

Overwhelming response to ILG campaign's bus tour

A bus-full of local dignitaries and community representatives were delighted Saturday by the warm reception they received throughout the Georgetown area as they delivered appreciation certificates and souvenirs to 100 residents caught up in the "I Love Georgetown" campaign.

Saturday's "ride-about" saw dignitaries and guests blowing up balloons and greeting homeowners as the bus rolled around most streets in Georgetown and the Glen. Mr. Ramautarsingh noted that several disappointed homeowners contacted him later to ask why the bus hadn't appeared on their streets, but time, he explained, did not allow full coverage of the area.

Recipients of the appreciation scrolls were chosen at random, guests from the bus knocking on their doors to make the presentations and to give any youngsters on hand the "I Love Georgetown" balloons and buttons. Homeowners who received the special visits praised the campaign for its efforts to boost community pride and, through club projects, clean up selected areas.

The ride-about ended at about 4 p.m., delivering the tired but satisfied bus riders back to the Georgetown market Centre.

While good humor abounded during the ride-about, Mayor Pomeroy came in for the biggest laugh of the day when he became enthralled in a conversation with a proud Georgetown lover and the bus inadvertently left to continue its rounds without him. His worship's absence was quickly noted, however, and the bus returned to retrieve him.



LAST OF THE BUTTONS GO ON SALE

The latest (and probably final) shipment of 1,000 "I Love Georgetown" buttons arrived at organizers' homes last week. Tom Ramautarsingh told The Herald Monday. Although Saturday's ride-about formally ended the month-long civic pride campaign, buttons and balloons will continue to be distributed from the usual outlets (buttons are 50 cents each, with proceeds going to the library-cultural centre fund) until Canada Day next week. Be sure to buy yourself a button if you haven't already; they're sure to be collectors' items in the future. You'll see "I Love Georgetown" campaigners in the Glen Williams Canada Day parade.

According to organizer Tom Ramautarsingh, the unique sign represents a growing interest in this kind of civic pride campaign among neighboring towns and communities. Members of the Georgetown Area Ratepayers Association and the Chamber of Commerce who devised the campaign are happy to report that



While Pioneer Days and Summerfest activities were in full swing around Georgetown's Main Street, a school bus decorated with "I Love Georgetown" signs and balloons was making its rounds through the community, handing out appreciation scrolls to homeowners who had obviously put an effort into fixing up the house for the campaign launched in April. Assembling for the bus tour were (standing, left to right) campaign buttons chairman Roy Vestadt, chairman Tom Ramautarsingh, Brampton-

Georgetown MP John McDermid, Mayor Pete Pomeroy, Georgetown and Area Ratepayers Association rep Lawrie Duggan and Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed. Waiting on the bus are Chamber of Commerce rep Doug Penrice, Brenda Blissett, separate school board trustee Irene McCauley, Ward 4 Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson, town deputy clerk Del French, Ward 4 Coun. Harry Levy and Sharron Kirkpatrick and Fraser Robla, chairmen of school activities. (Herald photo)

Do YOU love Georgetown? Here's what others say

By TOM RAMAUTARSINGH
Herald Special

Depending on the response of Georgetown and area citizens, we would like to run a series of articles, letters, etc. on your impressions, experiences, your choice of Georgetown as your home town or suggestions you want to make to improve the community. Be sure to sign your name to your response and send to this newspaper, addressing it to Tom Ramautarsingh.

In the first of our series here are some letters from Grade 3 students of George Kennedy School, plus a Poem:

G is for getting involved with Georgetown in the "I Love Georgetown" campaign.

E is for the excitement of seeing Georgetown at its best.

O is for the outstanding achievements being done.

R is for the recreational activities Georgetown has.

G is for garbage cans which Georgetowners are using proudly.

E is for the "Energy of the Georgetown people".

T is for this beautiful town.

O is for the optimism of its people.

W is for water, the Credit, where the famous Crazy Boat Race" is held.

Now Georgetowners you say: "I Love Georgetown".

Jessie Ramautarsingh
Centennial School

MY KIND OF TOWN
Georgetown is a nice place to live in because...
It has lots of parks to play in; it has garbage cans to put garbage in;

It's clean, and has flowers all over; it has lots of stores to shop in; there are two big arenas and two pools (indoor and outdoor).

Georgetown is fun.
Dean Robbins
George Kennedy Public School

GEORGETOWN - A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE
Do you know what I love about "Georgetown"? It's the people. They are so nice. I'm glad it's not a big city, but it's growing and I don't like that. I hope it stops growing.

They have a good idea out now. It is the I Love Georgetown project. I'm sure you've heard of it. Lots of nice people are doing nice things. Why don't you help out today?
Rich Sowers
Grade 3
George Kennedy Public School

GEORGETOWN
Georgetown is my kind of town. Some naughty people that don't care about me or you, sometimes throw trash on the ground. Then people pick it up and make the town cleaner and nicer. It makes a nice place to live.

There is work in keeping Georgetown nice and clean. I love Georgetown.
Davy
Grade 3
George Kennedy Public School

Georgetown is my kind of town. I like Georgetown because it is not polluted. There is not too much garbage around and Georgetown's water is clean.

There is lots of schools, parks, soccer fields and baseball diamonds and if you like to swim there is an indoor pool. There is great fishing and boating places.

I think the best parts are the movies and the hobby shops plus the shopping plaza. I think second best is there is not much noise.

Do you love Georgetown? I think it is the best town in the world.
Jason Collin Turner
Grade 3
George Kennedy Public School

Senior's Week party at Centennial Manor

Sunny skies provided the perfect touch for Halton Centennial Manor's open house in Milton Saturday.

As part of National Senior's Week, the manor opened its doors Saturday afternoon to the general public to enjoy entertainment and refreshments and to become better acquainted with the seniors' home and its residents.

Halton MP Otto Jelinek was the master of ceremonies for the lawn show that featured the Milton Senior Citizen's Band playing an hour of old-time melodies. The Meredith School of Dance provided an interesting change of pace as they performed some dances set to rock and jazz music. Singer Marianne Rae rounded out the show with some tunes accompanied by an accordion. A strolling minstrel and clowns kept guests and residents entertained indoors.

The staff of the manor also raised \$900 in a bake sale towards completing the interior decorating being done on the premises now.

Acting administrator Gordon Timbers said that they had a good turn-out and praised the efforts of the staff for the success of the day.



The "I Love Georgetown" bus stopped at Phil Siddall's Delrex Boulevard home Saturday morning to commemorate his good home-care efforts. Separate school board trustee Irene McCauley was among those who joined Mayor Pete Pomeroy to present scrolls at random to approximately 100 homeowners honored by the campaign's organizing committee. (Herald photo)

SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS



Holy Cross students Greg McLean and Jenny Lavioie accept on behalf of their entire school an "I Love Georgetown" achievement award and cheque from Sharron Kirkpatrick Thursday morning. The entire school looks on appreciatively knowing they've helped contribute to the beauty of Georgetown by cleaning up the school yard, designing posters and painting a mural. Librarian Laurie Harris (far left) helped co-ordinate the Holy Cross campaign. Other schools receiving awards during the week were Ecole Sacre Coeur and George Kennedy Public School.



Members of the Centennial Senior Public School student forum, (left to right) Martina Ebling, Michele Keess and Greg Sholdice accept the achievement award and cheque on behalf of all their fellow students surrounding them Thursday afternoon. The Grades 6 to 8 students at Centennial each designed a poster for the "I Love Georgetown" program while some wrote poems.



Principal Logan MacDonald accepts the award and cheque from Phyllis Duggan as the students from Grades 3 to 6 at Park Public School look on Friday morning. The students showed their love for Georgetown by designing posters and cleaning up the yard around their own school. They even performed a skit in their Spring Concert called "Litterbug Convention" geared to promoting awareness of keeping Georgetown beautiful.

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