

NOTICES

BRITISH CHILD IMMIGRANTS TO CANADA, “In their own words”, March 20, 1:30 pm at the Stittsville Library. Presented by the Goulbourn Township Historical Society.

“OPEN TABLE AT ST. THOMAS” 1619 Main Street, The third Saturday of every month, 4:30 p.m.
EVERYONE WELCOME

ST. PATRICK’S SUPPER, Saturday, March 27th, St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Carleton Place. Entertainment: “SIXPENCE”

COMMUNITY LETTER FROM SHAD – re: Elimination of OC Transpo rural premiums and Stittsville Appreciation Awards Nominations.

Check bulletin board at rear entrance for more details

MISSION CAPSULES

GUATEMALA

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Denise Van Wissen, a nutritionist working with the *Fraternidad de Presbiteriales Mayas* in Guatemala. Denise offers basic nutrition education workshops to women’s groups and works with a group of nutrition promoters to further education efforts in health and nutrition. She helps the *Fraternidad* with program planning, monitoring and evaluation and preparation of annual reports. Denise appreciates the richness of Guatemalan culture, and gives thanks to God for the privilege of working with and serving Mayan women.

~Our days are like identical suitcases — all the same size, but some people pack more in them than others.~

~An argument is the longest distance between two points of view.~

PUTTING IT OUT THERE

We used to play spin the bottle when I was a kid," says comedy writer Gene Perret. "A girl would spin the bottle, and if the bottle pointed to you when it stopped, the girl could either kiss you or give you a nickel. By the time I was 14, I owned my own home."

Gotta admire persistence. Because rejection is hard to take. Especially when it comes from someone you know. Or, come to think about it, someone you don't know.

And we all want to be appreciated. We like being valued for what we do and who we are.

American football coach Bum Phillips lives in a world where one can become a hero or a heel in an amazingly short time. One mediocre season and a coach, even a good one, can be out of a job. Like Phillips once said, "There's only two kinds of coaches -- them that's been fired and them that's about to be fired." Sounds like they might want to make friends with rejection.

Few things hold people back more than the fear of rejection. They don't ask for what they need because the answer may be no. They don't ask their boss for a raise or for more time off. They don't ask for help. They are afraid to be the first to say "I love you" (what if they don't hear "I love you" back?). They don't ask for a better deal or a lower interest rate. They don't submit that manuscript to a publisher. In short, they don't let their wants and needs be known, for fear of being turned away, turned down or turned out.

But the wonderful truth is this: If you can accept NO for an answer, you can ask for anything. ANYTHING. When no is an acceptable and okay answer to what you'd like, you can fearlessly ask for whatever you need.

I love the expression, "I'm just putting it out there." Just put it out there. Ask. And don't worry about the response. Nobody can say YES if you never asked. Just put it out there and don't be afraid -- you may be surprised at the answer you get. Sometimes people just need to be asked. And if you don't get the response you want, are you any worse off than before? Hey -- I'm just putting it out there.



Anyone interested in having a copy of the Church Phone Directory may pick one up in the Mail Slot at the top of the front stairs.

HELP WANTED:

Our Sunday School and Youth group is growing and so is our need for Teachers and Leaders. Please contact any of the Leaders or Rev. Doug if you would be interested in helping in this very rewarding area. Also, Kim has been doing an amazing job of coordinating the two groups and would appreciate a long deserved break and is hoping someone will give prayerful consideration to taking over the job of Sunday School Superintendent starting in September.

ATTENTION YOUTH GROUP

THERE WILL BE A MOVIE NIGHT ON MARCH 27TH – 6:30-9:00 P.M. AT THE ALLARD HOME. ADMISSION WILL BE AN ITEM FOR THE FOOD BANK. PLEASE CALL KIM – (831-3483) OR MARLENE – (836-4147) IF YOU ARE ABLE TO COME.