



Big Brothers of Sarnia-Lambton

APRIL, 2004

BINGO DATES

Wednesday, April 14, 2004 – 11:45 a.m.

Saturday, April 17, 2004 – 7:00 p.m.

(Note: All Bingo's are held at Bingo Country on Upper Canada Drive)

HAPPY EASTER

DINOSAURS RULE AT DISCOVERY HOUSE MUSEUM!

When: Wednesday, April 21st, 6:30 PM

**Where: Discovery House Museum, 475 Christina St. N.
(across from Keelans)**

Discovery House Museum is opening just for Big and Little Brothers on this date so we can explore the world of dinosaurs for ourselves. This new exhibit, a Dino Discoveryland, is what awaits us and it provides plenty of hands on opportunities to explore, create and even dig for your own dinosaur fossils. We hope you will come and see the dinosaur display. You'll really Dig It!

Of course Discovery House offers much more to see and do as part of their permanent displays including a room size electric train set, and a lot of historical pieces from this area. There's bound to be something for everyone so you won't want to miss it. Please let us know by April 19th if you will be joining us.



TASTINGS 2004 **Friday, June 4th** **On-The Front**

Our hardworking committee is in place and plans for Tastings 2004 are underway. Tastings 2004 is on Friday, June 4, 2004 at 7:00 p.m., On-The Front, 201 Front St. N. Tickets are priced at 2 for \$100, part of which will be tax deductible. We are grateful to Assante who has graciously agreed to be the event sponsor. This is a chance to sample some of Canada's finest wines and micro-brewery products, along with a large selection of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. Come out to Sarnia's social event of the year and in turn, you will be helping us to continue to provide our services to the children of Sarnia-Lambton.

For more information please call the Big Brothers office (336-0460)

STEEPLEJACK DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL



Big Brothers of Sarnia-Lambton and the Rotary Club of Sarnia are pleased to announce the 5th Annual Steeplejack Dragon Boat Festival will be held on Saturday, August 28th in Sarnia Bay, Centennial Park. This is a mixed regatta. All teams must have a minimum of 8 female paddlers for a total race compliment of 20 paddlers, 1 drummer & 1 steersperson. The entry fee is \$750 (which works out to be \$36 per person). Once again we are able to offer extra practice sessions at \$45 an hour.

Come and join the fun! Be part of Sarnia's Fifth Annual Dragon Boat Festival and help two worthy causes at the same time. You will enjoy a day of fun, competition and comradery.

For more information please call Mike at the Big Brothers office(336-0460)

SUMMER PROGRAM

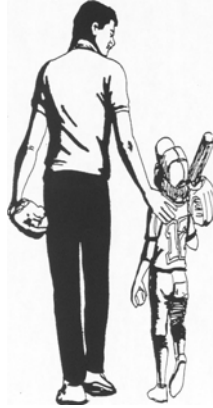
Promotion is now on for the agency's Be A Big Brother for the Summer Program. Summer Big Brothers/Couple Matches are matched for the months of May through September with the option of continuing on as a full time Big Brother or Couple Match. This would be a great opportunity for anyone thinking about becoming a volunteer to try the program! If anyone you know fits this category, have them call the office for further information.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Ashton & Joseph V.
April 10, 2003

Patrick Cahill & Louis K.
April 12, 1999

Robert Vandervies & Brad A.
April 10, 2002



Robert Ballinger & Christopher D.
April 4, 2001

Rob Jenkins & Dylan H.
April 16, 2002

DADS THE MUSICAL produced by Marcott Production

A FUNDRAISER FOR BIG BROTHERS

All performances are at the Library Theatre, Christina Street, Sarnia. Ticket prices are adults \$17.00 seniors/students \$14.00, special dinner/matinee package (May 15) available at Lola's Lounge 110 Christina St. N. or Big Brothers 336-0460.

Tickets are available at all TD Canada Trusts (Sarnia), Big Brothers (193 George St.), Toy Corner (1030 Confederation), Kitchen Widgets (129 Mitton St.) Shoppers Drug Mart (Bright's Grove), Tickets and More (Northgate).

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

April

- 9** Lion's Easter Egg Hunt, Lion's Pavillion, Greenwood Park-Petrolia
- 10** Easter in the Park, Canatara Park-Sarnia
- 16-18** Sarnia Home & Recreation Show, Clearwater Arena-Sarnia
- 23-25** Battle at the Border, Flyball Dog Tournament-Sarnia Arena
- 24** Town Wide Garage Sale-Petrolia
- 25** Howard Watson Nature Trail Clean-up, Modeland & Cathcart Trail-Sarnia
- 27-May 1** "Front Page" – Play, Imperial Oil Center for the Performing Arts-Sarnia
- 30-May 9** Annual Sarnia Salmon Derby-Upper St. Clair River/Lower Lake Huron



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

April 18th–24th is National Volunteer Week and we'd like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt appreciation to all the Big Brothers, Couple Matches, Board of Directors, Mentors, Committee Members and all the volunteers behind the scenes. Never forget you are the heart and soul of Big Brothers of Sarnia-Lambton.

CONTEST

We need your help selling tickets to "DADS The Musical".

The Big and Little Brother who sell the highest number of tickets will win 4 passes to the CN Tower and the Hockey Hall of Fame.

If you are up to the challenge come by the Big Brothers office for your tickets.

We have held similar contests in the past and the numbers sold were limited so the chances of winning are great!!!

THANK YOU GRAMS

Our heartfelt thanks go out to Jake VanRooyen and the Bluewater Anglers for the fun and informative tour of Bluewater Fish Hatchery. We learned a lot about what this dedicated group of volunteers does behind the scenes to help keep fish populations up in this area and had a good time in process. Those of you who missed this activity may want to consider taking part in a public tour sometime because there's a lot to see.

IT'S GOOD TO BELONG

One of the good things about our group activities is that they let our Little Brothers see that they are not alone. Many of our Little Brothers think that they are the only ones whose parents are separated or divorced. When you bring them to our group activities it gives them an excellent opportunity to meet boys in similar circumstances. It gives them a great deal of comfort and reassurance to meet boys who live on their street, attend the same school or are in the same class. Many good friendships have developed between Little Brothers from meeting one another at activities.