

Outlook on Halton Hills

Mike Walton honored

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Mike Walton of Acton was honored for his work in scouting, when the 1st Acton Parents and Son Banquet was held recently.

Group Committee chairman Sam Assad presented Mr. Walton with a Scouting Plaque to recognize his 12 quality years of Scouting, first as a Cub leader, then Scout leader, and then Venturer adviser.

Being involved with Venturers of the Scouting movement is a challenge, and Mr. Walton has always had an interest in designing and building towers. He kept the group busy when they built a rope bridge at Limehouse.

Water rafting grew popular when the group built the Huck Finn rafts, and events were held at both Guelph Lake and Fairy Lake in Acton.

Mr. Walton and the Venturers had several trips over the years, including a visit to Quebec for snowmobiling. Highlighting 1988 was a trip to Israel and Egypt, with a stop-off in England before the journey home.

Mr. Walton and his wife, Sue, live in Acton and have two children, Anthony and Amanda.



Mike Walton (left) was honored with the presentation of a Scouting Plaque at a recent ceremony. Mr. Walton is seen here receiving his

plaque from Group Committee Chairman Sam Assad. (Photo submitted)

This is truly a Scouting family, with Mr. Walton beginning as a leader when his son started as a Cub.

Mr. Walton's hobbies include railway modelling, and home construction and design. He is also a

member of Toastmasters International.

Mr. Walton has worked in the aircraft industry for a number of years, and at one time tested aircraft. Today he is involved in administration.

Designs invited for new offices

Three contracting firms, including the firm building Toronto's SkyDome, have been invited to come up with a design for the \$30 million expansion of Halton's administrative building in Oakville.

Ellis-Don Construction Ltd., the name emblazoned high atop the Toronto skyline, Cooper Corporation Ltd. and Jackson-Lewis Co. will submit designs for Halton to consider. Final selection is ex-

pected to be made in July.

The expansion will provide more room for Halton's staff, and it will include a new headquarters for the Halton Regional Police, which is now located on White Oaks Boulevard.

Along with a new police headquarters, the complex will include a day-care centre, a cafeteria, meeting rooms, a multi-purpose room which may be used for public

meetings and exercise classes and a medical clinic. The police also plan to relocate the Children's Safety Village to the expanded complex on Bronte Road.

Halton approved the entire project late last year with construction scheduled to be completed sometime in 1991.

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Birth of founder celebrated in Acton

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The 1st Acton Beavers, Cubs, Leaders and Parents gathered at St. Alban's Anglican Church Hall to celebrate the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, on Feb. 22.

Sam Assad, Chairman of the Group Committee welcomed the large gathering, and Cub Nicholas Assad asked the Blessing.

The Anglican Church Women prepared and served the dinner and a hearty vote of thanks was led by Mr. Assad.

Mike Walton, a leader with 1st Acton for 12 years was presented with a Scouting Plaque by Mr. Assad on behalf of the 1st Acton groups.

Mr. Walton started as a Cub Leader, then moved on to become a Scout Leader and then Venturer Adviser.

Cub Steven West was called forward and ADC Jean Layman presented him with the North Halton District trophy for having the fastest Kub Kar at the District Rally.

The highlight of the evening was Sandra Harkins doing a presentation with her three beautiful dogs. Sandra is a professional dog trainer. The Beavers and Cubs were kept spellbound, and the dogs seemed pleased to have them watch their obedient performance.

A question and answer period followed. Everyone was given a brochure "Greetings with Love From a Lonely Dog." The Beavers and Cubs all would love to have a specially-trained dog.




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