



Six retiring members of the Georgetown Fire Fighters Association were recently honoured at a dinner and dance. Among those receiving awards were from left, Bill Barber, Steve Terry and John Murray.

Six retiring firefighters honoured

Eighty-eight years of dedicated volunteer service to the community was celebrated recently when members of the Georgetown Fire Fighters Association gathered for a dinner and dance in honour of six retiring members of the Halton Hills Fire Department.

The retiring members, Bill Barber, John Murray, Jim Manning, Steve Terry, Mark Sargent and Elias Markou, all have varying lengths of services and left a legacy of selfless dedication for newer members of the fire service to aspire to, says an association press release.

Barber, a full-time employee of the Ford Motor Company, and previously the manager of the

Georgetown IGA store, leaves the department after 27 years of service. Barber worked his way up through the ranks over the years and at one point was the Deputy District Chief of Area 2 (Georgetown) station. Just prior to his retirement, Barber was the manager of the Hazardous Materials Response Team and spearheaded efforts to fully train and equip the department to deal with incidents involving spills of dangerous goods.

Murray is the owner/operator of Georgetown Electric and served the fire department for about 21 years. He retired holding the rank of captain.

Manning, a full-time firefighter in Oakville, served as a part-time

firefighter in Georgetown for 11 years. He attained the rank of captain before leaving the local department and relocating to the Guelph area.

Terry, a small business owner who wholesales food products to supermarkets, served as firefighter for 16 years. He assumed the key role of department's safety officer for the last several years. Instrumental in keeping our firefighters safe, Terry also served as one of the department's watchdogs on the joint Health and Safety committee.

Sargent grew up in the Georgetown area and is living out his dream of being a firefighter. He joined the local department as a part-time firefighter eight years ago and worked to improve his knowledge of firefighting science, tactics, and operations. He has since joined the Toronto Fire Department where he enjoys the challenge of being assigned to one of the busiest stations in the city.

Markou joined the Halton Hills Fire Department five years ago and brought a youthful exuberance to his service that quickly spread among his fellow firefighters. A multi-talented individual, Markou worked for the Georgetown Beaver Lumber Store during recent years while he continued post-secondary education. He has moved to Toronto to pursue his studies in the field of chiropractic medicine.

150th Erin fair at the fairgrounds this weekend

Visiting the Erin Fall Fair has become as much a part of Thanksgiving tradition for families as pumpkin pie and turkey dinners.

This year, the Erin Agricultural Society celebrates its 150th anniversary of the fair this Thanksgiving weekend, Oct. 6-9, at the Erin Fairgrounds, Main St. in Erin.

Some new attractions include a fund-raising art exhibit and auction, and an anniversary parade on Monday. The OPP Golden Helmets will perform 2 p.m. Saturday. Sunday night features a tribute to Shania Twain.

Old favorites include midway with 40 games, rides and attractions, tractor pull, and animal shows



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