

# Georgetown Thanks You!

## Special projects

### Dedicated to Camp Dorset

Prior to 1978 the dreams of hundreds of kidney patients and their families to spend a summer vacation away from their home and hospital was virtually impossible. These dreams are now a reality due to the effort and work of many Lions Clubs to raise funds and build Camp Dorset.

The Georgetown Lions Club has been very dedicated to this project during the past 10 years having worked thousands of hours building cottages, walks and bridges, etc.

More than \$20,000 has been donated and Georgetown Lions are credited with the donation of an apartment unit fully furnished and the donation and building of a 300 foot walk and bridge linking the efficiency units with the Dialysis Clinic.

Today the camp is almost complete and is in constant use each year from early June through September. The camp is now a national camp with patients coming from across Canada to enjoy the freedom of a vacation without

worry.

Dialysis visitors from overseas have also used the camp for vacations.

The complex now consists of 14, three bedroom cottages, 2 five unit efficiency apartments, a 10 unit Dialysis clinic, recreation hall, tennis courts, ball diamonds, swimming pool, playground, boats, docking and great fishing. A full medical staff of doctors and nurses are on staff during the months the camp is in operation.

### Honoring Georgetown's top citizens

In 1973 the Georgetown Lions Club decided that recognition should be given to a citizen who has served his or her community in an outstanding way.

The basis of the selection was to be on the record of the recipient's achievements in the recent past, or over a period of years, during which an outstanding contribution was made towards the community by this citizen.

The committee wishes to acknowledge and thank those local citizens who wrote to us and made suggestions for the annual

Georgetown Citizen of the Year Award.

#### RECIPIENTS

- 1972 - Mrs. Peggy Treahy
- 1973 - Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department
- 1974 - Rev. Peter Barrow
- 1975 - Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service
- 1976 - Mrs. Connie Nieuwhof
- 1977 - Walter H. Gray
- 1978 - Irwin and Joy Noble
- 1979 - Mrs. Karen Harrison
- 1980 - Mrs. Violet Haines
- 1981 - Mr. A.V. "Ab" Tennant
- 1982 - Mrs. Esme Ball

- 1983 - Mr. Ralph Ursel
- 1984 - Mr. W. "Steamer" Emmerson
- 1985 - Jean Layman
- 1986 - Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band
- 1987 - Edward "Ted" Gorth
- 1988 - Thompson "Tom" Ramautarsingh
- 1989 - Mrs. Jessie Hayes
- 1990 - Mrs. Siena Van Hoekelen
- 1991 - Mrs. Lena Johnston
- 1992 - Mr. A.A. "Sandy" Booth
- 1993 - Lou Darcie
- 1994 - Russ Miller
- 1995 - Lois Fraser

### Canine vision important to Lions

One of the projects close to the hearts of Lions is their work with the blind. For many years the Georgetown Lions have been substantially involved in providing financial assistance to one of the best known service activities, the Leader Dog School for the Blind, in Rochester, Michigan.

In 1983, the Lions of Canada decided that this service club be provided in Canada, and with this decision the Lions Foundation of

Canada was born. The first project of this new foundation was to locate facilities in which dogs and blind persons could come together and be trained as a team this giving the blind independence to travel most places without the accompaniment of a human companion.

An old school was located in Oakville and was completely renovated by teams of Lions on weekends and nights, to provide sleeping quarters, training facilities,

kennels, lounge and dining facilities. The school, "Canine Vision Canada" was officially opened in 1986 and graduated the first team that same year. The school is currently graduating more than one hundred teams per year.

The cost of training and matching a dog to a blind person is approximately \$10,000 and all costs are borne by the foundation. Travel costs to and from the school are borne by the sponsoring Lions Club.

### Everybody loves Santa's parade

For the past 65 years Santa has arrived in Georgetown with special help from the Georgetown Lions Club.

The local club has been responsible for bringing smiles to

the faces of young and old alike as official sponsors of the annual winter event.

Residents line the roads along Hwy. 7, Maple Ave. and Main St. to catch a glimpse of the jolly old

elf himself.

The Lions look after getting sponsors, planning and programming the event and contacting participant bands for the November extravaganza.

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