

# Here comes the bride ... all grown up

After attending a Fashion Bridal Show at GDHS recently, it makes me realize just how grown up many of my contemporaries have become.

Seeing people who I've known from Kindergarten on through high school, many of whom I haven't seen in three or four years, it is singularly impressive that these people have got their acts together and managed to make a major life commitment to another.

I say this knowing that I am nowhere close to getting my act together in such a way.

Don't misunderstand; I, too, thought I was heading in that direction not too long ago, but didn't for reasons better left unsaid in such a public forum.

It's amazing, when you think about it. Who would have thought that the same kids I used to play "cars" with in the sand pit at George Kennedy Public School, are now fully realized, functioning, responsible members of society. To be honest, it doesn't seem all that long ago that we were playing tag at recess, or sliding on the frozen ice during lunch hour.

Anyway, all this is simply to wish those who are about to embark on a lifetime together, best wishes and good luck n what I am certain will be an interesting journey.

## The road less traveled

Ever noticed anything odd about the streets and the street signs in Georgetown? Like the fact that some go by multiple names? I've even managed to find one example of two separate streets sharing the same name.

If someone told you to go to Princess Anne Drive, where would you go? Would you go to the area east southeast of Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, or would you go to the street which runs just east of the Halton Hills Civic Centre? Both would be correct, but it begs the question of why are there two streets with exactly the same name?

The Princess Anne Drive at the Civic Centre ends just north of Halton Hills Drive, while the other one comes to a halt at Park Public School. Both are separated from one another by the Georgetown Fair Grounds.

If you look at a map of Georgetown, you will see that, were it not for the Fairgrounds, these two streets might very well be connected, serving as one thoroughfare.

But, alas, they are not. For now, the Fairground serves as an obstacle to these two streets, so why would anyone choose to give to unconnected streets the same moniker?

On the other hand, there are the various *noms de plum* that Georgetown's main road goes by. Guelph Street, *er*, Hwy. 7, *er*, Main Street, North, *er*, Trafalgar Road is/are really all one roadway. The name depends on which stretch of road you are referring to.

As near as I can tell, east of Norval it goes by Hwy. 7 and/or Bovaird Drive; from the eastern boundary of Norval through to the intersection with Main Street, it goes by the name of Guelph Street. West of Main Street to Trafalgar Road, it goes by the name of Main Street, North, and then by Trafalgar Road to Silver Creek. From there it is referred to simply as Hwy. 7. As a point of interest, in Acton it's called Queen Street, then Young Street, and then Mill Street.

By the same token, Mountainview is also known as Ninth Line on the south side of town, and Confederation Street once you hit Glen Williams. Same can be said for Main Street/Eighth Line.

The bottom line is, if somebody says to meet you somewhere in Georgetown, be specific in getting directions.

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### The View From Here

With  
Jamie Harrison



TRIPLE WORD SCORE! Scrabble players gathered at the Georgetown Senior's Centre recently, brushing up on the use of obscure words. From left: Helen NcNeil (program chair), Joyce Tilson, Alice Gray, and Norma Ferguson. (Jamie Harrison photo)

## Your LETTERS

### Business booming!

To the Editor,  
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Georgetown Community for supporting the businesses of the BIA in Downtown Georgetown over the last year. Many retailers enjoyed their best Christmas season since the mid-'80s and are seeing the new year begin in a similar vein.

Whilst we were saddened to lose some long-standing businesses from the Main Street in 1996, we are delighted to have welcomed a number of new retailers that offer a unique product range and who specialize in customer service.

Thanks must also go to the community groups and local businesses

that helped the special events in Downtown Georgetown go with such a swing in 1996. To the entertainers who performed at the Village Festival, the artists who so willingly participated in the first Art in the Afternoon Shows, the choirs who caroled at Christmas and to the community groups who helped with all these and then joined the Santa Claus Parade in freezing weather. All these and many more made the downtown a wonderful place to see and to do business. I would also like to thank *The Gemini* for their excellent promotion of downtown and publicizing our events and members of the community so well.

Many events and happenings are already in hand for 1997, some old and some new. We look forward to welcoming the residents and friends of Downtown Georgetown and our community to visit historic Downtown Georgetown very soon.

Emma Rock, Coordinator  
Georgetown Central BIA

### May consider moving

To the Editor,  
I don't always get around to reading the local newspapers, but the headline about "hate literature" in *The Gemini* (Dec. 31) caught my attention, and as I read the article from start to finish my jaw dropped lower and lower.

Although I do not fully identify with Mr. Edgar's position (I don't expect Christian practice from a secular institution, which is why I send my children to Georgetown District Christian School), I fail to see how his flyer could possibly be construed as hate literature in even

the remotest sense of the word, since apart from the almost-too-charitable term "nonsense" there is not a single negative statement about anyone in it.

I am certainly glad that the authorities can tell the difference between utterances such as Edgar's on the one hand and hate literature on the other.

If ever such a flyer does become illegal in Canada, I think I may consider moving my family to Communist China, as the winter (in most parts) is milder there and the cost of living lower.

Debbie Sawczak,  
Sargent Road

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