

COMMENT



The way we were

With a history dating back to 1832, Brain Brewery was located on Steeles Ave., just east of Hornby. John Brain's original beer recipe had a whopping 80 per cent alcohol content, but he reluctantly reduced it to 30 per cent when his clientele complained. Closed down under prohibition in 1916, it reopened in 1927, but never enjoyed the same success, due in part to stiffer competition in the marketplace. While the brewery is long gone, the original Brain family home still stands today.

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From our readers



WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

Ross Pezzack sent in this photo of a Canada goose on its nest. The birds are very successful at living and breeding close to human environments. Many consider them pests as they can be aggressive and prefer space near fresh water, like parks.

Got a photo you want to share? Email cvernon@metroland.com with details.

If not you, who?

Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr often says that the Region of Halton is a great place to live, work, raise a family and retire.

Since the realignment of provincial riding boundaries in 2007, I've been privileged to represent the residents of the Town of Halton Hills in the Ontario Legislature.

And getting to know people like Kay d Entremont confirms that Gary Carr is absolutely right in the way he describes our fabulous communities.

Kay d Entremont is special, and it was fitting and appropriate that she was recently named the Georgetown Lions 2015 Citizen on the Year. I was honoured to attend the Lions Club presentation dinner, joining Kay's many family and friends, and personally extend my thanks.

Kay cares. Her caring is the source of a remarkable volunteer spirit.

While working full time and raising five children, she has made time through the years to volunteer with the Catholic Women's League, the Georgetown Cubs and Scouts, the Georgetown Little Theatre (GLT), Cancer Assistive Services of Halton Hills (CASHh), and the Hockey Heritage Dinner.

Getting involved in local government, she has been a member of Councillor Dave Kentner's Ward 3 election campaign committee, as well as Catholic School Board Trustee Mark Rowe's campaign team. In her modest and unassuming way, Kay has demonstrated outstanding dedication and enthusiasm in her contribution to her community. In doing so, her volunteer efforts have made a profound difference, and

have made our great community even better.

Inspired by Kay's compassion, energy and commitment, we should all ask ourselves the following questions:

How can I be like Kay d Entremont? How can I give back? Who can I help? What are the needs in my community which need to be met? What community organizations could use my help? If not me, who? If not now, when?

We were very pleased to receive word recently that the Town of Hal-

ton Hills is in line to receive a \$675,000 grant from the Ministry of Transportation's Connecting Links program. The Connecting Links program is a partnership between the Ministry and municipalities sharing in the cost of maintaining provincial highways as they pass through built-up areas.

While the provincial government arbitrarily and without consultation cancelled the program in 2013, we worked together to push back and insisted that they reinstate Connecting Links.

Eventually, our efforts met with success. Town of Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette, along with Town Council and staff all deserve acknowledgment for their work on this issue. The Connecting Links funding will help to resurface approximately 500 metres of Main St. in Acton, from Knox St. north on the Hwy. 7 connecting link.

Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott welcomes your comments.

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