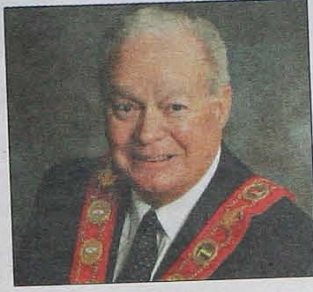


Milroy named president of national organization

W. Kent Milroy, long-time Port Elgin funeral director, was recently installed as President of the Funeral Service Association of Canada at their annual convention held in Mont Tremblant, Quebec.



Kent Milroy

The Funeral Service Association of Canada is the professional association representing funeral professionals across the country. The board of directors of the association is comprised of licensed funeral directors representing

each province. Milroy has represented the province of Ontario on that board for the past five years.

Milroy, along with his wife Charlanne who is also a licensed funeral director, operated the W. Kent Milroy Funeral Homes in Port Elgin and Paisley for 37 years until recently transferring ownership to Taylor and Kelly Brown.

The Brown family continues to operate the funeral homes under the Milroy banner.

Smith Saugeen Shores mayor again

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Mike Smith is once again mayor of Saugeen Shores while Luke Charbonneau changes chairs at the council table, being elected deputy mayor.

Smith took out challenger Victoria Serda, who was elected as a Port Elgin councillor in 2006, by more than 3,500 votes, 4,790 to 1,273, according to unofficial results released by the town Monday night. Charbonneau defeated incumbent deputy mayor Doug Frieburger by a margin of just under 600 votes, 3,541 to 2,999.

For Smith, the campaign was not just the past seven weeks, but the previous four year term.

"You go to all the events and you support your community," he said. "I enjoy doing that. I enjoy seeing all the groups in our community and supporting them where I can."

Smith is looking forward to the next term where he thinks early priorities will be to begin the Official Plan review process and continue to fos-

ter a great working relationship with Saugeen First Nation.

Serda was gracious in defeat, saying she did her best and hoped that the new council would consider some of the ideas she campaigned for.

"I think I ran a different kind of campaign than they've seen in town before, where I really tried to involve people and listen," she said. "It's disappointing, but the community has spoken."

The race between Charbonneau and Frieburger was expected to be a nail biter, with Charbonneau's margin of victory surprising many at the election parties in Saugeen Shores. But Charbonneau believed from the start his platform resonated with the voters.

"It's the waterfront, it's economic development, it's downtown, it's all the things that people really want to see happen," he said.

With the defeat, Frieburger draws the curtain, at least for now, on 13 years of public service for Port Elgin and Saugeen Shores.



Council bids farewell

Photo by Sarah Sloan

Saugeen Shores Mayor Mike Smith and other members of council bid farewell to councillor Victoria Serda and deputy mayor Doug Frieburger following last Monday evening's council meeting. Frieburger has spent the last 13 years on council and will be replaced by councillor Luke Charbonneau when the new term begins next month. Charbonneau's position on council will be filled by Gary Brown, and Serda's will be replaced by new councillor Marcel Legault.

Elgin Lodge residents helping Haiti

The fall and winter season is a great time of year to get knitting done, and that's what ladies at Elgin Lodge in Port Elgin have been doing. Many have been busily knitting sweaters, hats, socks, and scarves for the Southampton Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop and other good causes.

When Haiti was hit by the earthquake, several ladies quickly switched patterns to make Izzy dolls for the children in Haiti. Izzy dolls, also referred to as African comfort dolls, were created by a Canadian woman, Carol Isfeld. "While her son Master Corporal Mark Isfeld had been serving peacekeeping missions in other countries, he had seen that the children often

had no toys or belongings; a reality of war. His mother whipped up a little hand crocheted doll... a whole box worth, and sent them with Mark on his next mission. Mark eventually lost his life on June 21, 2004 while clearing landmines in Croatia, but the tradition of making and handing out these dolls lives on." Source: Myownfourcorners.blogspot.com.

Today, dolls continue to be made and sent with soldiers, with humanitarian aid, and with Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes.



Support for Saugeen Grannies

Photo by Patrick Bales

Copies of Anne Judd's *Grandmothers' Gardens* were on sale Saturday at the Chantry Island Cham-Bettes Christmas craft show at the Saugeen Grannies table. Judd, pictured at right, is donating the proceeds from the sale of the book of poems to the Grannies for their campaign to end AIDS as part of the Grandmothers-to-Grandmothers campaign through the Stephen Lewis Foundation. She was able to present Margitta Lange of the Grannies with the first portion of her sales Saturday while signing copies of the book. The Saugeen Grannies, founded by Hannelore Fulford, has already raised \$11,000 for their cause, primarily through the sale of second-hand jewellery as various craft shows and bazaars.