



Move into new office

The United Way of Halton Hills has a new office. The staff moved its operation to the Cedarvale Park building beside the Red Cross office. The United Way used to be at Mountainview Road South near Highway 7. Seen here

participating in the grand opening are (from left) Tom Gibson of the United Way, Mayor Russ Miller and Stephen D. Williamson of the United Way.

New United Way leader

The Halton Hills United Way will enter a new era this year with Steve Williamson at the helm as the new president.

"increase the number of people who feel a responsibility to help meet the needs of our families, youth, seniors, handicapped and the ill.

"I see it as a great way to give something back to the community," he said.

"I also intend to have a lot of fun and raise a lot of money."

Mr. Williamson, an Oakville resident, is the President of T.D.W. Sales and Services in Halton Hills.

The new president will lead the United Way through the 1988 fundraising drive and he hopes to expand the awareness of the organization and its methods of fundraising.

Mr. Williamson, who is married with three children, is a Tulsa, Oklahoma native. In the United States he helped steer a local organization through the steps of becoming a member agency of the United Way and he worked on several successful campaigns.

Halton Hills United Way Acting President Tom Gibson said Mr. Williamson will fit the bill for the president's position. "The role of Campaign Chairman is crucial to our success. The position is extremely demanding but rewards are beyond description," he said.

Mr. Williamson wants to expand the payroll deduction process, start up a Leaders of the Way program

17 agencies supported in UW's first campaign

In its first year in 1988, the Halton Hills United Way supported 17 local and national non-profit agencies.

As the United Way continues to grow, President Jim Kinnear is confident more groups will join. It relieves service groups from the burden of fundraising, he said.

Members of the United Way are divided into four categories - family support, counselling and rehabilitation community development and medical services - reaching a wide variety of Halton Hills residents every day.

Local agencies such as the Halton Hills Distress Centre, the North Halton Association for the Developmentally Handicapped, and the Halton Recovery House benefit by their association with a national organization. The United Way also contributes annually to local affiliates of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, the Red Cross and the Victorian Order Nurses.

Last year, the 17 member agencies received about 17 per cent of what they asked for, said current fundraising chairman John Wickens. The United Way is aiming to raise about \$140,000 for 1987, and thus increase the amount of money given to each member.

Praise for Chamber winners

By BRIAN MacLEOD
Herald Staff

Laughs and hearty congratulations greeted the Burns Brothers, winners of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year award, at the North Halton Golf and Country Club March 2.

Speaker after speaker emphasized the "honesty and dignity" that Burns Transport has become known for in its 57 years in existence.

Master of Ceremonies Rud Whiting was at his comic best but Wheldon "Steamer" Emmerson kept the laughs coming for a good half hour.

Upon introducing Mr. Emmerson, Rud Whiting nicknamed him the "Milton Berle of Georgetown".

Mr. Emmerson's animated speech recalled the times he had with Norman Burns, father of brothers Bob, Clare, Jim and Don who currently run the business between them.

Norman Burns started Burns Transport 57 years ago.

Mr. Whiting congratulated the Burns brothers for making Georgetown an important market through their transportation business.

Steamer had recollections of each of the four brothers including one time when Don arrived at Smith and Stone to pick up a load, with a new truck.

Don, it seems, "got a bad brake" as the truck rolled backwards down the hill with no driver and knocked out transformers putting Smith and Stone out of business for two days.

Although Steamer had hilarious and unfortunate anecdotes about each of the brothers, "I've never heard a bad thing about the Burns Boys," he said.

"They had dignity and they had gentility," Steamer said of the Burns family.

Jack Crichton, another longtime friend of Norman Burns, lauded the family for their honesty in dealing with customers.

When Bob said he needed to charge a certain amount per mile, "I knew he was speaking the truth," said Mr. Crichton.

Mr. Crichton then introduced the three brothers who then listened to a chorus of "For these are Jolly Good Fellows" from the audience.

Jim was unable to make the dinner because he was vacationing in the sunny south.

The Burns family then filled their table with plaques presented by Chamber President Murray Lawton, who noted the family's friendliness; Graeme Goebelle, representing local MP John McDermid; Walt Dixon, representing MPP Walt Elliot; Pete Pomeroy, the Chairman of Halton Region and Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller who presented an award to Clare, the first Burns he met 41 years ago.

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