# HAYNES-RIDLEY, ZORGE HONOURED AT LIONS CLUB DINNER

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When Doug Penrice and his fellow Lions Club members were reviewing candidates for the Georgetown Citizen of the Year, he noticed a common theme in the two nominations for Dee Dee Haynes-Ridley.

"It was one of wonderment, just how one woman could do so much," he said.

And when he called to tell Haynes-Ridley that she would be this year's recipient, he was met with a reaction that had a lot in common with past winners, letting him know they had made the right choice.

"They don't think they have done that much and they are always very modest," he said.

The Lions Club formally recognized Haynes-Ridley at their annual citizen of the year dinner.

Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette presented Haynes-Ridley with a key to the town. He marveled at the hours citizens dedicate to the community.

"That's what volunteering does, it enriches our community," he said.

Haynes-Ridley has been actively involved in baseball and softball as well as bowling, serving in every capacity from coach to president.

"She's been an enthusiastic ambassador in the community soliciting funds for new baseball diamonds," Penrice said. "With the growth in our community, baseball registrations are increasing each year volunteers like Dee Dee are essential to help children have their best experience possible."

The Lions Club also honoured Fred Zorge as the first winner of the service club member of the year. Zorge has been a member of the Lions Club in Georgetown for 60 years.

"Sixty years of service to the Lions Club and to the



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Dee Dee Haynes-Ridley was honoured at the Georgetown Lions Club citizen of the year dinner. Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette presented Haynes-Ridley with a key to the town.

community in Georgetown," said Wellington-Halton Hills MP Michael Chong.

"The Lions Club does a

lot of great work, the Santa Claus parade and donations to various causes but is also a big supporter for Guide Dogs. It costs \$25,000 to train a guide dog. It is awesome to see them out in the community being trained so we thank you and your fellow Lions for that commitment."

"Sixty years volunteering and still going at it at 92 years old," Bonnette said. "Unbelievable."

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