

# "Celebration of Stars" Dinner Dance

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Year 2000 is a very special time for the Milton District Hospital Foundation as it celebrates 20 years of fund raising success. To commemorate its many accomplishments, a "Celebration of Stars" Dinner Dance is being held Friday, October 27, 2000, at Granite Ridge Golf Club. Joining the Foundation in hosting this event is the Hospital Auxiliary who for more than 40 years has been supporting the hospital through their charitable and volunteer work.

Since its inception in 1980, the Foundation has raised funds to purchase state-of-the-art medical equipment, sponsor health-education events, expand and improve hospital facilities to meet the needs of the community. Overall, the Foundation has contributed more than \$1.4 million to meet the growing needs of patients who use the hospital.

The "Celebration of Stars" event promises to be a memorable one and the Foundation is hoping that many of its loyal supporters and past Board Members will be in attendance so they can be recognized for their invaluable contribution to 20 years of success. The evening festivities are being sponsored by Dufferin Aggregates and include a welcome cocktail reception, gourmet dinner with wine, fabulous door prizes, and dancing to a live-orchestra.

In honour of this 20th Anniversary year, the Foundation has also expanded its Donor Appreciation Program by creating a new category entitled The Platinum Circle. The purpose of The Platinum Circle is to give loyal donors an opportunity to continue to be recognized for their ongoing support of Milton District Hospital. Two new levels this year are Platinum Patrons at \$50,000 and Platinum Benefactors at \$100,000.

During the Celebration of Stars Dinner Dance, the Foundation Board will be presenting plaques to the first five Platinum Circle recipients. Being recognized as Platinum Patrons for having donated \$50,000 or more to Milton District Hospital are: Boyke and Dicky Deumer, Dufferin Aggregates, Halton Sportsmen's Club and Creative Memorials. Milton Oldstars will be recognized as a Platinum Benefactor for raising more than \$100,000 since the Foundation's inception.

Tickets are \$50 per person and tables of eight can be booked in advance, however, early reservations are recommended to avoid disappointment. To reserve tickets or for more information contact the Foundation office at 905-876-7014.

## Glorious autumn colours at Halton Parks

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THE COMPASS

The curtain is rising on Ontario's spectacular autumn foliage, and there's no better place than the show near home, in Halton's conservation parks.

Conservation Halton has more than 9,000 acres of natural lands that include waterfalls, limestone cliffs, scenic lookouts and a vast network of forests. A trail system of 100 kilometers in length - including the Bruce Trail - is available for hiking, mountain biking and scenic viewing.

The glorious autumn show only lasts a few weeks, usually peaking around the Thanksgiving weekend. Weather has a lot to do with the brilliance of colours. An

ample amount of rainfall, sunny days and cool nights produce the best results. This combination allows the sugars in the leaves to produce a red pigment known as anthocyanin. Green chlorophyll eventually disappears as the red pigment becomes trapped and changes to brilliant reds, oranges and golds.


You can also view the colours by hopping in your car and taking a scenic driving tour on some of the wooded backroads of the Halton watershed. You personal "hunt for red October" can be made easier with three scenic driving tours that are shown in the stunning book *Halton: Rising,*

*Wild and Beckoning*, published in 1998 by the Conservation Halton Foundation. Information on the book and the driving tours can be seen on Conservation Halton's website at [www.conservationhalton.on.ca](http://www.conservationhalton.on.ca)

The driving tours, covering Bronte Creek, 16 Mile Creek and Halton Hills pass by parks, farms, through quaint villages and offer plenty of surprises along the way - an Iroquoian village, hospital for birds of prey, geological potholes and soaring turkey vultures, to name a few.

For information on autumn foliage tours at Conservation Halton parks, call 905-336-1158.

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