

Thibault named Citizen of Year

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Thibault is also chair of the Halton Hills Cultural Round Table which has raised the awareness of the positive impact that culture has on the community well being said Penrice.

"Under his leadership the Roundtable will be leading a major project in 2012 to develop a Cultural Master Plan for Halton Hills," said Penrice. "He also plays an active role in organizing the successful Big Daddy Festival held each Father's Day weekend."

Thibault also acts as a Tourism Ambassador on behalf of the Halton Hills Tourism Committee and a trail captain on the Bruce Trail. He chairs the Economic Pillar subcommittee of the Town of Halton Hills Sustainability Advisory Committee.

He is also active in sports, playing hockey and riding his bike. He and his wife Paulette have raised over \$50,000 since 1995 in the Multiple Sclerosis Annual Bike Ride which now goes from Acton to Waterloo and back.

Thibault is also a member of the Georgetown Choral Society, where in addition to singing he is a member of the executive, and chairs the marketing and promotion committee.

Outside of Georgetown, Thibault has been very active in Skills/Competences Canada, both at the national

and provincial level. He has also represented Canada on the Board of Directors of WorldSkills International. Both organizations promote skilled trades for young people.

Thibault has also served on the Board of Governors at McMaster University, the Board of Directors of the Canadian Foundation for Economic Education and is an honorary life member of the Canadian Association for Business Economics.

Thibault, who has a Master's degree in Economics, was Chief Economist and held several other senior positions with the Canadian Manufacturers Association. He was appointed President of that Association in 1985. He later served as Co-chair of the Canadian Labour Force Development Board and in 1995 stepped down to begin a career as a financial advisor—a position he retired from in 2006.

His wife Paulette jokes that he's busier now than when he was working.

The couple has two grown sons Alain and Andre, both married, and four grandchildren.

The Lions Club will honour Laurent at the Citizen of the Year Dinner March 27 at Georgetown Lions Hall. Tickets are available at the Carpet Barn or by calling Lion Doug Penrice at 905-873-8469. Tickets are \$40 each.



WEEKEND FORECAST...

Halton Hills	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.
HIGH	1°	1°	0°
LOW	-1°	-6°	-8°
SNOW	close to 10 cm	-	less than 1 cm

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