

# EDITORIAL

with Frances Learment

# Celebrating Dads

If ever there was a day to make me guiltily realize that I should have given my late Dad more thanks for being a kind, loving, forgiving role model – it is Father’s Day.

Sure, I regularly told him I loved him, and each Father’s Day came with a family celebration and the obligatory tie/ golf balls/ magazine subscription, but if he was here now, I would make more of an effort to tell him how he shaped my life, my views and gave me a sense that the world is a safe place.

Father’s Day celebrations, begun in 1910, were an equality answer to Mother’s Day and initially, the day didn’t catch on as many citizens saw it as a “Hallmark holiday” – a manufactured day to put more money into merchant’s pockets. There are also some suggestions that Father’s Day may have originated in pagan sun worship as some branches of paganism see the sun as the father of the universe. The June solstice occurs around the same time of year as Father’s Day, so some people saw a link between the two.

Whatever the history, Father’s Day gives children of all ages a chance to make a fuss over their father, or father figure – to affirm their love and respect, and to say thanks for doing a tough, and sometimes thankless, job.

**Happy father’s Day.**



### Ten Years Ago

• Acton got a new permanent doctor – after working in Acton on a part-time basis, Dr. Nather Alshakarji announced he would see patients on a full-time, permanent basis at the Acton Medical Centre.

• Former Acton Fire chief Mick Holmes, 85, died in Georgetown hospital after suffering a stroke. Holmes was remembered for his quiet integrity, loyal service and dedication to family and work.

### Five Years Ago

• Concerns that moving the Acton police sub-station from the downtown to the plaza at Acton Boulevard and Queen Street will mean less police presence, police brass said the relocation could mean more police visibility downtown.

• An aging English Oak tree with a royal pedigree at Speyside School will be protected under the Ontario Act to preserve its historical, cultural and design values.



**MINISTERIAL GOODBYE:** Members of the Acton Ministerial Association recently honoured Father Bob Bulbrook who is leaving St. Joseph’s Church for a new ministry in St. Clements. Saying goodbye were, from left: The Reverend Hyuk Cho – Trinity United Church, Majors Shirley and Sam Roberts – Salvation Army, the Reverend Ray Vander Kooij – Bethel Christian Reformed Church, Kathy Sanford, Father Bob Bulbrook – St. Joseph Catholic Church, Kellen Wiersma – Crossings Community Church, the Reverend John Bedell and Mary Walsma – Churchill Community, and George Henderson – Knox Presbyterian Church. – Submitted photo

# Home made laundry soap a wash out

I do clean out my Emails on a regular basis. I have to. I hate having piles of Emails growing in inboxes and sent boxes and spam boxes taking up space then having to deal with what I will keep and what I won’t. If I do it on a regular basis there seems to be only hundreds of Emails to deal with instead of four digit amounts.

While I was doing this the other day, I came across an Email from a company’s customer service. A few months back I wrote about how I decided to make my own laundry soap, which for the record, was a success that I am very proud of.

However, the problem with making the laundry soap was not the actual making it, but instead the accumulating of ingredients. It was brutal, and finally a friend from the USA sent a few products my way to help out. The one ingredient that was the big problem was washing soda. It seems odd because



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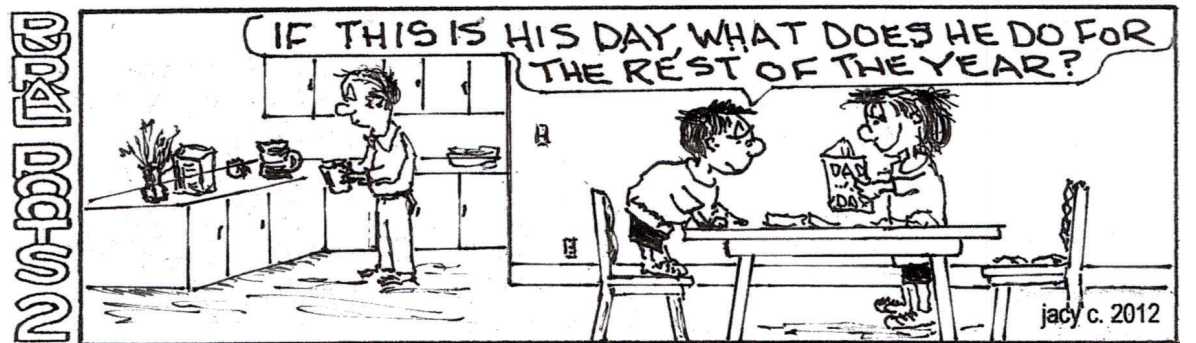
I’ve heard of it, and when I mentioned it to a few people the common response was something along the lines “oh, I’ve seen it in (grocery store name)” I would go to that store and, of course, it wasn’t there.

After much frustration I decided to contact Arm and Hammer by Email to find out where I could buy their washing soda. My Email said basically “this is the product I am looking for, and can you please tell me which grocery store or store sells it in my area?” The following was their response, which I kept, obviously for its comic appeal:

“Thank you for asking where to buy ARM & HAMMER® Super Washing Soda. We appreciate your interest in our company and our products.

Regrettably, we are unable to provide you with a retailer in your area who may sell ARM & HAMMER® Super Washing Soda. Because so many products compete for space on store shelves, retailers must limit their offerings to those with the greatest demand. You might mention your interest in our product to the store manager where you shop and he or she may be able to order it for you. Again, thank you for taking the time and having the interest to contact us. If you have any questions in the future, please call us at 1-800-524-1328. If you would like additional information about our company and products, visit our website at [www.churchdewight.com](http://www.churchdewight.com)”

Is it me or is this response just a big waste of space and time? Wouldn’t a better response be that the product is sold through Sobeys, Loblaws or any other grocery store or maybe Walmart? They might have well said, we sell it, but we don’t know to whom, so good luck finding it.



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