

THE HALTON COMPASS

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EDITORIAL

Our readers will know that it is not the policy of the Compass to report on sensational events. We believe that there is enough sadness and tragedy in the world, and that it is not the business of a regional newspaper to add to peoples' suffering by trumpeting such things abroad.

In this issue we have tried to celebrate life. Our piece on Livia Frisch-Polcz, the mother of Milton resident Las Polcz, is a celebration of a life lived well. Livia, an Hungarian Jew, saved the lives of possibly hundreds of fellow Jews during the Nazi occupation of Hungary by obtaining Swedish documents for them from Raoul Wallenberg, who was then a diplomat at the Swedish Embassy. Wallenberg, who has been honoured worldwide for his humanitarian works, was made a citizen of Canada posthumously in 1985. Sadly, Wallenberg was executed by the KGB in Moscow's Ljubianka prison in 1947 on suspicion of being an agent for the United States, based on his having attended the University of Michigan before the war.

Livia lived until 1999, and we are proud to have this opportunity to honour her memory.

On a sadder note we have included a piece on Dr David Dumencu. His tragic death in Orillia has been the the subject of sordid innuendo in the national press. He was a decent man and a well respected member of our community, and we felt that at the least we should redress the balance by having our Jennifer Enwright write a personal memory of David. It was the hardest thing that she has had to write, and we hope that it gives a glimpse of the good man that she remembers. Our prayers and our hearts go out to David's family at this sad time.

LITTORAL VIEW by: Jeffrey Mueller



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North Halton Power and Sail Rendezvous 2004

BY DEBORAH QUAIL

The North Halton Power and Sail Squadron (NHPSS) was formed in 1983 and serves communities in northern Halton and southern Wellington counties such as Campbellville, Rockwood, Acton, Georgetown, Erin and Hillsburgh. NHPSS is a recreational boating squadron and training organization managed and staffed by volunteers. The focus of their activities is related to training, and they present yearly and seasonal public seminars as well as membership in CPS (Canadian Power and Sail) through basic boating classes. NHPSS is a social organization that ensures students and members are provided with regular opportunities to meet and share experiences in pleasant surroundings.

navy tradition where the commander views his ships as they sail by, much the same as a general would view his troops as they parade past.

The afternoon featured a scavenger hunt for the 20 children on board. After being split into two teams, the children first had to decode boating and water safety statements and then find and retrieve specific common boating items. The list included things such as oars, heaving lines, waterproof flashlights, handheld GPS and a compass. As the children scurried between boats looking the sought-after items, the compass became the most elusive. When one woman was asked if she had a compass on board, she promptly offered them a copy of *The Halton Compass*. After some quick consideration, the newspaper was found to qualify and that team was judged the winner for their inventive thinking.

On July 10 the North Halton and Penetanguishene annual rendezvous started with a cannon salute at 11am given by the HMS Badger to mark the start of the Sail Past. The Sail Past is a

As a consequence, 10 new young readers have converted to the *Compass*.