

# Nominations being accepted for Business Achievement Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce Business Achievement awards in the following categories:

## 1.) Entrepreneur of the Year

The recipient of this award exhibits excellence in starting and operating their own business, which has been established for 1-3 years, with 1 or less employees. In addition the Entrepreneur of the Year is recognized for displaying good business ethics, providing superior customer service

and demonstrating innovation and creativity in operating their business.

## 2.) Civic Pride

As a recipient of the Civic Pride award this business is recognized for enhancing or maintaining their business location or initiating environmental programs in areas such as waste management, energy conservation etc. and displaying good business ethics that show pride in our community.

## 3.) Employee of the Year

The Employee of the Year is a highly valued individual

who has made a significant impact, contributing to the excellence of their company through exceptional customer service.

## 4.) Business of the Year

The long-standing Business of the Year Award is presented to a business that has made a significant social and economic contribution to the community and displays good business ethics and excels in customer service.

The nominee has to meet or excel in the qualifications required in the category in which they were nominated.

Nominations will be accepted from any individuals or businesses operating in Halton Hills.

Nominations should be made in writing (preferably typed) and submitted no later than Friday, January 18, 2002 at 12pm to Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce, 170 Guelph St., Georgetown, L7G 4A7; Fax: 905-877-5117; Email info@haltonhillschamber.on.ca. Nominations must include the name, address, telephone/fax numbers of both the nominee and the nominator and a summary of achievements.

## Herb expert to address Horticulture Society

Residents who are interested in the cultivation and use of herbs will be interested in attending the Acton Horticultural Society's general meeting on Tuesday, January 15 at Knox church, 7:30pm.

The guest speaker is Karen Marchand from Country Lane Herbs who has a wide knowledge of the cultivation and landscape use of herbs. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The horticultural society

has taken on a commitment to Communities in Bloom, including the Gateway Garden on No. 7 Highway North and the new pathway to Rotary Park on Main St. N., across from Schoof Lane. "Volunteers for the projects will be appreciated," says Society President and Master Gardener Max MacSween.

For further information residents can call 853-0001 and ask for Max.

## Newfoundland hospitality

(Continued from last week)

When passengers came on board, it was like they had been on a cruise. Everybody knew everybody else by their name. They were swapping stories of their stay, impressing each other with who had the better time. It was mind-boggling. Our flight back to Atlanta looked like a party flight. We simply stayed out of their way. The passengers had totally bonded and they were calling each other by their first names, exchanging phone numbers, addresses and email addresses.

And then a strange thing happened. One of our business class passengers approached me and asked if he could speak over the PA to his fellow passengers. We never, never, allow that. But something told me to get out of his way. I said "of course." The gentleman picked up the PA and reminded everyone about what they had just gone through. He reminded them of the hospitality they had received at the hands of total strangers. He further stated that he would like to do something in return for the good

folks of the town of Lewisporte.

He said he was going to set up a Trust Fund under the name of DELTA 15 (our flight number). The purpose of the trust fund is to provide a scholarship for high school student(s) of Lewisporte to help them go to college. He asked for donations of any amount from his fellow travellers.

When the paper with donations got back to us with the amounts, names, phone numbers and addresses, it totalled \$14.5K or about \$20K Canadian. The gentleman who started all this turned out to be an MD from Virginia. He promised to match the donations and to start the administrative work on the scholarship. He also said that he would forward this proposal to Delta Corporate and ask them to donate as well.

Why, all of this? Just because some people in far away places were kind to some strangers, who happened to literally drop in among them? WHY NOT?  
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## Mayor's Corner

By Kathy Gastle



Looking around Halton Hills with its wealth of well kept properties, interesting shops, restaurants, and other businesses it is easy to see why so many people agree with me that our town is a great place to live and raise our families.

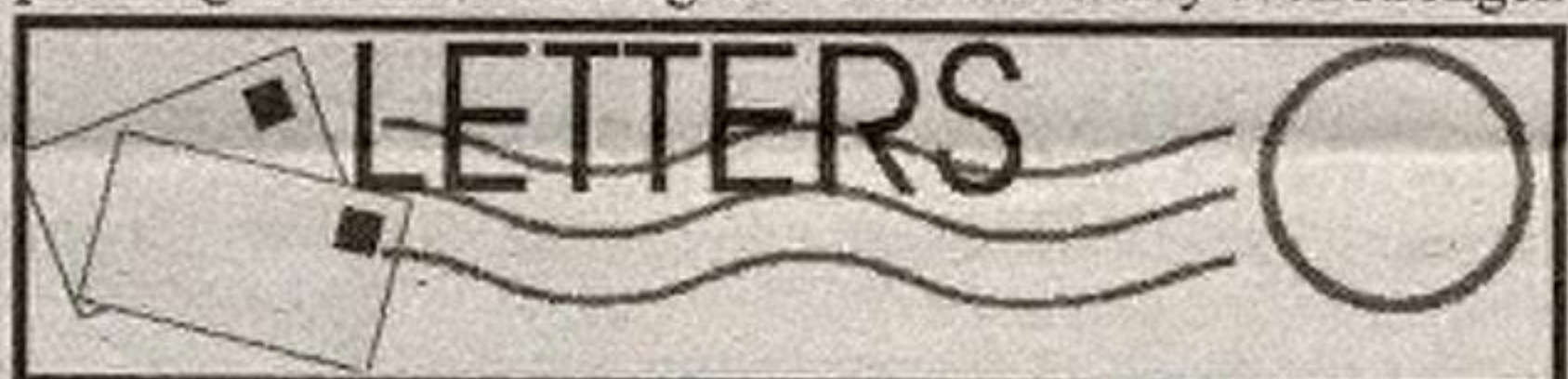
To be sure, there is always more to be done and the new year brings many opportunities for you to play a vital part in strengthening our community. How? Simply by getting involved. Whether you have days on your hands, or are only able to spare an hour or two a week, there are organizations in this town that need you and will welcome you with open arms.

There are many worthwhile projects. You may be in a position to volunteer to coach one of our sports teams, join a service club or church group, or give some badly needed help at one of our annual events such as the Highland Games in June, or one of our fall fairs. You may be interested in knowing more about our municipal trails system and the plans to enlarge it, or in local heritage protection. If you'd love to help in planting and maintaining a

community garden you'll find many like-minded people doing just that and on February 11 drop by the Civic Centre to hear about our participation in Communities in Bloom 2002. In short, whatever your interest, you'll find lots of activities for young and old alike.

Our new 2002 Spring and Summer Community Activity and Service Guide will be arriving soon. Take a good look through it when it arrives and you'll find it packed with interesting and informative outlines of classes and activities to appeal to every age and taste. Whether you want to polish a second language, master the computer, learn to swim, quilt, bake, or take up a new sport you'll find all this and more readily available.

To take part in the day-to-day life of our community is to ensure it remains vibrant. After all, so many of the residents of Halton Hills moved here because they liked its small town values. In this fast-paced and too often dangerous world, it is worth remembering that although things necessarily change we can still build together to make our community even stronger.



## Hamper Committee helps 72 families

To the editor;

The Acton Christmas Hamper Committee sends sincere and heartfelt thanks to the individuals and groups in Acton and surrounding areas for your generous support of this year's Christmas Hamper Program. Your kindness helped us to provide hampers for 72 families, including 124 children. Christmas was much happier for these people because of your thoughtfulness.

Thanks also to the many volunteers who gave their time to help make this year's program such a success. The spirit of caring and sharing is indeed alive and well here.

Thanks again; we wish

you God's blessings now and in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Acton Rotary Club,  
Lakeside Chapter IODE,  
Salvation Army Acton  
Family Services,  
St. Vincent de Paul  
Society of St. Joseph's  
Church

## Winners from beef tickets announced

Winners of a gift certificate for a large pizza from beef draw tickets from the joint Godfathers / Rotary Club draw were:

October - Brenda Noseworthy, Gail Charette, Jean McPhail.

November - Karl Westwood, Shawn Curran, Sandra Stewart, Sandy Smith.

December - Dale Woodward, Rob Holmes, Shawn Parmiter, Alex Haughe.

January - Bill Curry.

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 You are invited to attend a  
**PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**  
 Parents of students who are planning to attend Acton High School or Georgetown District High School in September 2002 are welcome to come and hear more about the Grade 9 program, services for students, and diploma requirements. Parents should attend the Parents' Information Night at their home school (the school designated for their community). For more information, please contact the school office.  
 Acton High School (519-853-2920) Wednesday, January 16th at 7:00pm  
 Georgetown District High School (905-877-6966) Tuesday, January 22nd at 7:00pm  
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