

# Red Cross awards at annual meeting

The Georgetown and district branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society held its annual meeting and awards night last week at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

The awards presented were volunteer pins, appreciation awards, volunteer crests, sev-

enty-fifth donation scrolls and pins, fiftieth donation scrolls and pins, thirty-fifth donation scrolls and pins, a Service Award and Pin, a citation and certificates of merit.

Past president John Wickens received a special pin in appreciation for his work with the society.

Connie Nieuwhof received a special gift, since she has already received every award given out by the Red Cross. Mrs. Nieuwhof received the Citizen of the Year award this year for her service to the Red Cross and to the community.

The new executive committee and the committee chairman for the next year were announced. The position of chairman in the Service For Seniors, Friendly Visiting and Arts and Crafts committees are still open.

The guest speaker of the evening was Albert Batten, who although he is officially retired, is still associated with Emergency Services, Ontario Division. He showed a film called "Humanity in Action," which outlined all the services provided by the Red Cross.



These are some of the Red Cross Society members who received awards at the annual meeting and awards night. From left to right are Connie Nieuwhof, recipient of a special award, Flo Street, Lanie Brands, and Ivy Simm, recipients of a Certificate of Merit, and Henry Kroes, recipient of a citation.

## Disaster expert speaks

Albert Batten, who worked for almost 25 years with the Canadian Red Cross International Aid staff, was the guest speaker at the annual meeting and awards night of the Georgetown and district branch.

Hurricane Hazel, and the major fires in Rimouski and Cobalt.

"It can happen here," he said. "We should at all times be prepared."

Mr. Batten said that since the government-established Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) was allowed to die, the bulk of the responsibility for preparing for emergencies and disasters has fallen on the Red Cross, with nothing concrete done to replace the EMO.

"It is the responsibility of the mayor of each town and city to organize a plan in case of disaster," Mr. Batten said. The Red Cross is training people to assist municipalities in disaster aid.

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Mr. Batten said he knew he was preaching to the audience, but "We, the Canadian Red Cross, you, me and others, must be ready to go into action."

Members of the new Executive Committee are past president John Wickens, President Margaret Pope, first vice-president Tina Yaremy, second vice-president Ross Rennie, Honorary Treasurer Grant Johnston, and Honorary Secretary Mrs. Chris Galbraith.

The Committee Chairmen are: Mrs. Erica Thompson, Blood Donor Clinics; Mrs. Connie Van Goch, Loan of Sickness Supplies; Mrs. Blanche Goudekelling, Minor Disaster; Mrs. Sheila Ward, Individual Emergency Aid; Mrs. Tina Yaremy, Family Health Education; Mr. Ross Rennie, First Aid; Mrs. Ivy Simm, Assistance International and Domestic; Mrs. Rose Marie Haskin, Red Cross Youth; Mrs. Jan Brunton, Water Safety; Mrs. Connie Nieuwhof, Public Relations; Mrs. Alice Greenaway, Volunteer Services; Mrs. Hela Culter, Social; Mr. John Wickens, Campaign; Mrs. Joyce Clarke, Awards; Mrs. Cathy Martin, Nominations; Dr. L. Landry, Medical Advisor; and Mr. Walter Sopiinka, Legal Consultant.

Three committees are still in need of chairmen: Services for Seniors, Friendly Visiting and Arts and Crafts. Anyone interested in one of these positions can contact Connie Nieuwhof at 877-2526.

## Break-in

Thieves are hungry in Halton Hills. A resident in a rural area of Halton Hills reported that a person or group of people broke a pane of glass in the rear of his cottage and reached through the window to open the door. The suspects ate four packages of cookies and then, according to police reports apparently left. The sole damage was the broken window and the stolen cookies.

Recipients of the volunteer pins were: Mrs. B. Armitage, Mrs. Betty Baker, Mrs. J. Banton, Mrs. Jennie Diekenhorst, Mrs. Christine Bulkema, Mrs. Pat Burroughs, Mrs. H.J. Court, Mrs. Judy Crabbe, Mrs. D. Dobbie, Mrs. Sandra Domanski, Mrs. Ann Driscoll, Mrs. M. Duchin, Miss Jennifer Green, Mr. Mike Hamilton, Mrs. Helen Hansen, Mrs. Tille Harvey, Mrs. June Hayden, Mr. M. Hunt, Mrs. Shirley Ingalls, Mrs. Isabel Jack Mrs. Terri Lacoursiere, Mrs. Nellie McCudden, Miss Peggy McDonald, Mrs. Sandra McMeekin, Mrs. Georgette Milliere, Miss Pat Nathaniel, Mrs. Betty Nemeth, Mrs. Betty Perry, Miss Cynthia Peeters, Mrs. J. Percheson, Mrs. D. Rafferty, Mrs. Lois Ritchie, Mrs. Giselle Sommer, Mrs. Nancy Stein, Mrs. Pein Van Dyke, Mrs. Hennie Van Dyke, and Mrs. Shirley West. From Acton, Mrs. Joan Ford, Mrs. Nellie Harber and Mrs. L. Masales received volunteer pins.

Recipients of Certificates of Merit were: Mrs. Flo Street for her work as vice chairman of the Blood Donor Clinic Committee and her long-time outstanding service; Mrs. Lanie Brands, for nursing at clinics and for her long-time outstanding service; Mrs. Jean Grivan, for her work as the convener of Blood Donor Clinics, and for her long-time outstanding service; Mrs. Dorothy Allan, for her long-time outstanding service, especially with the blood donor clinics; Mrs. Ivy Simm, Chairman Women's Work (Assistance International and Domestic) and for her long-time outstanding service; Henry Kroes of Acton was awarded a citation, for his work as coordinator of Blood Donor Clinics and Campaigns for funds, his outstanding leadership and continued enthusiasm.

Recipients of Appreciation Awards were: Mrs. Doris Barber, Mrs. Jessie Dunlop, Mrs. G.B. Dick, Mrs. Beverly Gray, Mrs. E. Hall, Mrs. W. Kraus, Mrs. Doreen McDonald, Mrs. Marcia Pignatelli, Mrs. Marjorie Reid, Mrs. Muriel Schwass, Mrs. Bridgette Syme, Mrs. Lorna Thoms, Mrs. Mary Tucker, Miss Margaret Ward and Miss Cathy Willis.

Recipients of Volunteer Crests were: Suzanne Bew, Heather Duff, Jennifer Green, Mary Kroes of Acton and Sandra Splinter of Acton. The sole recipient of a Seventy-fifth Donation Scroll and pin was Mr. C. Marriot. The recipients of a Fiftieth Donation Scroll and Pin were: Mr. J. Wepruk, Mr. R. Miller, Mr. R.D. Collin, Mrs. A. Gruchter, Mr. R.M. Herley, Mr. R.B. Hanley, Mr. J. Scanferla, Mr. J. Wepruk, Mr. R. Miller, Mrs. J.A. Badhma, Mrs. E.A. Barrett, Mr. G. Cameron, Mr. C.C. Carpenter, Mr. A. DeBoer, Mr. D. Shepherd, Mr. T. Van de Valk, Mr. H. Stuenkel, Mr. J.E. Doherty, Mr. A.J. Dalton, Mr. K.N. Clarke and Mr. J. Dawson.

## Those officially recognized

## Would-be robber nabbed at store

A man was apprehended for theft of \$210 from a cash register at the A and P store on Sinclair Road, Georgetown.

The suspect stood in the express line to purchase a chocolate bar. According to police, he placed 35 cents on the counter, and when the till was opened, he reached over and scooped up the money.

The suspect then ran out the door, pursued by a store employee and a customer. He was caught and taken back to the store.



HIGHLAND FLING

The Milton and District Highland Dance competition was held at Pineview public school last Saturday. The competitors from Halton Hills included, from left to right,

Eilidh McLellan, Pauline Lendvaur, Fiona McLelland and Lesley Phillips. Not seen in the picture are Sandy Phillips and Ellen Hurren.

## Car rally held for Acton youth project

A group of students from Acton High School sponsored a car rally last week to raise funds for a coffeehouse. The rally, held Friday, was open to any student with a driver's licence. The fee was \$1 per car and \$1 per person in the car. There were 17 entrants. Entrants over 18 were required to sign waivers. Students under 18 had to have parental permission.

None of the entrants were told the length of the route before they began. At each checkpoint, the entrants were provided with a list of questions about things along the route. Each of the question had to be answered, and the number of correct answers was taken into consideration when deciding the winner.

In order to help ensure that speed limits were observed during the rally, entrants were penalized for arriving at a checkpoint too soon. The number of points was another factor taken into consideration in deciding the winner. The winners of the rally were Don Harding, George Binden and Doug Jordan. The trophies for the winners were donated by Lorne Doberhein. The car rally is not the only fundraising activity the students have organized on behalf of the coffeehouse. The male half of the student body is holding a beard-growing contest, with the judging to take place at the Christmas assembly.



Mark Beaton, one of the rally organizers, displays the trophies donated by Lorne Doberhein. The grand prize was won by Don Harding, George Binden and Doug Jordan.

## Auto body graduate

Fanshawe College in London held graduation ceremonies recently for students enrolled in the plumbing, sheet metal and auto body repair apprentice programs. Among the graduates was David F. Armstrong of Georgetown, who graduated from the program in advanced auto body repairers - Class B. Apprentices at Fanshawe College receive a combination of on-the-job and in-college training.



JOYCE BEATON

## Getting together

One of the most exciting encounters of my life happened at an International Conference on Women. Seventy countries in all were represented with delegates from Israel and the Arab countries and some from Rhodesia and South Africa.

The women were lawyers and doctors and business women. They were members of the Council of Women and in the developing countries, in particular, the organization is a vital political one and the women are making social changes and offering a voice for the women of their country.

These women, regardless of world politics spent two weeks presenting opposite views and listening attentively to each other. They were not a group of giddy club women but an intelligent, responsible group, leaders in their own communities. The developing countries came for ideas and help and the countries already developed were studying ways to help.

My exciting meeting happened on the last day of the conference over a cup of coffee in the cafeteria of the University of British Columbia. A very black African woman, Gladys Enderley of the Republic of Cameroon, sat across from me and we were both listening in on the conversation of two Canadian delegates as they were am making their plans to share a taxi to the airport.

These two women were going on at great lengths about the breakdown of the family and the reason being the women of today who are always on the run. In their day they stayed at home until the children were married, before embarking on lives of their own.

### LOTS IN COMMON

Gladys and I are about the same age and we were dying to get in our two cents worth. We are both working mothers of large families and have a few things to say about the responsibility of the rest of the family to the mother. We both broke up in fits of uncontrollable laughter when the two women had to leave their lunch uneaten and rush off to their taxi. It was rush, rush for the two who were lamenting the fact that today's women seem to be rushing here and rushing there and neglecting their families!

Our laughter brought us together and Gladys and I sat for three solid hours and compared our lifestyles. We discovered we were both the same age. We had stayed home while our children were very young and we were experiencing the same problems trying to re-educate our families to the fact that we are people in our own right, with brains in our heads and abilities to offer something to the world and to ourselves.

Gladys told me of the typical day in her life as a justice of the peace. It paralleled mine so exactly we could hardly believe it.

### FAMILY IMPORTANT

Her children and husband were having the same difficulty adjusting to her as a person as did mine after I broke from the wife and mother role I'd lived for years. Gladys and I share the belief that the family unit is vitally important but feel there has to be some changes made in the feelings of responsibility for the unit by all members. No longer can the onus fall on the mother. Father and kids have their parts to play as well, not just the housework but in their attitudes toward what is "women's work."

This change in the role of women is obviously not a North American phenomena. Gladys and I discovered that the women of Africa and the women of America are indeed sisters.

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