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Photo by Sarah Taylor.

Strength on display

Richard Gregg, from Orlando, Florida, participated in the Strongman fundraiser last Saturday. The event had participants from Canada, the United States and Sweden. For more photos, see page two.

Kids get cash for Humane Society

By Taylor Hermiston

It treats but no tricks for the Quinte Humane Society after Kael Mestre, five, and his sister Tayva, nine, walked their neighbourhood collecting donations instead of the usual tasty treats.

"It's great to see younger kids, especially their ages, taking an interest in helping their community," said Marja Smith, the HR manager at the Quinte Humane Society.

After the kids were told by their parents that they weren't going out for Halloween this year, the brother-sister duo decided to help fundraise money for a charitable organization and raised \$278.45 in two hours.

"Well daddy was just saying that we weren't going out for Halloween and I told him that I wasn't in for the candy but I liked going from house to house and seeing all the decorations. So daddy told us about the orange box," said Tayva Mestre.

Their father, Cory Mestre, told about the UNICEF box he would carry around, when he was a kid, on Halloween night to raise money. UNICEF is one of the world's best recognized charities for children and a leading advocate for children. It is helping to build a world where the rights of every child are realized.

"And then I thought about collecting money for the humane society. Animals are one of my most favourite things on earth and because kittens and doggies are so cute!" said Tayva.

The kids, along with their parents, walked around their neighbourhood, on Nisbet Avenue, for two hours collecting money. They also politely refused the candy that might have been filling their buckets and told their neighbours to save it for the other kids walking door-to-door.

Asked why they wanted to collect money for the Humane Society, Kael said so the animals can have a home.

"The money will most likely go towards the care of the animals, so food, shelter and seasonal vaccinations," said Smith.

The Mestre family has been involved with the Quinte Humane Society before by volunteering to walk the dogs and, when the time is right, they have been thinking about adopting a dog in the future.

The Quinte Humane Society is a non-profit organization maintained through the work of volunteers and charitable donations. It is located just outside Belleville on Avonlough Road and is always looking for more help. For more information on donating or volunteering, contact Cheryl at 613-540-2862.

'Party in Pink' supports cancer research

Second annual event
 a high-energy party
 at Trenton High School

By Brianne Ste Marie Lacroix

Lights and loud music filled the gym during the party in pink. It was a high-energy, Latin-fitness dance party in support of breast cancer.

The second Zumbathon event for Trenton was held last Friday in the gym at Trenton High School. Last year, Brenda Herrington, Lisa Farrell and Tara Feeney hosted their first ever Zumbathon in support of the Terry Fox Run.

This year, however, organizers decided to change things up and have a "Party in Pink" with all funds raised going to support breast cancer research. They were able to raise over \$700 for the cause by having a minimum of a \$10 participation fee and raffle tickets for a door prize.

"We wanted to support a different charity and also with breast cancer, most people have been touched by breast cancer somehow, whether it's their friends and family. There isn't anyone who hasn't been affected by it one way or another," said Herrington.

leville and of course Trenton as well.

The Party in Pink was a three-hour non-stop Zumba class and people were welcome to join the fun at any time and stay for as long as they pleased.

Different instructors would take the stage to lead the group of over 30 people after each set. They would do some of their songs and often other instructors would run to the front to instruct alongside their colleagues and had they all had a blast.

There was a variety in age groups among the women who attended the event. Herrington teaches Zumba on Thursday mornings where it's usually seniors, but she said that there are often teenagers who attend as well, because there's no age limit.

"People come into it and think 'Oh, I don't have any co-ordination, I can't do this.'

"But the fact is, is it's not what you do, but how you have fun doing it. You don't necessarily need to be doing exactly what the instructor is doing or what the person beside you is doing but it's whether you're having fun and enjoying yourself," said Herrington.

Thelma Dillon is one of the five instructors from Cobourg who participated in this event. She said her passion is dancing and doing Zumba helps keep you fit mentally and physically. She said it's really about having fun and making new friends.

"In my classes, it's not just come and go. We're a close group of friends and support each other," said Dillon.



Photo by Brianne Ste Marie Lacroix

The second annual Zumbathon hosted by Brenda Herrington and Lisa Farrell was a "Party in Pink" in support of breast cancer. Ae Lee was one of 11 Zumba instructors that attended to lead the group in a three-hour Zumba session.

Student hopes to get interest in photo club

First-year television
 and new media student
 wants to expand knowledge
 with help of others

By Matthew Desouza

Aaryaman Sundarakishnan is a first-year television and new media student with an ambitious idea. He is currently in the process of trying to get a photography club started up at Loyalist.

With film and photography going hand in hand, Sundarakishnan wants to expand his knowledge on photography, and his idea for the club will help him do that and will also help anyone else who is interested in photography.

"By using the photography club, I can interact with people. I can find out what kind of things people like in the school, and I can probably venture into different kinds of photography like sports and nature."

"By creating this club, we're bringing many different people in here who have no other ways to communicate or to do activities."

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