

The Willow Foundation

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The Board of Directors for The Willow Foundation announced that they have elected Michael Parsons as their new Chairman replacing outgoing Chairman Glenn Goldstraw. Michael took on his new role on September 29th.

The aging baby boom generation increases demand for long-term care services. Currently, the average age of those in the Willow Foundation homes is 80 years. Through fundraising initiatives, the Willow Foundation hopes to improve the quality and comfort of life for those seniors in long term care.

The Willow Foundation is an independent non-profit charitable organization dedicated to the care and wellbeing for seniors in long term care. As long back as 1951 when Allendale was known as Halton Centennial Manor long term care home, it was recognized as a leader in support programs and services to Halton seniors with disabilities resulting from illness, injury or the aging process. Today, these programs and services have branched out to include all three long term care homes owned and operated by the region such as 'Allendale' in Milton, 'Post Inn Village' in Oakville, and a new facility

'Creek Way' in Burlington.

New Chairman Michael Parsons is looking forward to the exciting future of the Villages. Successful fundraising operations in the past lead Michael to believe that residents in the long term facilities will continue to remain comfortable and benefit from the services they provide. "What we do is raise additional funds to help enhance the lives of the seniors in our care within Halton region," Michael explained. "We raise money through different charitable events, such as our Golf Tournament, the Dragon Boat races and raffles. We also have planned giving which is when we send a mailer out to people in the communities and families for donations."

Michael describes the Willow Foundation as "the fundraising arm" of the retirement homes in the Halton Region. Their success has been successful in the past, and Michael hopes it will remain the same in the future as many Halton residents start to show more active interest in long-term care facilities. One special activity Michael talked about was the annual cottage trip for residents up in Muskoka that serves as a mini vacation for those seniors able to travel.

The Willow Foundation is completely volunteer based, with people donating their time and efforts. "We have a strong board of directors, people in the community, who donate their time," Michael explained. "The foundation would be defunct without our volunteers. Our foundation is one hundred percent volunteer orientated with people from both businesses and community workers in the community who want to make Halton a better place."

"We are here to the benefit for the seniors so they will enjoy the remainder of their lives," Michael explained. "For some of them, this is their last home."

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When was the last time you saw the other side. It may sound crazy but when was the last time you walked around your car? I'll bet the only time you ever see the right side is maybe at the car wash. Take a moment, have a GOOD look at your car. Check the bodywork, tires, lights, locks etc. It's just amazing what you're going to discover.

*Hello Dave,
I have a Chevy Suburban 1981. I had a lot of Transmission work done last year. What would cause the rear end (differential) to give a bang every time it's put in reverse? Is it the transmission again? What should I expect to fix?
Mike*

The problem may have nothing to do with transmission repairs. All differentials have a certain amount of slack... this is referred to as backlash. As the unit ages the backlash increases and may "klunk" when changing direction. Check if the idle is set to high, causing torque levels to be higher than normal. This usually occurs on cold start up when idle is high ...Have a good tech road test the truck chances are nothing is wrong....

*Dave;
Just purchased a 1988 Corvette. The oil pressure gauge fluctuates, one minute it could be 200 kpa and ten seconds later it could be 230-300 and that's with the engine at running at 1500 revs at normal operating temperature. I suspect the oil pressure-sending unit may be faulty. I have been unable to locate the sending unit. What's your opinion?*

Think you're right in your diagnoses. It certainly sounds as if the sensor is acting up. You did not mention if the oil light comes on. I suspect it doesn't. The oil light is the fail safe it usually triggers at 7 to 10 lbs per inch. The unit is located at the rear of the intake manifold near the firewall. Best answer here is to install a test gauge and take a reading

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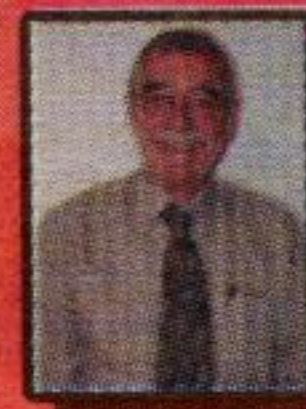
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