

olde Hide House president enters Halton Business Hall of Fame

Acton's olde Hide House president Steve Dawkins was inducted into the Halton Business Hall of Fame at the 2002 awards ceremony.

He enters with two other businessmen, Harry Voortman, Voortman Cookies of Burlington and Edward Cooray, SKD Company of Milton.

"The annual Halton Business Hall of Fame awards, hosted by Junior Achievement Halton, provides a wonderful forum for recognizing the contributions and achievements of our local businesses," said Joyce Savoline, Halton Region chair. "Truly, these representatives from Halton's corporate sector contribute greatly to the quality of life we enjoy in our community and exemplify through their business practices and philanthropy, good role models for our youth."

"This year's laureates... come from very different backgrounds, but... they share the qualities of vision, commitment, hard work and a desire to give back to the community in both time and money," said Sue Suss,

president of Junior Achievement of Halton.

Dawkins has earned the respect of his peers the old fashioned way, she said, through hands-on hard work in building a unique and successful business and a commitment to sharing his enthusiasm and business acumen with others. His contributions to the tourism industry are enormous. The other Halton tourism industries all benefit from the spill-over effect from the shoppers who visit the olde Hide House.

"This tremendous draw can be directly attributed to Mr. Dawkins' personal involvement with all the related creative and marketing efforts," Suss said. "His marketing brilliance behind the *It's worth the drive to Acton* campaign is evident by the number of visitors to the olde Hide House. He has also demonstrated his support for volunteerism in many ways. He is an inspiration to his colleagues as well as his staff."

Nominated by their peers, Hall of Fame inductees are evaluated by an independent committee of representatives from the Region of Halton.



Halton Region chair Joyce Savoline (left) and Halton Hills mayor Kathy Gastle (right) presents Steve Dawkins, president of the olde Hide House with an award to mark his entrance into the Halton Business Hall of Fame.

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