

# Previous books Tug of War and Rhineland re-leased, Dieppe reprinted

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"Like other veterans, he . . . wondered how historians came to emphasize failure when writing about Normandy," wrote Copp, professor and history chair of Sir Wilfrid Laurier University, in his postscript to *Victory at Falaise*.

"Denis Whitaker was one of those who attended (US commander General Bernard) Montgomery's famous conference at St. Paul's School in London (England) on Good Friday, April 1944, where the assembled officers were told that by D-plus-90, 6 September, the Allies hoped to occupy an area bounded by the Seine and the Loire (Rivers) and would then have to pause before mounting new operations to overwhelm the enemy before advancing to Germany.

"No one even suggested that the battle of France might end in August with the total defeat of two Germany armies and the liberation of both

France and Belgium," wrote Copp.

"I fought with the men of Normandy until I was wounded," wrote Denis in his prologue to the book, "and I rejoined them to fight for seven more months through Belgium, Holland, and Germany. . . we weren't fighting a war of individuals; we fought in cohesive, disciplined, well-trained units that pulled together to take objectives."

The Whitakers, known for their thorough research, traveled through Britain, Europe, the United States and Canada to conduct interviews and gather documents, maps, and photographs.

Since the release of their first book, *Tug of War*, the Whitakers discovered a growing interest in military history.

"Perhaps we can thank Stephen Spielberg's *Saving Private Ryan*," said Shelagh.

All four books were accepted, as manuscripts, by the same editor, Ron

Loney, who was with Stoddart for *Tug of War* and *Rhineland*; McGraw Hill for *Dieppe*; and is currently with HaperCollins.

**High school project becomes hat business**

What began as a high school project for Oakville's Jacqueline Sava nine years ago has grown into a thriving business.

Today she is the owner and head designer at JACQ'S, a thriving millinery business that grows with every new year.

When she registered her small business as a study of how to start one, she had no idea that almost 10 years later, that business would support her and consume her life.

What started out as jewelry and silk screening has turned into a nation wide design business.

JACQ'S has two main divisions: knit hats and accessories - both as an in-house line and private label, and Industrial Design product development.

The hat business has grown from children's fleece jester hats, originally sold at the Maple Grove United Church Christmas Bazaar and the Burlington Outdoor Art Sale to wholesale knit designs selling across Canada.

JACQ'S transitioned from retail to

wholesale operation a few years ago.

Stores such as PJ's Original Clothing on Lakeshore Road and Lana's in Bronte were among early retailers. Joining them is Chelsea's Hats and Knit Wear on Lakeshore Road this winter.

In the last two years, JACQ'S has focused on knitwear, having sold several of the original fleece designs to other hat manufacturing companies. JACQ'S knit designs are gaining recognition from coast to coast with sales representatives in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver.

JACQ'S Industrial Design department is also growing. Sava works with manufacturing companies developing in-house design departments and teaches in the Industrial Design and Fashion Arts programs at Humber College.

"I feel very strongly about giving back to the community - teaching is an exciting way to share knowledge and expose new minds to design," she says.

Sava discovered machine knitting at the Rhode Island School of Design.

some of the key individuals in the books, 55 years after World War II.

In addition, more copies of *Dieppe* have also been printed.

"While I was doing my Industrial Design thesis - an exhibition space and furniture, I took a knitting course in the textile department. I was suddenly spending more time developing knit structures than working on my thesis."

Sava studied at Rhode Island School of Design after graduating from Queen Elizabeth Park High School. The strong art program at QEP allowed Sava to explore her passion for design.

She has also studied at Sheridan College, the Ontario College of Art and Design, and Humber College.

"Since graduation I've lived all over the world. Rhode Island, New York City and even Paris, France, but I really enjoy being in Toronto. I have access to the world from here and I enjoy being close to my family and friends.

"Even though I now live in Toronto, I have chosen to keep my business banking and my roots in Oakville.

"There's a history of community support that can not be replaced."

Sava is a volunteer with the Oakville Big Sister Association.

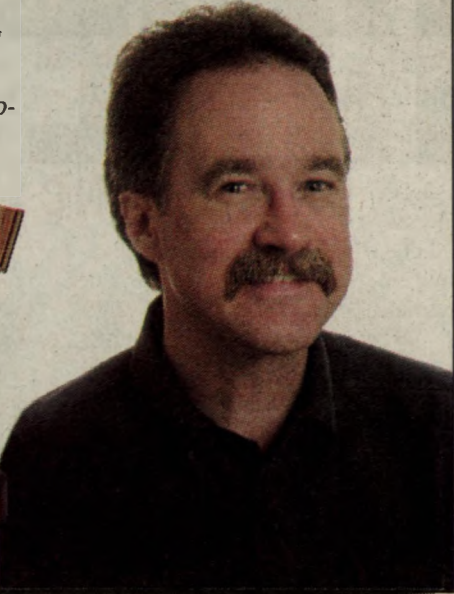
## Meet the Team


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**Howard Mozel**

Howard has been a member of the Oakville Beaver Editorial team for 19 years. As senior reporter, Howard covers municipal, provincial and federal politics, police, court and special features. Prior to that, Howard covered the arts scene in Oakville.

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### Rotary Club of Oakville North has had strong youth focus for years


With the Oakville Rotary Auction just a few weeks away, excitement is building and donated items are still pouring in from generous local businesses. There is no way you should miss all the fun and action on November 24 and 25 on Cogeco 23, and online at [www.oakvillerotary.org](http://www.oakvillerotary.org).

If you haven't marked your calendar already, do it now! Last week, we looked at some of the youth projects undertaken by the Rotary Club of Oakville Trafalgar. Today, it's Oakville North's turn.

Club president Andrew Caird (from Access Computer Services in northeast Oakville) is justifiably proud of his club's dedication to local youth.

He is extremely excited about a new program they launched just two weeks ago, referred to as "The Club" and coordinated by Big Brothers and Big Sisters. RCON is one of the funding agencies for the after-school tutoring project, and is the first local Rotary Club to get involved. More than 50 students at St. James' Catholic School on Morden Road have signed up for the program, which pairs some 60 volunteers with junior school students to help with reading, writing and arithmetic. Caird says members of the public have been very generous in donating their time. "We've got retirees, former teachers, high school students and even some firemen helping us out. The Club is a one-on-one tutoring program run in the school library for one to one-and-a-half hours, twice a week. We've modeled our project on one in Kitchener-Waterloo that has more than 1,000 students involved," Caird explains.

Another Big Brothers project Oakville North supports is the Soap Box Derby. This is the second year of involvement for the Rotary Club, and proceeds from the event go towards "The Club" after-school tutoring program. Rotary seeks corporate sponsors for the derby cars - provided by a Big Brother in Brampton - and Little Brothers drive them for the race behind the Oakville Public Library downtown. It's a real community day, Caird says, that brings out close to 70 per cent of RCON's 32 members. "We manage to raise



**OAKVILLE ROTARY AUCTION**

thousands of dollars, and lots of people from the local community come out to help us run the race, cook hotdogs, and more. Even the Fire Department shows up!" he says.

Camp Enterprise, another youth-oriented project, is a weekend getaway for local high students that helps familiarize them with all aspects of the business world. About 60 kids travel to a campground north of Burlington - the project was actually started and is run from Burlington - and volunteers go up to organize fun ways of learning and make 15-minute presentations about their own careers. "I actually volunteer to speak about the computer business. Keeping these kids entertained for 15-minutes talking about computers is one of the hardest things I've ever done," Caird laughs.

Another literacy-focused endeavour is the Munn's School Breakfast Program. RCON has been helping run it for three years, and provides food, and volunteers to serve it, twice a week. Caird says there are reasons beyond financial worries that prevent kids from having a nutritious breakfast: sometimes parents are working and don't have the time, or the desire, to make breakfast for their kids. He says he can't believe how many children in Oakville are able to take advantage of the program - which provides muffins, milk and juice - and how important it is for learning to be eating healthy meals. RCON also donated a refrigerator for the school to store perishables.

In addition to RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) scholarships - where the club sponsors local community youth leaders to attend an intensive training program in Bolton - Oakville North also provides a scholarship to a local Oakville student going on to attend university. The scholarship, based on need and demonstrated academic ability, is for \$3,500 the first year, and \$1,500 for each of three subsequent years.

Be sure to tune in to the Auction on November 24 and 25th to do your bit to help all of these wonderful activities!

Jennifer Kay handles marketing and promotions for the Auction.

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