

COUPLE'S COMMUNITY SPIRIT CELEBRATED

MCINTYRES NAMED ACTON CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

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They say many hands make light work.

And Acton's Anne and Lloyd McIntyre will be the first to declare this is true if you ask about their volunteer contributions over the years.

"It's committee work, it's the group of people that has created success for anything we've been involved in," said Anne. "It's not a singular success — it's the community that gets behind you."

With this in mind, the longtime local couple has humbly welcomed the news that they're the Rotary Club of Acton's Citizens of the Year for 2020.

The McIntyre name has become synonymous with fun events at the Acton Town Hall Centre, where the couple has been heavily involved in various roles for over a decade.

Both are members of Heritage Acton, which manages and maintains the facility, with Lloyd chairing the board and looking after facility rentals and Anne being a volun-

teer board member who's helped organize and host countless community events that filled the hall before the pandemic struck.

"Kathleen Dills got me involved with events there. I'd never done anything like this is my life," recalled Anne. "With anything we did at the hall, we always wanted it to be the very best. We've had some spectacular things happen there."

While it's hard for Anne to choose just one event as her favourite, she said any festivities that involve music top her list, like a musical series she organized after helping get a baby grand piano at the hall.

This may come as no surprise to those who know the musically-inclined McIntyres. Over the years Lloyd played bass in several bands while Anne sang in church and community choirs.

The dynamic duo teamed up in the Shaynes Rock and Roll Band during the 1960s, with Lloyd leading the group to play for local service clubs, weddings, fundraisers and more.

"Music has been with both of us all the way through," noted Anne.

Elsewhere around town, Lloyd served on the Halton Hills Cultural



Lloyd and Anne McIntyre, Acton's 2020 Citizens of the Year.

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Roundtable for several years, while Anne was responsible for the Acton flag project in celebration of the town's 175th birthday. She also researches and writes for the annual Acton historical calendar, using the materials to compile and edit the 2019 book "Vintage Acton, The Calen-

dar Collection" alongside the late Norman C. Humphreys.

In the faith community, the couple previously chaired ministerial search committees at Trinity United Church.

Today, the parents of three continue to serve the town they love through

their dedication to the building that's close to their hearts, the Acton Town Hall Centre.

Anne is also a part of the Retired Women Teachers of Ontario (Lydia Snow North Halton Branch) — where she received an award for leadership — and member of 100 Women

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Who Care Halton Hills, while Lloyd serves on the Churchill Cemetery board.

So what do they enjoy the most about their volunteer efforts?

For Anne, it's all about the friendships, along with having a sense of purpose and achievement in retirement, while Lloyd said he appreciates the lifelong learning aspect that comes with volunteerism.

"We want the community to be the best it can be for all of our family and friends," he said. "By volunteering, we're adding another little notch to various aspects of the community that makes it a better place for all of us."

The McIntyres will be celebrated at a virtual awards ceremony hosted by the Rotary Club of Acton. Further details will be announced soon on the group's Facebook page.

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