

# Character Community



## E-News



*A Town of Richmond Hill initiative.*

*A Town of Richmond Hill Character Community monthly e-letter*

## September is Courage

*I will stand up for my beliefs  
and principles and face  
challenges, fear and difficulty  
with fortitude.*

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## Keeping It In The Family

*By: Authour Unknown*

2003 marked an historic year for the volunteers at Plymouth lifeboat station as they celebrated the 200th anniversary of the launch of their very first lifeboat.

200 years later they have their fifteenth lifeboat – the £2M Severn class lifeboat Sybil Mullen Glover.

2003 also saw Second Coxswain Sean Marshall receive the RNLI's Bronze Medal for a rescue on 21 May 2002 when the yacht Headstrong was adrift without power in a gale close to the Great Mew Stone.

The lifeboat arrived on scene to find the yacht only 800m from the shore and the four people on board suffering from seasickness and fatigue.

In gale force winds, a rough sea, 7m swell and poor visibility Coxswain Dave Milford used all his experience and skill to get lifeboat within leaping range so that Second Coxswain Sean Marshall could successfully jump onto the yacht.

The casualty was getting too close to the shore and so a towline had to be secured immediately. A line was thrown over to Sean, who was able to secure it on the foredeck of the yacht.

By now the casualty was just 400m from the shore and breaking seas were



entering the cockpit area in the worsening conditions.

Slowly the lifeboat towed the yacht out of immediate danger. The tow was tough going for all the crew and Sean had to hand steer the yacht in very difficult conditions but

eventually, after two hours, they reached the calm and safety of the River Tamar.

The three men and a woman were uninjured but exhausted.

For his bravery in jumping from the lifeboat onto the yacht Sean was awarded the RNLI's Bronze Medal. Coxswain Dave Milford was awarded the Thanks of the Institution Inscribed on Vellum.

The award of the Bronze Medal came 25 years after Sean's father, former Coxswain Patrick Marshall, also received a Bronze Medal, along with former Mechanic Cyril Alcock, for saving three people from a fishing vessel in 1978 – certainly a case of keeping it in the family!

**Source:**

[http://www.rnli.org.uk/what\\_we\\_do/rnli\\_gallantry/stories\\_of\\_courage/story\\_9](http://www.rnli.org.uk/what_we_do/rnli_gallantry/stories_of_courage/story_9)

## Character Community Day Is Coming!

The Town will be hosting Character Community Day on Wednesday, October 18 this year with the 2nd Annual Community Group Showcase at Hillcrest Mall from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. The day includes presentations by Mayor and Council, community group booths and displays, entertainment and more.

All Character Community Organizations will be mailed information for this event. If you have any questions or are interested in participating in this event please contact Risa Healey at (905) 884-0855, ext. 224 or by e-mail at [rhealey@richmondhill.ca](mailto:rhealey@richmondhill.ca).

### Town of Richmond Hill Character Community Organizations

Arts Richmond Hill Inc.

The Curtain Club

Girl Guides of Canada York South Division

Helpmate Community Information

Hills House Hospice

Ja'fari Islamic Housing

Learning Disabilities Association of York Region

Lions Club of Richmond Hill

Music For Young Children

My Canada! Integration Settlement Services

Optimist Club of Richmond Hill

Richmond Hill Aquatic Club

Richmond Hill Canoe Club

Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce

Richmond Hill Community Food Bank

Richmond Hill Rams

Richmond Hill Social & Bocce Club

Richmond Hill Training Centre

Richmond Hill Winter Carnival

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #375

Spiritual Assembly of the Bahai's of Richmond Hill

Stroke Recovery Network  
The Amici Centre

Wilderness Lifeskills of Youth Inc.

## RH Rams Join Character Community Organizations

Exciting Junior A hockey is coming to Richmond Hill this season with the opening of a new team in a new league. The Richmond Hill Rams, a new Character Community Organization, are set to begin play on Friday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Elvis Stojko Arena.



The team is part of a new seven team Junior A league called the Greater Metro Hockey League. Several local elite players will be on the team.

Team management is searching for interested local families who would be able to billet out-of-town players during the season. For more information please call (905) 884-0726.

## Courageous "Quotes"



"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen."

-Winston Churchill, British Prime Minister



"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I'll try again tomorrow."

-Mary Anne Radmacher, poet and artist



"You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing which you think you cannot do." -Eleanor Roosevelt, First Lady

**Next Month's Attribute:**  
October is Inclusiveness

## What Is Courage?

*Courage is demonstrated by people who stand up for what they believe in their heart to be the right thing to do, even when others don't support them and might try to convince them that they are wrong. There are several types of courage:*

### Physical Courage:

*Overcoming fears when you are required to do something physical, (i.e. dancing in front of friends).*

### Emotional Courage:

*Overcoming feelings of fear (i.e. standing up to a bully).*

### Spiritual Courage:

*Overcoming fears to act on values that are important to you (i.e. having the spiritual courage to take action against an injustice you see taking place).*



*Remember this familiar lion who needed a shot of courage from the Wizard?*



Showing their own courage are members of the Richmond Hill Lifesaving Club helping rescue a mock victim at the Ontario Lifeguard Championships held in Richmond Hill on August 6.

*Character Community E-News is a monthly e-mail newsletter to share information about upcoming events within our organization and beyond. If you would like to contribute upcoming Character Community event information, story ideas or photos, please forward it to the Editor, Michelle Lipkus, at [mlipkus@richmondhill.ca](mailto:mlipkus@richmondhill.ca).*