

LETTER FROM IN FOCUS



I've always felt a little bit sorry for February. As a month, it's a short little thing sandwiched between the Happy-New-Year! hullabaloo of January and the hooray-it's-almost-spring! excitement of March. By this time of the winter, the novelty of the season has worn off and we're sick of the freezing cold temperatures and mountains of snow (but maybe not this year thanks to the unusually mild weather we've had so far). And to top it all off, February has that strange little "r" in the middle that everybody seems to forget about and/or curse.

If February was a person, it would be a wimpy little dude with a perpetual head cold who wears sweater vests, bowties and suspenders and is picked on by all the other, tougher months. But don't feel too bad for poor little February: this seemingly pitiful little month has hidden depths.

For example, February has a sweet tooth. This month, we celebrate cream cheese brownies (on the 10th), peppermint patties (the 11th), gumdrops (the 15th) and chocolate mints (the 19th).

It's also a month of self-improvement and improved self-esteem thanks to Pay a Compliment Day on the 6th, followed by Dump Your Significant Jerk Day on the 7th, Laugh and Get Rich Day on the 8th and Random Acts of Kindness Day on the 17th.

But most of all, February likes to have a good time. This month, don't miss Drink Wine Day on the 18th, National Margarita Day on the 22nd and, of course, Hoodie-Hoo Day on the 20th, a day when you are required to go outside and yell "Hoodie-hoo!" in hopes of scaring away Old Man Winter.

But before you get too far along with your February celebrations, take a moment to sit back, relax and enjoy this edition of In Focus. We have countless photos from dozens of events around town. And if you see me around town this month, be sure to stop by and say hi. You could see yourself in our next issue!

Happy February!

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Historic Halton Hills

Quirky facts from Halton Hills' past

The church that makes up part of the **Georgetown library** is a former Congregational Church that was built in 1854.

Limehouse was known as Fountain Green until the post office opened in 1857.

Lucy Maud Montgomery, the famous author of **Anne of Green Gables**, lived in Norval between 1926 and 1935. She wrote five novels during this time, including **Pat of Silver Bush** and **Emily's Quest**.

More than 600 Georgetown residents suddenly found themselves unemployed when the Diefenbaker government cancelled the **Avro Arrow** project in 1959.

The Club at North Halton dates back to 1914 when it was known as Cedar Crest. The golf course closed during World War II and reopened in 1954 as North Halton Golf and Country Club. It has been in continuous operation ever since.

St. Alban's Anglican Church in Glen Williams officially opened in 1903 and cost of \$3,500 to build.

George Kennedy, the man who Georgetown is named after, was partially blinded in both eyes during the War of 1812.

Glen Williams was known as Williamsburg until the post office opened in 1852.

Do you know any fun facts about Halton Hills? Send your information to **Andrea** at **ALefebvre@the ifp.ca**.

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