

# EDITORIAL

with Frances Learment

## Good corporate citizens

One again, the generosity of local business owners continues to impress. In these days of dwindling dollars for competing causes, the recipients are very grateful for any additional dollars they can get.

Led by Ronald McDonald, Tim and Casey O'Connor – owners of the Acton and two Georgetown McDonald's – announced that they would donate \$25,000 over the next five years to **both** the Town's arena expansion, and Georgetown and Acton library fundraising campaigns.

As well last week, the Malinosky family, owners of the Acton Tim Hortons, donated proceeds from the recent Smile Cookie campaign to Acton's FoodShare food bank (\$1,600), and Milton Canine Rescue (\$2,500) which also serves Acton. The FoodShare cheque will help feed e hungry, and at the non-profit Canine Rescue, which relies solely on donations and adoption fees to pay the bills, the money means more dogs will be fostered until permanent homes are found.

The unselfish largesse of the owners of both Acton businesses deserves recognition and thanks, and maybe their generosity will encourage others to help out financially, if they can, and enhance customer loyalty.



**FOODSHARE CHEQUE:** The \$1,600 that the owners of the Acton Tim Hortons presented to Acton FoodShare will be used to purchase much-needed food for the food bank. On hand for last Tuesday's cheque presentation were, from left: Tim Hortons owner Noah Malinosky, Tamara Babony, Norm Humphreys, Carol Clark, Nicole Roulstone, Sue Jeffrey and Jill Malinosky. – Ted Tyler photo

## Super glue set back

I'm not a plan months in advance type of person. I like to have a plan, yet I'm not one of those who start Christmas shopping for next year on Boxing Day. However, so far, every year I have somehow stumbled across Hallowe'en costumes in August.

The first year, Little J and I were in a kids' clothing store when they were just unpacking their Hallowe'en costumes. At not even nine months old, she saw what she wanted, made a huge fuss about it and not long later we were the proud owners of a pink panther costume.

Last year with an additional child, who was not even sitting up, costumes were a little more challenging. Little J proclaimed she wanted her brother to be a pirate and she was to be a "ductor." The toddler translation of "ductor" was a train conductor. Not what you would think a little girl would want to be, yet with her train fascination, it wasn't surprising. I didn't know where her brother being a pirate came from but it worked out to be a pretty good outfit for a baby.

This year, Little J again said she wanted to be a conductor.



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When I told her she couldn't be the same thing as she was last year she informed me she wasn't "doing Hallowe'en" until I reminded her that was how she got candy last year. Suddenly, she decided she was "doing Hallowe'en" and that she was to be a princess and her brother was to be a fireman. She also instructed me she needed a pretty princess dress.

At the end of August, keeping with tradition, I scored a fireman costume for the little guy that would accommodate winter attire underneath, if necessary. Being as this kid Hallowe'en stuff is still relatively new to me, I had a brilliant idea that I would find an old prom dress or some poufy bridesmaid dress and alter it into a pretty princess dress for Little J. I had all the ambition and no product. It was actually a challenge trying to find one of those dresses and after failing miserably I got really lucky with a free medieval style dress-up dress. I had a new plan for the

pretty princess dress. I was going to re-purpose the dress, glitz it up and voila, Little J would have her Hallowe'en wish come true. It wasn't about the getting the dress for free or repurposing it was because I wanted to do something special for her. I know this excitement will probably wear off in another few years, so for the moment I was running with it.

I got the fake jewels. I hand sewed anything on the dress that needed tending to, being it was previously loved. I had the super glue and re-read the instructions to make sure it would be fine for material. I had one kid asleep and the other one with daddy watching Treehouse TV. I was all set.

You see the thing with super glue is it does work really well on fabric. It also works really well on skin. Luckily I didn't glue my fingers together but by the time I had glued one row of jewels on, I had so much super glue on my fingers I barely had any feeling on the finger tips. If there are typos in this column it is because of the super glue. Next year we are going back to buying costumes...no more super glue.

## Looking Back



### Ten Years Ago

- Frustrated by repeated delays, and maybe even a little envious, Acton/Regional Councillor Rick Bonnette wanted to now why it was taking so long to approve a sorts park in Acton.

- The committee planning a "live" *Journey to Bethlehem* walk and Christmas pageant in Prospect Park held a dry run, drawing members of local churches and the community.

### Five Years Ago

- Police searched for two young white men in a light-coloured minivan who tried to lure an eight-year-old Acton boy to their van from a Kingham Road town house parking-lot.

- Superior Glove's new *Triple Play* model earned the Acton firm a Workplace HR and Safety Commitment Award in the category of hand protection for its new steel mesh glove.

**CORRECTION:** In last week's report on the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal recipients, Major (Retd.) John H. Harrison was mis-identified. The New Tanner regrets the error and apologizes.



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