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Comrades;

You should all be aware by now of the campaign to retain in Canada the Victoria Cross awarded to Canadian soldier Cpl. Fred Topham. The Branch has, as a result of requests by members placed a donation box on the bar. It will be available for your donations until the cut-off date of December 31, 2004.

The Seniors Christmas Dinner, sponsored by the Acton Rotary Club and Branch 197 of The Royal Canadian Legion, will be held on November 30. Tickets are still available from Halton Hills Furniture and Branch 197. Cost \$2 each, proceeds go to

charity.

On Saturday, December 11 we will be having our annual Turkey Roll, always a good afternoon and the meat draw as well, come on down.

I hear Elvis is in town; talk to the Firefighters for more information.

The Ontario Provincial Command Annual Car Draw tickets are now available at the bar at \$2 each, a chance at five General Motors vehicles. Draw date May 17, 2005.

Sports. The deadline for Zone Snooker is tonight, Nov.25, playing on Dec.11, 2005. Membership dues must be paid to enter.

*Yours in comradeship.*



WHEW: 3year old Tayla Medeiros from Arthur took a rest from shopping at the Beth-El Christian Reformed church Bazaar on Saturday- Angela Tyler photo

### Chamber's Directory wins top C of C award

Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce is delighted that the Chamber Directory & Buyers Guide was awarded the 2004 CEO (Chamber Executives of Ontario) Best Directory Award. The criteria for this award is based on creativity in design, ease of use, and content.

"I'm thrilled that we were recognized with this award. I know that the Halton Hills community uses and appreciates our phone book." Stated Sue Walker, General Manager of Halton Hills Chamber. "Our members tell us time

and again that they appreciate the value they receive by being listed in the phone book." Continued Walker.

According to Keitha Robson, Chair of the CEO, "Halton Hills directory is an example to Chambers across this province in how to put together a high quality, member focused publication to highlight Chamber businesses and the community we serve."

The Chamber phone book is published yearly and is distributed to 24,400 residents and businesses in Halton Hills. Content includes: Large, easy to read telephone listings of Halton Hills businesses & residents (White Pages); Chamber Member Businesses Buyers Guide (Yellow Pages), Maps, Postal Codes, Community Services, and Visitor Information.

Official presentation of the award will take place at the CEO mid-year conference in February 2005.

To receive your complimentary copy contact the Chamber office at 905-877-7119.

### Report From PARLIAMENT HILL

by Mike Chong  
MP Wellington/Halton Hills



Recent violence in Europe has shown that it has not integrated newcomers as well as we have in Canada and in the US. Yet, for all our successes, there are some troubling developments. The social cohesion that we've accepted as normal between different ethnic groups is breaking down. We see increasing friction, whether on university campuses, in talk show debates, or in wider Canadian society.

These are troubling trends because they have to do with how we view ourselves and each other; they are about identity. When a common Canadian identity is under threat, then so too is Canadian unity.

Too often we talk about that which makes us different from each other, and not about what we have in common. Canada is not simply the disjunction of different groups, different peoples, and different regions. To be a Canadian is also to share in common something with every other person in this vast land.

A couple of weeks ago, John Barber lamented in the Globe and Mail that few M.P.s of Chinese descent represented ridings where a large number of Chinese-Canadians live. I couldn't disagree with his premise more. I represent the riding of Wellington-Halton Hills, a riding over 97% Caucasian, and it elected an M.P. with the last name of Chong. Markham-Unionville, a riding over 60% Asian, elected an M.P. with the last name of McCallum. That's my idea of Canada.

My children are going to be of Chinese, Dutch, Scottish and English descent. To speak of these children in hyphenated terms is absurd. They will simply be Canadian.

We need to speak about a common Canadian identity and move beyond emphasizing our differences. As Canada becomes increasingly racially mixed and diverse, we need to transcend the politics of ethnicity and start articulating our identity in pan-Canadian terms.

### Halton officer part of team off to Philippines

Constable Wendy Moragha, a 10 year veteran of the Halton Regional Police Service is part of an elite training team that traveled to the Philippines to provide instruction to 36 Philippine Police Officers and five school educators.

The D.A.R.E. Training Team is made up of six Canadian Police Officers (with a special designation as a D.A.R.E. Mentor) and one school educator. The purpose of the visit is to provide instruction and to certify the Philippine police officers. At the end of the two-week training, the

Philippine police officers will be fully certified to teach D.A.R.E. - Drug Abuse Resistance Education. An interpreter will not be required, as all Philippine officers are fluent in the English language.

This is the first time that D.A.R.E. International has sought outside assistance in the training and certification of new D.A.R.E. officers. Until now the Canadian Training Team had only been requested to do training in Canada. The Canadian Training Team has been in existence since 1999.

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