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Varian supports the community Chamber says

Varian Canada Inc.'s image has never been shiner. The Halton Hills based firm was lavished with praise last Wednesday as the recipient of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year award.

At the North Halton Golf and Country Club dinner, hosted by the Chamber, fellow business associates and well-wishers attended along with politicians from all levels of government.



It's not just the economic impact Varian has on the community, which makes it a popular choice, said Chamber President Marg Tanas. The firm, which employs more than 400 people, provides jobs, youth projects and contributes to a variety of charity programs, she said.

The company is a unique recipient because it has contributed to the social well-being of the town, as well, Ms. Tanas said. There is a spirit of community at the company and an employee spirit at Varian, which was exemplified by the turnout of workers who were involved in the Participation Day, she said.

The general manager of the Georgetown facility, Joe Caldarelli, accepted the award for the company.

Varian kept the number of employees attending the dinner at 16, representing a variety of people who lived in the community and who had served the firm for many years, he said.

Varian manufactures four distinct product lines which include travelling wave tubes for electronic communications, such as telephone systems, power supply products, power klystrons and reflex klystrons.

There are 100 people in sales with the company and 40 of them are located in Georgetown, he said. The remainder are in offices across the country. Sales last year totalled \$12 million and 1987 promises to be even better, he said.

Marilyn Mitton presented gifts from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid. Mr. McDermid was in Ottawa for the government budget speech that day.

MPP Don Knight saluted the company's contribution to the economic well-being of the area. He acknowledged the firm's commitment to its employees.

Varian has always been a strong supporter of charities said Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy. The Regional Chairman also noted the company's past support of his own charity golf tournament.

Mayor Russ Miller praised the firm, calling it one of the largest employers and one of the top manufacturers in the area.

Having many of the past Business of the Year recipients attending the dinner shows the esteem former members have for the Chamber, the mayor said. Also attending the dinner representing the Town of Halton Hills were Regional Councillor Pam Sheldon and Town Administrator-Clerk Joe Simon.

The master of ceremonies was Chamber executive member Barry Dunlop.

The following Varian employees attended the Chamber dinner: Joe Caldarelli, general manager; Klaus Beecker, manager of development operations; George Bent, supervisor of mechanical design; Luis Brisley, manager of general accounting; Jim Sallow, manager of TWT production; Dennis Foley, manager of human resources; Bonnie Halton, program manager; Jan Kron, health and safety administrator; John Lewzey, national service manager-instrument group; Kenneth Macdonald, staff scientist-research and development; Ross Munro, manager of management information services; George Pliak, marketing manager; Brian Shaw, controller; Dave Short, manager instrument group Canada; Mike Swacz, treasurer; and Chris Willson, product manager-millimetre wave.

It was a full house at the North Halton Golf and Country Club, including politicians MPP Don Knight, Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy, Mayor Russ Miller and Regional Councillor Pam Sheldon. MP John McDermid was in Ottawa for the budget speech. (Herald photo)

In our schools



Tammy Williams (left) and Kirsten Penderell were working their bodies instead of their minds at Glen Williams Public School, Feb. 20. Their aerobics class was a break from the regular curriculum. It was Elective Day and an opportunity to try something a little different. (Herald photo)



As her science project, Glenda Nichol set out to prove whether robots work better than humans. It was one of about 170 at the Stewarttown Senior Public School Science Fair Feb. 18. With the help of her robot which writes, she concluded robots do work better than humans if they are built correctly. (Herald photo)



Sara-Lynn Wray (left) and Marcia Streuter's science project shows how white light is separated into colors and then recombined back to its original state. Their physics project was picked the best among Grade 8 students at Centennial Public School in Georgetown. The announcement of that decision was made Feb. 16 at the Centennial Science Fair. (Herald photo)



These three St. Francis of Assisi students talked their way to the top of the class. They were selected as the best public speakers in their age groups at a competition at the Georgetown school Feb. 18. Seen here (left to right) are Kelly Campbell, winner of the Grade 5 and 6 competition; Troy Gardiner, winner of the Grade 7 and 8 competition; and Sarah MacDonald, winner of the Grade 3 and 4 competition. (Herald photo)

Lock it or lose it, warn police

By SANDY CAMPBELL, Herald Staff
A substantial rise in the number of thefts from autos has led to another crime prevention campaign for Halton Regional Police who are asking motorists to lock their cars.

In January, 1987 there were 31 thefts from autos, which is almost as many as the first three months on 1986, Crime Prevention Officer Garry George said. All but three of those thefts were in Georgetown. Three were in Acton.

And in more than half of all thefts from autos, the doors of the vehicles were not locked, Constable George said. Because of the cold weather there is usually a rise in the number of unlocked vehicles every January and February. People afraid their locks will freeze choose not to lock them. They leave keys in the car while it is warming up or while on a short errand. These are all invitations for thieves, Constable George said.

It is illegal to leave keys in an unattended car, states a local bylaw. The penalty is a fine. In January three cars were stolen in Halton Hills. But it is not just cars thieves are after, "they will steal anything," Constable George said. Among recent thefts from autos was a case of cigarettes and a case of groceries and a child seat.

To make people more aware of the importance of locking their cars, police will be checking cars in parking lots and even in residential areas. Cars left open will have Lock It or Lose It cards placed in them. The cards are a reminder that state most of the nearly 2,000 vehicles entered in Halton last year were unlocked. Lock it and Pocket the Key is

another slogan police use to impress the importance of taking keys from and locking the car. "Thieves who take from cars are looking for an easy score. They are very opportunistic," Constable George said. If valuables have to be left in the car they should be put in the trunk. A locked trunk is more difficult to enter than a locked car, Constable George said. It is important not to

leave valuables in view. Most thefts from autos take place at night or early in the morning. Males 12 to 22 years old are often responsible, Constable George said. Usually thieves rob more than one car at a time. Thieves often travel from one car to the next trying car doors. Anyone seeing someone checking for open cars should take

note of the person's appearance and call the police, Constable George said. Thefts from autos are as common in neighbourhoods, where cars are further apart, as they are in parking lots. A neighbourhood provides plenty of places, such as hedges, to hide. If possible, vehicles should be parked in well lit and busy areas.



TOP BUSINESS-Chamber of Commerce President Marg Tanas presents the Business of the Year Award to Varian's General Manager Joe Caldarelli last Wednesday at a dinner hosted in honor of the Georgetown firm and its employees.

IN THE HILLS

Hunger for change
"Africa: Hunger for Food, Hunger for Change" Craig Copland, a local resident and wonderful speaker for the Christian Children's Fund of Canada will show slides Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church beside the library. This continuing series is presented by the 10 local churches of "Ten Days for World Development." All are welcome.

Immunizations
A Halton Regional Health Department immunization clinic will be held the second Tuesday of each month from 1:30 - 4 p.m. at the Health Department, 93 Main Street South, in Georgetown. For an appointment call 877-2239.

PWP dance
Are you a single parent interested in attending family activities, discussions, card nights, dances? Join Parents without Partners. For information call Pauline 791-8047 or Colette 456-2882.

Assault charge

A 29-year-old Georgetown man was charged with assault last week. The assault was Feb. 12 at 11 p.m. on Main Street North in Georgetown. It was common assault and the man will appear in court March 16.

Stop smoking

Want to ease off cigarettes? The Halton Lung Association offers Countdown - a taper-off smoking cessation clinic. It's seven sessions over five weeks from March 2 to April 1, 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the John Elliott Theatre. Cost is \$75. To register call 1-632-8499.

Smoking program

A school smoke prevention project is underway at Halton Region. Lynda Stewart has been hired on a one year contract to co-ordinate smoking prevention programs in Halton schools. The Ministry of Health is helping fund this position. Both Halton Boards of Education and the Halton Council on Smoking and Health are committed to the project.

Guest speaker

The Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities (ACALD) is holding a public meeting March 4 at Chinguacousy Secondary School, 1360 Williams Parkway in Bramalea. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and the guest speaker is Dr. Judith Wiener, an assistant professor in special education at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. For more information call 499-8840.

Public meeting?

Councillors have recommended a public meeting be held into the application by Anne and R. Starred, to rezone the property at 129 Main St. S. in Georgetown into their accounting office.

Injured workers meet

The North Halton Association of Injured Workers will meet today (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. at the Optometrists' Hall on Commercial Street in Milton. For information, call 877-9097 or write P.O. Box 444 Milton.

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