

Her Honor wins many friends

By Doris Lindauer
Staff Reporter

"The Lieutenant Governor shall not go out of the province without the permission of either the Secretary of State or the Governor General. I had no idea that I couldn't travel in the manner I've been accustomed to. This poses a bit of a problem for let's say sailing enthusiasts. What if a Lieutenant Governor goes beyond the three mile limit?" questioned the charming and

delightful Honorary Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Dr. Pauline McGibbon at Monday night's Ladies Night dinner held by the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce.

Throughout Dr. McGibbon's speech, primarily aimed at explaining some of her duties, she illustrated her great wisdom, wit and warm personality.

"Before filling this position my knowledge of what a

Lieutenant Governor did, was somewhat superficial. I did know that a Lieutenant Governor was a federal government's appointment, appointed by the Legislature, but, I have to confess that I also thought it was a political appointment. That is why when I was first asked to fill the post I said 'no way,'" she told in her after-dinner speech to the over 75 attendants.

Throughout her one and a

half years of service as Lieutenant Governor, Dr. McGibbon and her husband, Donald, have had to make a number of personal adjustments in order to coincide with the demands of her position.

"I am expected to visit as many places in the province as possible. The Lieutenant Governor has the obligation to serve the province and its people to the utmost. So far I have visited 72 places, spoken to 171 organizations clubs, groups etc. However, by 72 places I mean by my first visit. Hamilton for instance, I'm going there next week for my sixth time."

"To some extent we have been able to lead our own lives. We are able to go to the theatre without my Aide-de-Campe, people do recognize us though. I keep in mind at all times what a policeman, who was acting as a guard, once said to me. 'A policeman is a policeman 24 hours a day. You are the Lieutenant Governor 24 hours a day.'"

Being closely watched and attended by her ever present Aide-de-Campe, who, she mentioned was a law student working on a voluntary basis and an OPP officer, Dr. McGibbon stated that she was often asked about security.

"We never thought of the idea whether I was to receive a potshot at any time...I had no idea that I'd be accompanied by an Aide-de-Campe and an OPP officer at almost all times. Attached to the Lieutenant Governor's suite are approximately 50 aids, six of which are women."

"The Lieutenant Governor works in a very handsome suite but there's no place to sleep, except if you curl up in the chair. But it is nice to leave the suite or leave an official function, go home, close the door and be able to take your shoes off," commented Dr. McGibbon after explaining that the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario has no longer an official residence.

"If and when one's country asks you to do something,

unless there is a health problem, one shouldn't refuse...and no one should take the position of a Lieutenant Governor unless they enjoy meeting people. My role is to try to strengthen the multi-cultural state which is, the province of Ontario," concluded her Honor Pauline McGibbon.

Alex Berzina a director of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce, in his thank-you speech read a quote from mediaeval times which most appropriately described the manner and abilities of our Lieutenant Governor.

"The man in pursuit of progress and success very often leaves a path of destruction. The woman in her wisdom, nurtures and enriches the beauty of others."

A unique hand-made wall hanging by Marjorie Nazer was presented to Dr. McGibbon as a thank-you token and to serve as a remembrance of her visit to Georgetown.



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