

## The way we were



### Checking out

Fashions and hair styles may have changed a bit since 1973 but kids still like to check out the items at a bazaar or garage sale like this one held at the Opti-Mrs. Bazaar in Holy Cross Church hall.

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From our readers

## PICTURE THIS

The annual Dairy Dr. street sale hosted by 30 families on Saturday in Acton had an additional component this year—the Labonte family held a food drive for the Acton Foodshare. The youngsters manning the stand collected 90 lbs. of food and sold \$131 worth of items from the lemonade stand. Helping out were from left, Paco Eldridge, Gabriel Labonte, Ruth Vuyk, Linsy Eldridge, Thea Martin and Erika Labonte.

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## MPP: Time to get back to work

I want to begin this column by expressing my sincere thanks to the people of Wellington-Halton Hills for returning me to Queen's Park for another term as your Member of Provincial Parliament.

Helped by my dedicated campaign volunteers and staff, we reached out to you, listened to your concerns, answered your questions, and worked to earn your trust. I will always be indebted to my magnificent campaign team members for their hard work.

For our party, the overall provincial result was disappointing, to say the least.

Mistakes in our campaign strategy cost us considerable support. An over-the-top (and at times inaccurate) advertising campaign launched against us by public sector unions, coupled with Kathleen Wynne's appeal to NDP voters in the final days proved to be decisive on June 12.

However, the election is over. We must now accept the results, and get back to work on behalf of all the people of Ontario.

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TED ARNOTT

One of Georgetown's outstanding community leaders is making plans to retire to Grand Bend, on Lake Huron.

John Duncan's caring and commitment to building a better Georgetown will be missed.

For decades, he has been a pillar of the Kinsmen Club of Georgetown, twice serving as club President. He's been actively involved in their many civic events, including the hugely successful Walks for ALS, and CF Fundraising dinners.

John was elected to serve on the Council of the Town of Halton Hills in 2006, representing Ward 4. While on Town Council, he was a respected, accessible and informed voice for taxpayers.

More recently, he has devoted many hours to the President's Cup Golf Tournament, a very successful fundraising event for the Georgetown Hospital Foundation. He's chaired the organizing

committee for the last two years, and his team is making final plans for this year's event on July 28 (for more information, visit [www.georgetownhospitalfoundation.ca](http://www.georgetownhospitalfoundation.ca)).

And not sitting back and leaving it to others, he made time to get involved in federal and provincial elections over many years. John was my Halton Hills campaign co-ordinator in my 2007, 2011 and 2014 elections. He was tireless in those campaigns, introducing me to local residents, providing helpful advice and counsel, and paying attention to every detail, large and small.

Along the way, John has made lifelong friendships with people from every walk of life. With support from his wonderful (and patient!) wife Mary and his loving family, he has truly left Georgetown a better place for his efforts.

Thank you, John Duncan. As the old Irish saying goes: "May you live to be 100 years, with one extra year to repent!"

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The Ontario Legislature resumed sitting yesterday. That morning, MPPs from all parties will be sworn in en masse in the Legislative Chamber by the Lieutenant Governor. In the afternoon, we will gather again to elect a Speaker.

On July 3 (today), the Speech from the Throne will be the order of the day, kicking off what promises to be an extraordinary summertime debate on the issues and challenges facing the province. The re-representation of the 2014-15 provincial budget will follow in due course.

In my column next month, I hope to offer my thoughts on the Throne Speech and the budget. As always, I welcome your comments and advice.

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