

METRO DIGEST

Safe-school activists get medals

Two board members of the Citizens for A Safe Learning Environment were recently honoured with a pair of Queen's Golden Jubilee Medals.

Karen Robinson, president and CEO, and Debbie Hum, vice-president of the group, are both founding members of the provincial organization.

Robinson was recognized for her outstanding contributions in the field of health, and Hum received the medal for her volunteer contributions to her community and the province.

Robinson and Hum were also instrumental in the recent design and construction of the new Halifax West High School.

Both agree the Nova Scotia government's recent long-term plan for school replacement and renovation is a good step forward.

"We have pressed for years for proactive, long-term-planning approaches to school improvement, and we are pleased to be seeing this happen," said Robinson.

For more information on CASLE and healthy schools, see the Web site: www.chebucto.ns.ca/Education/CASLE.

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The Atlantic Film Festival is looking for volunteers for the third annual alFresco filmFesto.

Volunteers are needed for the outdoor summer film series on the Halifax waterfront. Volunteer positions are available for set-up, tear-down, concessions and the merchandise and information booth during the July 11, 18 and 25 and Aug. 1 screenings.

For more information, call 422-3456 or visit the alFresco Web site at www.atlanticfilm.com.

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JUBILEE MEDALS: Debbie Hum (left) and Karen Robinson, from Citizens for a Safe Learning Environment, with medals.

Jill Grant of Halifax will be honoured today, along with five others from across Canada, with the Award for Planning Excellence from the Canadian Institute of Planning today.

Grant, of Dalhousie University, is honoured in the category of Impact on the Profession for her work entitled *Mixed Use in Theory and Practice*.

The awards are presented to planning projects and judged on their excellence, innovation and contribution to the body of professional knowledge, implementation potential and presentation.

The awards committee reviewed 31 projects from across Canada. The six winning projects "truly epitomize the high standards of quality

and professionalism deserving of recognition" said committee chairman Blake Hudema.

The winners will be recognized formally at an awards banquet at Halifax's World Trade Centre at 9 p.m.

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TODAY

BLOOD CLINICS: If you'd like donate blood, you can do so at: Mount Uniacke Fire Hall from 5:30 p.m. or in New Glasgow Summer Street Industries from noon to 3 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. For more information, call Blood Services at 474-8250.

DROP IN SESSION: If you've lost loved one and would like a place to go to share your grief, the Grief Circle may be the answer. It's offering free drop-in sessions Tuesday evenings from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Spencer House, 5596 Morison St., Halifax. Participants can speak or just listen and may attend the group as often as they wish. For more information, call 446-0922 or e-mail hospice@eastlink.ca

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: People are needed to fill varied shifts: Life Bus Drivers. Volunteers would be responsible for transporting groups of donors from local meetings to the Halifax Blood Donor Clinic, 1940 Gottingen St. Training provided. For more information, call 474-8238.

HELP NEEDED: The Metro Food Bank Society is looking for enthusiastic and committed volunteers willing to help in several areas. Call 457-1900.

LITERACY PROGRAM: The Learning Disability Association of Nova Scotia's Summer LINKS Program will begin today at the Dartmouth I.W. Akerley Campus-NSCC. The program aims to help children in grades 1 to 6 who are at least one year behind in reading and writing skills. For more information, call Liiva at 423-2850.

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