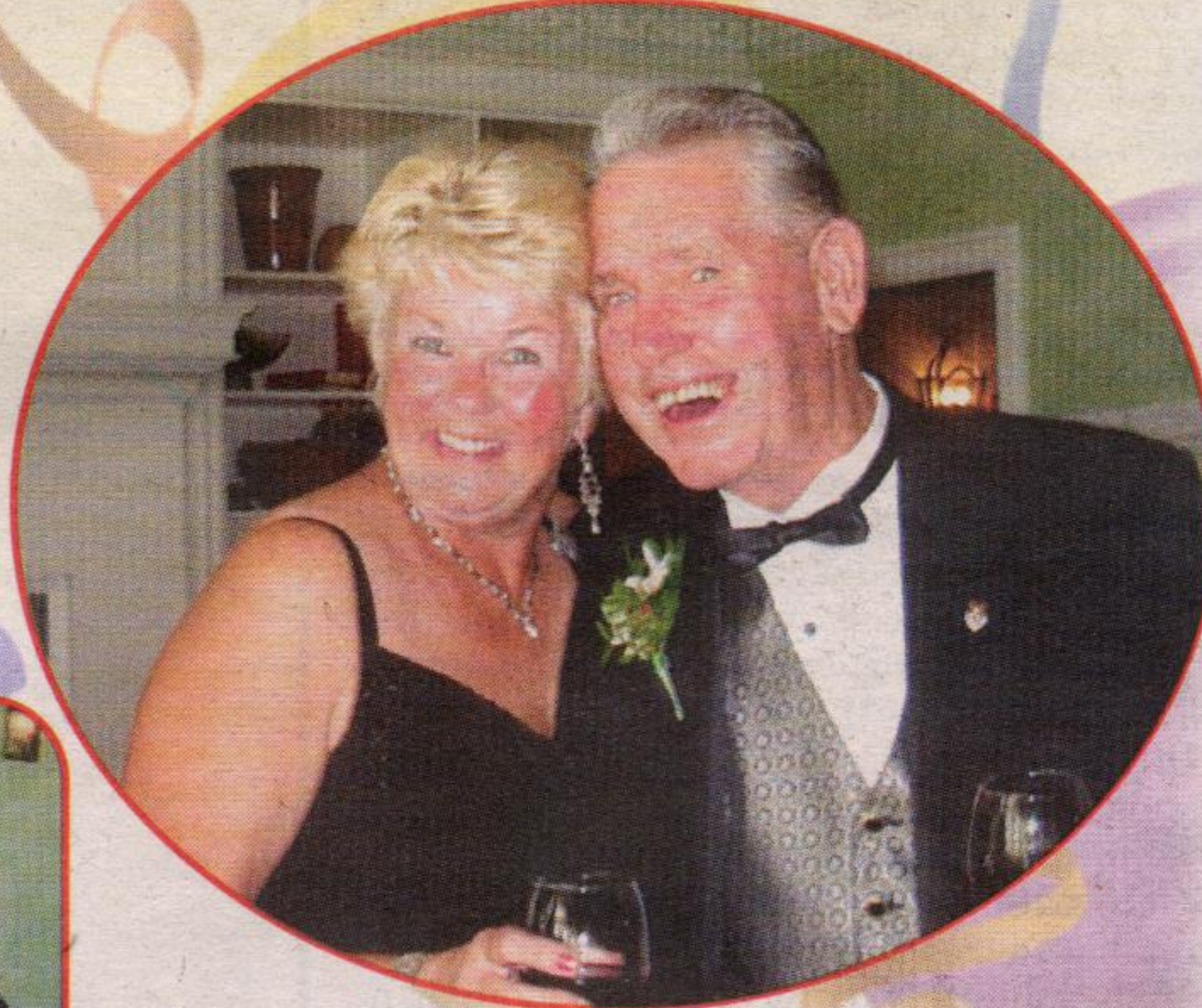




Olive and Gord Krantz share a quiet moment before the festivities.



Raising a glass with emcees Father Mark Curtis (left) and AM 740's Jim Paulsen.



Joking with Chamber president, Joyce Hagevik.



Above: Pictured here is Mayor Krantz receiving a cheque for \$120,681 from the major sponsors of the dinner.



Right: 'Behind the scenes' shot of Chamber of Commerce's Jennifer Pyrah setting up a group photo, while event organizer Allison Mang steadies the stepladder.



Below: Gloria Francis (left) with Noemi and Mario Durante, Scotiabank's Rosa Martins and son Jeff.



Above: Dennis Durante spoke of his father's long friendship with Mayor Krantz and the many nights spent playing cards. "I hope they name a school or park or a casino after you," he quipped.

Right: Fundraising Chair Peter Duffus shows off the \$120,681 raised. The funds will be used in the "Gordon Krantz legacy" fund to build and maintain landmarks within town.



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It was a night of laughter and tears as gathered to fete one of its own, Mayor Gordon Krantz, in a celebration honoring his 25th anniversary as Mayor. "You are surrounded by warmth and love, my friend," said AM 740's Jim Paulsen, who along with Canada's Singing Priest, Father Mark Curtis, hosted the black tie event held at Rattle Snake Golf Club.

Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion paid tribute to Mayor Krantz's long record of service, saying, "We've had a wonderful time together. Over the years, I've enjoyed working with you," before slyly offering to take the blame between the two municipalities off of Mayor Krantz's hands, as a favour. "You and I would have solved the problems of those lands ourselves, not for the Region of Peel and the Region of Halton," Mayor Krantz joked. Mayor McCallion was quick with her reply: "I'm getting rid of my Region, you get rid of yours."

Lighthearted fun seemed to be the order for the night. Even Prime Minister Paul Martin entered into the fun with his videotaped message to the Mayor. "Clearly, you haven't experienced the delights of having a minority government where 25 months is a record. What's the secret, Gord?"

A highlight to the evening came when Father Mark unveiled his latest composition, "Hometown Heart", dedicated to Mayor Krantz, which he sang as two large screens showed portraits of the Mayor from years gone by.