

Kiwanis members raise over \$15,000 a year

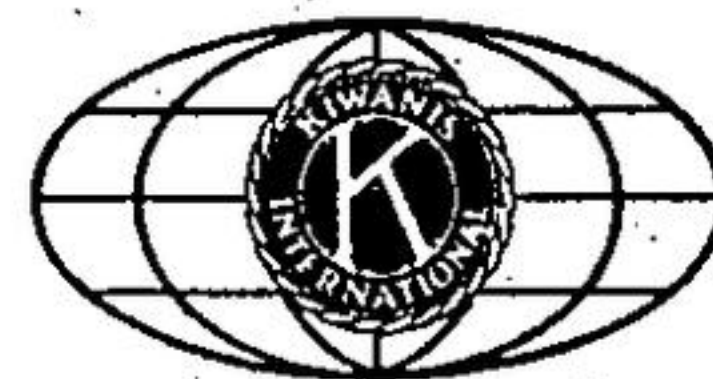
When the Georgetown Kiwanis Club holds a special fundraising event in town there is a host of people and organizations who will benefit.

Georgetown Kiwanis Club members raise between \$15,000 and \$20,000 in town each year.

Their biggest event of the year is the annual Lobsterfest held in early June. The event started off seven years ago as an internal club affair but it has since mushroomed to a festival which serves about 500 people at the Georgetown District High School cafeteria, says John Schaljo, president of the Georgetown Kiwanis.

But there have been a variety of other successful Kiwanis Club events which have raised money over the years. Curling bonspiels, baseball tournaments, car rallies, dances, snow ball tournaments and walkathons have all contributed to the fundraising effort of the Kiwanis Club over the years.

And the money has been donated to some very worthy causes in town. The Kiwanis Club purchased a computer to assist victims of Downs Syndrome to speak and learn.

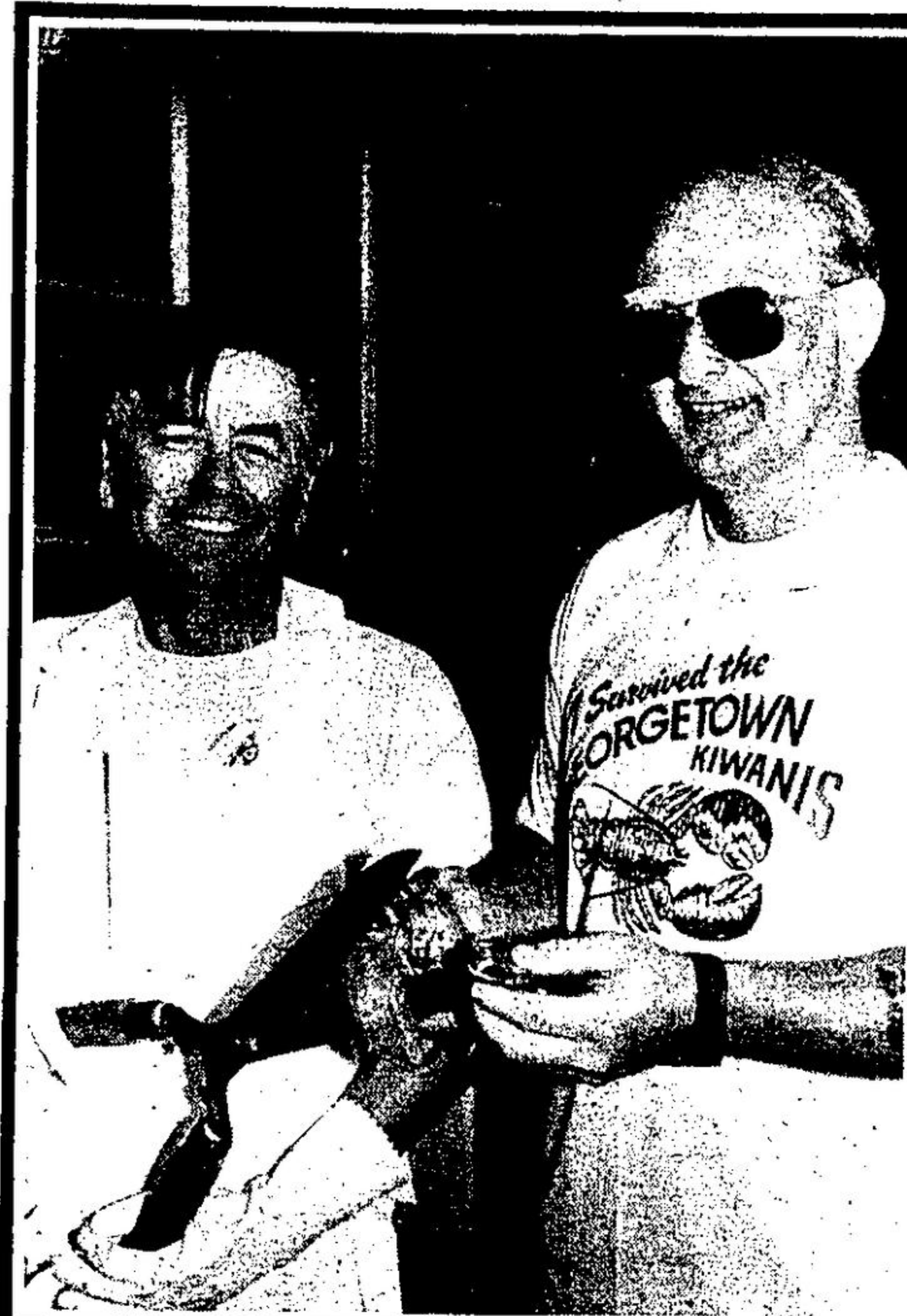


ARC Industries is another organization in town which has benefitted from the fruits of the Kiwanis Club's labor. ARC Industries is a group which assists developmentally handicapped people get back into the workforce.

ARC Industries operates a store in Hornby. Its members make various crafts and sell them at the store.

Other organizations who have received help from the Kiwanis Club include the North Halton Association for the Developmentally Handicapped, North Halton Women's Place, the North Halton Hospice, the United Way, which has 18 agencies under its umbrella, the Georgetown Skating Club and the Georgetown hospital.

The club purchased two special chairs for patients suffering from arthritis designed to help them get their mobility back, says Mr. Schaljo.



Feeling the pinch!

Lobsterfest, held in June at the Georgetown District High School cafeteria, has become the most popular annual event held by the Kiwanis Club. Lobsterfest began as an internal dinner but it has

grown to a dinner which serves about 500 people. Here, Dave Ash shows us tandem lobsters while Terry Dowd and Bud Cooke give the lobsters some of their own medicine. (Herald photos)

50,000 ducks will navigate Credit River; prizes include a car, Caribbean cruise

The Georgetown Kiwanis Club is not a group which ducks a challenge.

And it's along those lines - ducks - that the group is organizing a fundraising event that should eclipse its annual Lobsterfest as the service club's

biggest fundraising event of the year.

On Saturday, April 28 at exactly 1 p.m., a giant dump truck will pull up to the Credit River behind Club 2000, the driver will pull back on the lever and 50,000 little yellow plastic ducks will begin a

1.7 mile journey down the river to Eldorado Park in Brampton.

The Georgetown Kiwanis Club is teaming up with members of the Brampton Kiwanis and Flower City Kiwanis (in Brampton) for what it hopes will be an annual event.

The Kiwanis Club is selling each duck for \$5. Each plastic fowl will carry with it a number. The person who holds the number of the first duck to cross the finish line wins first prize.

There are 10 prizes in all totalling \$50,000.

The three area Kiwanis Clubs got the idea from their counterparts in Ottawa, says Georgetown Kiwanis Club President John Schaljo. The Kiwanis Club in Ottawa has held such a race down the Rideau Canal for the past three years and it's been "extremely profitable for them," says Mr. Schaljo.

In fact, the Ottawa Kiwanis have had to up their duck count from 50,000 to 75,000 in what has turned into a festival, Mr. Schaljo adds.

While Mr. Schaljo is not sure if all 50,000 ducks will get sold in the first race, he's getting help from

other groups in town selling tickets. The Georgetown Hospital Ladies Auxiliary is selling tickets for the big race and Georgetown Minor Hockey will soon be selling tickets for the Kiwanis Club.

First prize is a 1990 Pontiac Sunbird valued at \$17,800, second prize is a \$10,000 Caribbean Cruise for four people and third prize is a fishing boat, motor and trailer valued at \$5,590.

Other prizes include:

-a trip to Walt Disney World in Florida for a family of four people;

-NHL Stanley Cup tickets, including airfare, hotel and cash for two games valued at \$3,000;

-a shopping spree at the Olde Hide House in Acton valued at \$3,000;

-a 12 horsepower lawn tractor valued at just under \$3,000;

-a mobile cellular telephone valued at \$1,750;

-a Webber Gennisis II barbecue valued at \$1,400;

-an \$800 mountain bicycle.

The groups who are supplying the prizes have supported the Kiwanis by selling the prizes at cost or, in some cases, they have been donated, said Mr. Schaljo.



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