

# Georgetown Lions Citizen of the Year and the Lion Fred Zorge Service Club Citizen of The Year



The Georgetown Lions Club is pleased to announce Georgetown's Citizen of the Year; Marilyn Serjeantson. The award given out annually since 1972 recognizes the contributions that volunteers make to the community, past recipients have included individuals, organizations and couples.

Lion Doug Penrice Chair of the Citizen of the Year Committee said "We are pleased to once again recognize an outstanding volunteer in our community, the selection committee is always amazed how much our community relies on volunteers to enhance our quality of life".

Marilyn and her husband the late Ed Serjeantson moved to Georgetown over 50 years ago and raised their four sons here. Both of them became very active in the community Marilyn volunteered at her children's school, George Kennedy by setting up the first hot dog days to raise funds. Seems fitting that she would volunteer with the school, her grandmother Florence was related to Georgetown's founder George Kennedy.

## Marilyn Serjeantson

Marilyn moved on to politics being elected as the first woman to be on Council for the Town of Halton Hills, a challenge she described it as the "boys club". At this time, she launched the Activan which provided much

needed transportation for seniors and other with special needs. In 1985 she moved on to be a Region of Halton Councillor. In 1994 she took the big step and was elected the Mayor for the Town of Halton Hills again the first female to hold this post.

Through the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, she volunteered with the Bruce Trail organization helping to purchase properties that now make up this national treasure.

Upon leaving politics her energy was redirected to community organizations and projects. She was instrumental in establishing the early childhood centre at the Gary Allan High School, also served on the board of Community Living

She was a member of the 2007 Georgetown Homecoming Committee a project that was so successful it was recognized as Lions Citizen of the Year in 2007. She is a member of the Light up the Hills project which was named a business award winner by the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Marilyn served on the Family Council Board at the Extencicare Nursing Home where her 102-year-old mother is a resident. She was a board member of the Devereaux House rehabilitation project which saved a historical building from certain demolition.

She is a long-time member of the Kiwanis Club of Georgetown serving as President and Secretary, her fellow members unanimously supported the nomination. Through her involvement with the club she plays a key role on the Head for the Hills Craft Beer Festival.

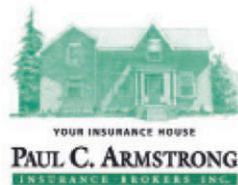
The Georgetown Lions Club after 18 months of delays caused by COVID 19 restrictions was finally able to award the annual Citizen of the Year to Marilyn Serjeantson at a very low-key ceremony. The award was announced on March 3, 2020 and the award dinner was scheduled for the end of March 2020. It was unconceivable at the time that the pandemic would impact community life so drastically. Attempts were made to reschedule our usual award dinner many times. View the presentation on YOUTUBE <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XVYTfX-ni-c>



**The Kiwanis Club salutes our longtime volunteer, Marilyn Serjeantson!**

Marilyn is the hardest worker we know and we are but one of the many organizations she volunteers with. The world needs more "Marilyns" and we Kiwanians are proud to call her one of our own.

## Congratulations Marilyn!



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*Congratulations*  
**MARILYN**  
for your outstanding commitment, to this community and to **LIGHT UP THE HILLS** for your passion and dedication for many years.

**Light up the Hills**

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