

Scouting service recognized

John Ollivier, Marketing Manager for Halton Cable Systems was recently awarded the Canada 125 Medal for his involvement in Scouting.

The medal, struck to commemorate Canada's 125th year of Confederation, is bestowed upon those who have made a significant contribution to the community.

Ollivier's medal was presented at a planning and development meeting for the Central Escarpment Region of Scouts Canada, which includes Georgetown, Acton and Milton as well as Oakville, Burlington, Brampton, Malton and Bolton area.

"It was a surprise, of course", said Ollivier. "I had just finished a presentation, coincidentally about honors and awards, when the Region President called me back so that he could read the letter from the Governor General's office and pin the medal on me."

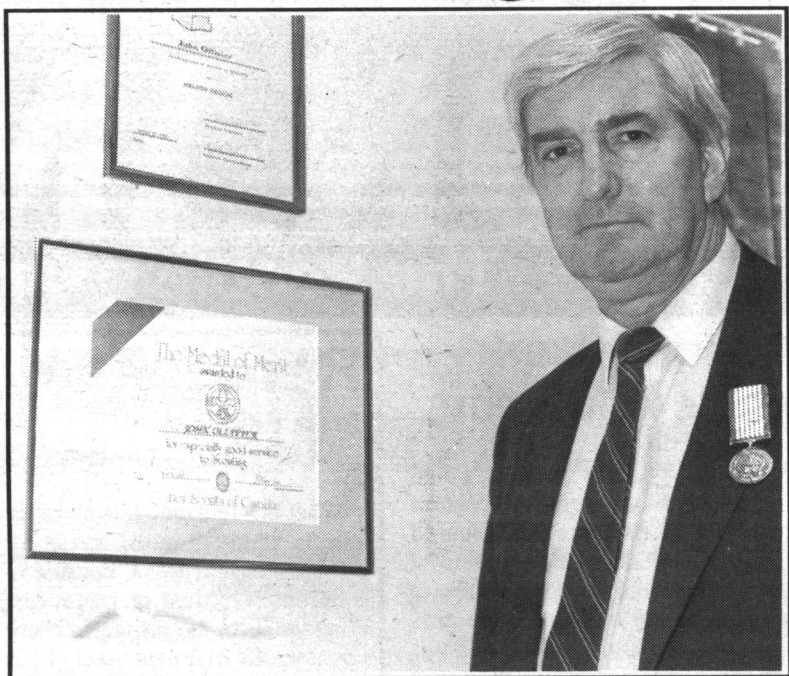
"Typically though, achievements in Scouting are made through the team efforts of many people, not just one individual. I enjoy Scouting for the many things I get out of it. I wasn't a Scout when I was a kid, but I sure wish I had been. Usually, people have the idea that Scouting is hiking, tying knots and camping. Sure, it is that too, but so much more."

"We have a saying that we influence young people to grow up to be the kind of people you'd like to have as neighbors. That's even more important now, and as we approach the 21st century."

"But adults can gain so much as well. Scouting is run by volunteers, and our training programs for adults offer personal development, life skills, working in groups, so many things which have a positive influence in your career and family life. I would always look at a resume to see if there is a Scouting background there. It tells you a lot about a person."

The Canada 125 medal is granted through the office of the Honorable Ray Hnatyshyn, Governor General of Canada. Nomination for the award is usually made upon the recommendation of others in the movement to which the designate belongs.

Ollivier has been in Scouting for 20 years, starting service with the 5th Georgetown Group. More recently, he held the office of Region Commissioner for five years. He currently works on the Provincial Scouting committees for Public Relations and Quality, and is Public Relations officer for Central Escarpment Region, and is a trainer. Last year he was awarded the



John Ollivier, Marketing Manager for Halton Cable Systems, has been awarded a certificate and special 125th Year of Confederation pin, for his volunteer work in the Scouting movement. HHTW photo

Medal of Merit, a national Scouting award which is also approved by the Governor General as Chief Scout of Canada. Formerly a resident of Georgetown and Acton, John Ollivier lives in Milton with his wife Julie.

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