

Who are these Citizens of the Year?

Probably any of the men listed here has earned the right to call himself "Citizen of the Year" by the mere fact of demonstrating to all his honest concern for the welfare of his community and his neighbours. Each has made an investment and a true investment it is—of his time. Whatever the case, it took the 50 named below to collectively earn the title Citizen of the Year for the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service in 1976.

Ace Bailey, Jim Bennett, Paul Bennett, John Bonia, Bob Bradlev, Bill Campbell, Jim Clark, George Cozens, Vic Dunleavy, George Galway, Daryl Giverson, Bud Hardman, Doug Herrington, Jim Jenkins, Colin Kelly, Les King, Frank Kirk, Bill Lane, Huss Lukacs.

Doug Magwood, Bill Moore, Peter Marshall, Earl Merrill, John Rattenbury, Ross Rennie, Al Roxborough, Ed Savage, Don Scrace, Eric Skelton, Jim Smyth, Bill Stone, Eric Stone, Doug Tucker and Trevor Williams.



ON BEHALF of the 50 men who make up the GVAS Chief Bob Simpson accepts the Citizen of the Year award from Lions Club member Elmer Lloyd Friday evening.

Their lieutenants are: Glen Chapman, Larry Cook, Bob Crawford, George Duncan, Mike Farley, Len Hunzinger, Bill Maxwell and Frank Tyrell.

Tom Massena is the immediate past chief. The chairman of the membership committee is Harry Stone; Angus Stone is chairman of the social committee. Gerard Wilcox is the treasurer.

John Lightowler is the secretary.

The two captains are Ken Brown and Garnet Cameron. Deputy Chief is Andy Fenton.

At the head of all these men is Chief Bob Simpson. The "Citizen of the Year" award is an annual event sponsored by the Georgetown Lions Club in Halton Hills.



THE MEN of the GVAS display the honours bestowed on them Friday evening at the Lions Hall in Georgetown. Seated in front are guests at the fourth annual awards night.



THE WIVES of some of the volunteer drivers of the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service.



Nine months short of its 21st birthday the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service was honored as Citizen of the Year by the Lions Club in Georgetown.

It was in 1957 that, with a used ambulance and 41 volunteer drivers, the GVAS answered its first call under Chief Ralph Hawes. The ambulance was kept in a Cross St. garage. Later that year Ed Hall became chief with Jim Emmerson and Fred Hue as captains.

After its first birthday the GVAS got a new, fully-equipped ambulance, doubling the amount of service it offered. And as is usual in a youngster's early years, social events were established. The volunteers had an annual picnic and an annual dance. In 1974 a Children's Christmas Party was added to the social calendar.

When it turned four the GVAS volunteers were provided by the town with full accident and sick benefit insurance while on duty. Also that year a constitution was adopted.

Age five was a big year for the fledgling organization. They moved from the garage to their own quarters on James St. The 29th of September was declared "ambulance day" by the town and during the official ceremonies both ambulances were out answering calls. Uniforms were still a long way off but a lapel badge was provided to all the volunteers.

Harold Gilmore was elected chief.

In 1963 when it was six, the GVAS began visiting towns that wanted advice on setting up volunteer services. Two-way radios were installed in the fleet. Dan Scarborough was elected chief.

By the time it was ten the GVAS had replaced the two original ambulances with a couple of cadillacs and when it was 11, Chief Ken Thompson received from the Governor General the privy vote of thanks of the St. John Ambulance Association.

Tom Massena was elected chief in 1969 and when the GVAS became a teenager a new ambulance was added to the service by the provincial ministry of health.

The St. John Ambulance presented a "Special Provincial Certificate" to the GVAS in 1972 and the following year Chief Massena was invested as "Serving Brother" in the order.

The GVAS took first place in First Aid Competition sponsored by the Ontario Ambulance Operators Association in 1973. It began competing in an international class.

The advent of regionalism in 1974 saw the volunteers clothed at last in new uniforms.

It was also in 1974 that the volunteers demonstrated their dedication by taking weekly night classes and weekends to attend a mandatory course in "Emergency Casualty Care", a course which professional ambulance drivers took full-

time for a month at Camp Borden. Volunteers also received training from the ministry of transport to earn certificates as "Restricted Radio Operators." Electronic paging devices were added to the volunteers' outfits resulting in a reduction of the response time in an emergency.

In 1975, when Bob Simpson became chief, plans were unveiled for an addition to the quarters on James St. The plans call for an ambulance bay to be added to the east side of the building and the construction of a second floor containing a hall where training classes could be held and a kitchen. That, however,

was deferred to a possible move of the GVAS to the fire department's Chapel Street facilities.

If you ask any of the volunteers what they want for their 21st birthday, it's likely they'll answer: "A new home."

GVAS 'proud to serve' Chief Simpson

'A Woman Chooses'

Beta Sigma Phi

A very interesting evening was held at Cheryl Beaton's home in Acton on March 2 when Beta Sigma Phi's Zeta Phi Chapter had Sigrid Robson and Norma Marshall present the program "A Woman Chooses."

by Sigrid Robson.

The Georgetown coordinating council of Beta Sigma Phi held an Italian night social at St. George's Hall on March 6. All four chapters were represented and sisters and their husbands enjoyed an evening of dancing and Italian fare.

Marlene Steckley hosted a March meeting in Acton and invited Marilyn Ottaway, proprietress of Marilyn's Village Boutique in the town to

present on the evening's program "Never Underestimate the Power of a Woman." Carol O'Byrne and Sigrid Robson added to a successful evening by supplying desserts, while Cheryl Brown donated the evening's gift which was won by Etta Mills.

Kate Butler was welcomed as a guest. During the business meeting the chapter voted to forward a letter to town council to recommend that a theatre-library be an immediate consideration for Halton Hills and that a second ice arena be considered for the near future.

Films, "The Story of Helen Keller" and "Being" (a young man becoming disabled), were shown and a discussion was approached along the lines of what choices one would have been placed in a drastically new position if life. A questionnaire was circulated on a number of statements as to whether or not they were misconceptions or facts in regards to women's new role in society.

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