

# Georgetown couple shares Citizen of the Year honours



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Dave and Dale have a long history of giving back to the community, and always as a couple.

The couple are talented artists and their professional life was spent in the world of animation and film.

Both were longtime employees of Nelvana animation studio a world leader in animation of children's content.

Individually or as couple, their work has appeared in over 40 years of animation programming including such well-known titles as *Star Wars Ewoks*, *Inspector Gadget*, *Magic School Bus* and *Beetlejuice*.

This artistic talent has been one way the pair has contributed to many community projects by designing the distinctive logos for Light up the Hills, Duck Race logo in Glen Williams, promotional buttons for the Old Seed House Gardens, Anne of Green Gables in Norval, and the Id rather be in Glen Williams promotion and others.

Dave and Dale have been lifelong collectors of art, covering many styles.

As the collection has started to outgrow their home, they have been donating to local and regional

art centres and providing artworks to local charities for silent auctions to raise funds.

These organizations include: CASHh, Wastewise, Helson Gallery, Georgetown Public Library, the Devereaux House and a major gift to the University of Toronto of their cherished animation archive materials, to name just a few.

They have given freely of their time to educate others in the community, including an animation seminar at the Williams Mill and mentoring young people.

Dave and Dale formed Team Glen Williams for the Walk for the Georgetown Hospital and have been recognized by the hospital for this on-going contribution.

They support community projects with their time including Artswalk, Light up the Hills and the Halton Hills Cultural Roundtable.

The Coxes have been honoured by the Glen Williams Town Hall Board for their support and Dave was also inducted into the Georgetown District High School Wall of Fame.

Dave and Dale have been married for more than 40 years and as a couple have lived in Georgetown for 38 years. Dave grew up in Georgetown, attending GDHS, and both are graduates of the Sheridan College animation program.

The Lions Club will honour Dave and Dale at the Citizen of the Year Dinner on Tuesday, March 28 at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex (Heritage Hall second floor). For ticket information, call Lion Doug Penrice at 905-873-8469. Tickets are \$45 each.

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