

O'Connor Jewellers

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facts continue to exist today. One can only marvel at the detailed precision of the work created by artisans of a bygone era.

As mentioned, Gerry gets a lot of repeat business.

"In 1967, it was the first time I sold engagement rings to children of people I sold rings to in 1955," he says proudly.

Not surprising, young couples often refer other young couples to the business.

Gerry is a staunch supporter of the downtown core because "money spent here, stays here." His customers come from as far away as Ottawa and Toronto.

Son, John has joined the business. Jeannette Barrett, an employee, has been with Gerry 23 years. She actually began working for him earlier, but quit to raise seven children.

"When the baby was in kindergarten, I came back to work," says Jeannette with a smile.

The rarest piece of merchandise may very well be a key wind pocket watch, circa 1750 — made from 18 carat natural gold.

Certainly a close contender is a piece of stone reputed to be from King Solomon's Mines.



The qualified and friendly staff at O'Connor's Jewellers are (l-r) Gerry O'Connor, John O'Connor, Jeannette Barrett, Ingrid Moore and Bruno Marchiori. Missing is Darlene Burton.

It's contained in a gold case, circa early 1900s.

"A lot of jewellery made in the past has survived because of its quality," reiterates Gerry.

Success for Gerry means walking that extra mile which means providing excellent service. Oh, and smiles are important, too. O'Connor Jewellers had made plenty of friends over the years.

The nature of the business can be summed up this way:

"From the pocket watch to the talking clock." Yes, there are talking clocks and even sports watches which speak in English, Italian and French.

And O'Connor Jewellers

will even perform custom design work.

"If they don't see what they want, we custom design it" says Gerry.

And of course, they do repairs.

O'Connor Jewellers successfully combines the old and the new to feature quality merchandise.

Hours are 9:30 - 5 p.m., Monday to Friday and Saturday; Friday 9:30 - 7 p.m. Hours will be extended during Christmas.

Hours, by appointment, anytime. They will even make house calls. Please call 968-7422.