guildwood and extends west to Birchmount and north to Eglinton. Metro services are those that affect an area be-

yond the local municipal boundaries and that require management at a broader level.

The new MegaCity proposes to replace both levels of government with one. The elected representative will be responsible for an area that is larger than our current Metro representative's boundaries. It will consist of approximately 53,000 residents in an area bounded by Sheppard to the north, Markham to the west and Morningside and Highland Creek to the east. This councillor will have many residents, businesses, community associations and special interest groups competing for his or her time. Current plans propose that Neighbourhood Advisory Councils composed of volunteers will have the ear of the Councillor in matters relating directly to residents and planning.

The GVCA has traditionally been apolitical - that is we have no political agenda. The GVCA responds to change in a structural, rational way and provides valuable input to the political decision making process. The voice of the Guildwood Village Community Association is more important than ever to ensure that our community receives the attention we require to keep Guildwood a safe, prosperous and friendly neigh-

bourhood.

These changes are being debated as I write this article, but they will most likely go ahead. The Association is your voice to government. We act as a contact point for those who have difficulty in finding the right official or representative to fix a problem. We refer people to appropriate government and social services as they require. We also sponsor and promote several community events each year. All this takes time. Its all important and needs to get done.

Simply put, we need your help.

You don't have to commit to a large amount of time. Attending the monthly meetings or helping

with community issues may be of interest to you. Volunteering for Guildwood Day, the fall dance or the Christmas Celebration would be appreciated. Helping us out distributing the News and Views or during the Membership Drive are also very important.

Do you have an idea on how to make Guildwood a better

place to live? Please contact the Association Hot Line at 410-2755 to ask how you can help.Bring your suggestions to us. Come out to the Annual General Meeting on March 17 and get involved. You won't regret it!

Fred Bate GVCA President



Special Thanks

Bill Schachow has been the News and Views computer layout specialist for the past six years. Not only has he created over 20 issues for us, but has also helped with the numerous flyers and notices that we print from time to time. Bill has asked that we give someone else the opportunity to do this.

I would like to thank Bill for his hard work, dedication to the task, and his strong community spirit. All the best in your future endeavors Bill.

We welcome our new layout person, Paula Bate, with this issue.



GUILDWOOD LIBRARY

396-8872

At the Library

Mon. & Thurs.

12:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Tues, Fri. & Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday & Wednesday

closed

LIBRARY NEWS - WINTER EDITION 1997

COOKING IDEAS THAT ARE: NEW, DIFFERENT AND HEALTHIER

VEGETARIAN

DIET FOR A SMALL PLANET (by Francis Moore Lappe) - a new edition of a classic vegetarian cookbook - it gives good guidance on becoming a vegetarian and includes nutritionally balanced recipes.

AMERICAN VEGETARIAN COOKBOOK - (by Marilyn Diamond) from the coauthor of FIT FOR LIFE.

HEALTHIER COOKING

COOK IT LIGHT CLASSICS (by Jeanne Jones)

ENLIGHTENED EATER (by Rosie Schwartz) Canada's best selling guide to wellbeing through nutrition

FLYING SAUSAGES (by Bruce Aidells) Recipes for creating and cooking with chicken and turkey sausages

NATHALIE DUPREE COOKS EVERYDAY MEALS FROM A WELL-STOCKED PANTRY (by Nathalie Dupree) a wide variety of everyday and interesting meals using a reasonable selection of ingredients

QUICK AND EASY (by the American Heart Association)

WHAT'S FOR DINNER (by Ken Kostick) - based on the Friendly Kitchen Co's TV show

FOOD ALLERGIES

COMPLETE FOOD ALLERGY COOKBOOK (by Marilyn Gioannini) this new book gives information and recipes for "the foods you've always loved without the ingredients you can't have". Information on grains like Spelt, Quinoa and others.

ONTARIO PRODUCE

ONTARIO HARVEST COOKBOOK: AN EXPLORATION OF FEASTS AND FLAVOURS (by Judy Aitken) - featuring delicious regional and ethnic recipes using Ontario produce.

NEW BEST SELLERS YOU CAN RESERVE

Atwood, Margaret ALIAS GRACE
Binchy, Maeve EVENING CLASS
Cookson, Catherine BONNY DAWN

Deighton, Len CHARITY
Grafton, Sue M IS FOR MALICE

Perry, Anne WEIGHED IN THE

BALANCE

Steel, Danielle SILENT HONOR

Small and Home Business Resources

Your local library can help you find resources about small and home businesses. Drop in and bring your questions to an information session at the Guildwood Library on Thursday, May 1, 1997. You may attend either from 1:30 - 3.30 p.m. or from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Christmas Celebration

The Christmas lights at the Guild Inn were never more beautiful and colourful than this year. Unfortunately, for the first time in many years, the Christmas Celebration at the Guild Inn was cancelled due to the inclement weather. The decision to cancel the Christmas Carolling was made with great reluctance and regret but three days of rain made the Guild Inn grounds very soggy and unable to support the estimated 500 people expected at the Celebration. My apologies to all who were disappointed by the cancellation.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who gave generously of their time and energy. I would like to thank Mrs. Susan Rightmeyer for updating the posters, the volunteers who distributed the

Christmas Celebration flyers, Mrs. Shirley Knautz for agreeing to be pianist, the Scarborough Village Singers for preparing to lead the carolling, the 3rd East and West Scarborough Scouts who reserved their time to help out at the Celebration, Santa and his elves, Mr. Arnold of Valu-Mart for refunding the unused Hot Chocolate, and many other people too numerous to mention for their help in the preparation of this event.

I would also like to thank Mr. Brian Ashton for securing the permit for the Christmas Celebration. Many thanks also to the management and staff of the Guild Inn and Metro Parks and Culture for their assistance in organizing this event.

The canned goods and several boxes of candy canes were donated to the Food Bank.

Hopefully, the weather will cooperate this year and we will be able to hold our wonderful Christmas Celebration in 1997. See you there.

Sherry Ng

Christmas Celebration Coordinator

GVCA AWARD

Congratulations to Mr. Stephen Richards who was the winner of the 1996 Guildwood Village Community Association award. This award is presented to the student who has demonstrated great personal commitment to the Drug Information Students (DIS) program at Laurier Collegiate for at least two years.

1996 Halloween Dance

From its inception the Halloween Dance has been less and less popular as you will conclude from the attendance history below:

<u>Year</u>	Tickets Sold
1993	314
1994	225
1995	127

When we totalled all of the ticket sales for 1996 one week before the dance, it became obvious that it was impractical to continue with the 1996 Halloween Dance. The Guildwood Village Community Association's Executive Committee decided to cancel the dance and minimize the expenses. The Dance requires a minimum of 150 people to cover all the expenses incurred in this endeavour.

I would like to extend my thanks to Susan Rightmeyer of *Susan Did It* for providing our wonderful posters.

We welcome your ideas and suggestion as to what kind of social event the Association should sponsor in the future.

Please call the GVCA Hotline 410-2755 with your ideas.

Nina Borgh Halloween Dance Coordinator

Garage Sale

The Annual Guildwood Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 31, 1997 with a rain date of Sunday, June 1.

What a great time to get all those valuable treasures out of the basement. Why not go to an overstuffed closet now and ask yourself "When was the last time I used that thing?"

The GVCA will place two ads in the Scarborough Mirror and place a sign on our bulletin board at Value-Mart as a reminder.

Get all your stuff ready for this annual event!

NEIGHBOURHOOD OUTREACH QUESTIONNAIRE

Your neighbourhood churches would like to be partners with you in continuing to make this community a great place to be. You can help by using this questionnaire to identify activities or programs which will be of interest to you and your family. Feedback will be provided through a community forum to be held on Saturday, March 22nd at 10:00 am at the Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church. Doughnuts/muffins and coffee will be available.

Please complete the questionnaire and drop it off at the *Guildwood Library* or mail before the end of February to the *Church of the Holy Trinity*, 85 Livingston Road, Scarborough. M1E 1K7

FOCUS ON TEENS		
Which of the following would you attend or volunteer to help with?	Attend	Volunteer
1. After school/lunch time drop-in centre		
2. Support services (e.g. homework help, someone to talk to)		encontracts
Please specify:		
3. Sports activities (e.g. basketball hoops)	_	
Please specify:		
4. Other		_
Please specify:		
FOCUS ON ADULTS		
	Attend	Volunteer
Which of the following would you attend or volunteer to help with? Interest/Support Groups for:	Анена	y Otumeer
1. Separated/divorced		
•	_	**********
2. Widowed	_	
3. Singles	white the same of	
4. Young mothers		******
5. Parents of teens		
6. Men		******
7. Unemployed		
8. Domestic violence		
9. Disabled		
10. Other (please specify)		
FOCUS ON SENIORS		
Which of the following would you attend/use or volunteer to help with?	Attend/Use	Volunteer
1. Telephone assurance program		
2. Friendly visitor		
3. Craft group		
4. Seniors' drop-in centre		
5. Help with shopping/groceries		
6. Bereavement support		
7. Other (please specify)		
GENERAL COMMUNITY FOCUS		
Which of the following would you use or volunteer to help with?	Use	Volunteer
1. A place for quite reflection		
2. Community kitchen (co-operative meal preparation)		
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Which of the above activities or programs due you consider the most importan	nt?	
Further suggestions or additional comments		
Please indicate the age group(s) responding to this questionnaire: Under	21 21-55	Over 55
Name and Phone Number (optional) Name:	Phone:	