

# Homecoming committee earns honour

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The group faced some difficulties in pulling the event together, and at times, there was doubt whether they could do it.

"We had no finances," said Cotton. "We all chipped in 20 bucks each, and that gave us our first operating funds."

The group worked together and gathered more members as time went on, but Green admits they were close to walking away from the project as late as January 2007.

"We were certainly close to pulling the plug," said Green. "At our January meeting we had a grand total of \$430 in our account— we realized we needed more funds or it simply wasn't going to happen."

After a pep talk from one member who was an event planner, the motivation returned.

"Before we left that meeting, we had about \$8,500 to work with. When that happened, we were on our way, committed to making it happen," said Smallwood.

The group approached the Town of Halton Hills for help, and received support and set the event for July 27 weekend at Mold-Masters Sports-Plex.

And the rest is history.

"It was a wonderful event," said committee member Bonnie Brunton. "We were able to bring 'old' and 'new' Georgetown people together, and show them what 'old' Georgetown was all about."

"The event was a success because of the volunteerism," said committee member Marilyn Serjeantson. "From the musicians who donated their

time, the electricians and sound people who were also very generous and the service clubs and volunteers, everyone played a role to make the event work."

Former Georgetown Citizen of the Year Lois Fraser was also a member of the committee, and was delighted to see the committee chosen for the honour of Citizen of the Year.

"There were a lot of people involved, and they all came together to make this event happen," said Fraser. "The best part of the entire event was the fact that no one got hurt— not even a band-aid, and that's a pretty good indication how well it was run."

When the final tally revealed nearly \$80,000 to donate to the library expansion, Smallwood said committee members were in a state of disbelief.

"When we were planning, it wasn't about the money," said Smallwood. "It was about bringing people together, and having some fun. The fact we raised so much was one of the perks we enjoyed."

Smallwood added that, in addition to the donation, the group also returned more than \$6,500 to the Town for services and labour for some parts of the event.

"We have no idea how much more money the event poured into Georgetown in other ways," said Smallwood. "The local restaurants



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and bars obviously gained a lot from it, and local accommodations as well. It was bigger than we realized.

"It was the right time, we were in the right place, and it happened at the right time in our lives," added Smallwood.

"I had a huge sense of relief seeing it all go so well," said Breese, "To make so many people happy gave me such a good feeling."

Both Cotton and Smallwood said they thought bringing in all the bands was one of the major reasons people had such a good time.

"The local music was a big draw," said Smallwood, "Neil (Cotton) had his connections which helped it happen. Bringing back those old bands caught the interest of a lot of people."

"The final result was an overwhelming success that benefited not just those who attended but many volunteer organizations as well," said Penrice. "Local businesses also benefited with the large number of people in town for the weekend."

"While it is unusual to name a group who may only host one event, the impact of the Homecoming 2007 on Georgetown was significant," he said. "When one looks at the amount of hours and commitment that was required, we believe this group meets the criteria for this award."

The group will be honoured March 25 at the annual Citizen of the Year awards dinner, held at the Lions' Hall, 43 Mill Street. Tickets are available at the Carpet Barn, 26 Guelph Street, or by calling Lion Doug Penrice at 905-873-8469.

## Police blotter

# Home hit twice by break-in suspects

Halton Police are investigating two break and enters into a Prince Charles Dr. home.

The first incident occurred sometime Friday. Entry was gained into the home through a basement window.

Police report on Saturday a neighbour saw two males attempting to enter the home at about 2:10 p.m. The neighbour spoke to the males, who fled.

An undisclosed quantity of cash was stolen from T A Nails on Guelph St. in Georgetown during a break and enter that occurred sometime between Saturday and Monday.

Entry was gained after the door lock was removed.

A \$1,500 Hewlett Packard laptop computer was stolen from the computer room at Georgetown High School sometime last Tuesday or Wednesday. It is believed to have been taken during school hours.

Approximately \$350 worth of tools, including a ratchet set and circular saw, were taken from an unlocked garage at a residence on Cobblehill Rd. in Acton sometime between 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

An attempt to enter the home

through a window was unsuccessful.

A window at Jug City, on Queen St., Acton was smashed last Tuesday (Feb. 26) when a youth tossed a bottle at his friend but hit the window instead. Damage is \$400.

The youth has been apprehended and is going through the Halton Police Service's Youth Diversion Program.

A black and yellow Hooligan mountain bike, valued at \$450, was stolen from a shed at a residence on Churchill Rd. S., Acton Monday (Feb. 18). The door was forced open to gain entry.



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