

Business award winner

Barry Whitworth Chamber's choice

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It's not unlike Barry Whitworth to use a team sport analogy in explaining how he runs his business.

A former athlete and now an avid hockey fan of the Georgetown Raiders of the Senior A league, Mr. Whitworth was chosen as the Business Award Winner of 1984.

He is the sixth recipient of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce Award and Feb. 27 a special dinner will be held to honor his accomplishments.

The owner of three car dealerships and an auto body shop, Mr. Whitworth is perhaps more well known for his high profile sponsorship of the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders.

When he talks about business it's as if he's describing a team of hockey players from a coaching perspective.

TEAM SPORTS

"I have to put them (his employees) as a team - like team sports. I wouldn't do anything I wouldn't ask anyone else to do," he says.

The business award winner is based on "an individual or corporation located in Georgetown displaying good business ethics and having shown a significant impact on the social and economic well being of the area," according to a Chamber press release.

Born and raised in Oakville, Mr. Whitworth took economics and psychology at university while finding time to play for the Bramalea Satellite football club and a short stint with the Hamilton Jr. A hockey franchise.

It was ten years ago last week that Mr. Whitworth purchased Georgetown Chrysler.

Before that he had worked for the Bank of Nova Scotia and as an operations manager for a Ford dealership conglomerate.

When he took over the Chrysler dealership, the year before it had lost \$185,000. He quickly turned the situation around so that the dealership made money.

TOYOTA DEALER

Having already owned property on Guelph Street, when the Toyota dealership became available, he bought the franchise and moved it to its present location.

Most recently he negotiated to get the Pontiac-Buick dealership back to Georgetown and it re-opened for business in September of 1983.

How does he feel about his award? "It's an honor. Anytime your peers pick you, it's gratifying," he says.

Mr. Whitworth now employs about 60 staff and his three dealerships sell over 2000 cars per year. About 57 per cent of their sales are to local people while the rest are sold to out of town, purchasers mainly from the Brampton and Mississauga areas.

He sees as one of his major challenges building a continuity of staff and he takes pride in the fact that many of his employees have been with him for 10 years.

PRIDE

He searches out for staff that will take pride in other people's cars and he stresses the service type of industry a dealership depends on.

One satisfaction for Mr. Whitworth over the years has been "seeing some of the staff members grow and their families." He's also thankful that Chrysler got their loan guarantees from different levels of government during the lean years.

If you talk to Mr. Whitworth about further business expansion, he keeps going back to talking about his staff.

"You've got to look for something to keep you interested and let your staff expand," he says.



Barry Whitworth stands beside one of the highest priced models in one of his three car dealer showrooms. (Herald photo)

NOT PASSIVE

Mr. Whitworth is not a passive sponsor with the Raiders. He's active as a director and he attends most games, including the away games.

He's not afraid to go into the dressing room either to talk to the players. "If you get to know one of the guys it can be a motivational thing, like talking to one of your staff," he says.

Mr. Whitworth is married to Karen and they have one daughter Tracey. The threesome live in Glen Williams and have been there since 1975.

In his spare time Mr. Whitworth likes to read and ski. He is also a member of the committee of adjustment which arbitrates minor zoning changes and answers of the Ontario Municipal Board.

Mr. Whitworth also raises 14 Angus cattle for breeding stock in a field across from Arnold's Volkswagen in Glen Williams.

He describes himself as "hard-driving. You can't please everyone. Sometimes they (the staff) probably would like to kill me."



George Kennedy Public School's 25th anniversary was celebrated in style with a flag raising. A yellow and black flag indicates the quarter-century milestone. Helping with the ceremonies were (left to right) Adrian Swinkels, Tina Bell who started at the school in 1959, principal Jack Reed and former caretaker Leaman Allen.

George Kennedy P.S. celebrates 25 years

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George Kennedy Public School students will be celebrating a birthday all year long.

The school turned 25 this year and a series of events have been planned to commemorate the event.

The school actually opened in September of 1959, but the official opening wasn't until May 19, 1960, principal Jack Reed said.

Monday the school began some of the festivities with a flag raising ceremony. The flag contains the words "George Kennedy 25".

In January there was a trivial quiz announced over the P.A. pertaining to Georgetown's and George Kennedy's history. There will be a hat contest and a birthday card contest in February for students to participate in.

During the month of March local artist Carole Black will be working on a painting of the school. She will be bringing in her easel for a couple of days to show the students how her work is progressing.

In April there will be a balloon release where students can write messages inside the helium-filled balloons. The children will also have a chance to bury messages and items in a time capsule to be opened on the property sometime in the future.

In May there will be a birthday party for

students and a reunion for former students and teachers at George Kennedy. In June there is planned a special graduation ceremony for grade 5 students. Twenty-five special anniversary medallions will be given out.

From the initial enrolment of around 300 in 1959 George Kennedy

grew steadily until it peaked at over 1000 pupils in 1967.

The enrolment has since continued to decline and now there are 459 attending the school.

George Kennedy has had three principals in its history: Hazen Allen 1959-73, Azolyn Fisher 1973-79 and Jack Reed.

Reunion

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said Shirley (Kentner) McKeown, organizer for that reunion. That group has copies of school registers from 1907 to 1953 and is preparing lists of students from each year to invite. The lists are expected to be completed by early March and the invitations will go out at that time.

McKeown said the timing of the reunion will depend on the size of the crowd invited and whether the legion is available this spring. If it is not, the reunion may have to be put off till fall.

McKeown urged anyone who has dropped their contacts with the town and would therefore be hard for the committee to locate to call herself at 853-1437 or Helen Jockey at 853-2339.

Disabled survey

When they're out and about, where are the region's physically disabled going?

According to the region's recently released transportation study on the disabled, most trips by the disabled are to destinations within their own municipality.

The survey of 633 disabled Halton residents (about one-third of the total disabled population), showed 68 per cent of trips made by Halton Hills disabled were within the town itself. Only 11 per cent of trips made were to another municipality, and 21 per cent were to another region.

Currently, there is a van service for the disabled living in Halton Hills, Burlington and Oakville. Milton is the region's only municipality without such a transportation service.

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