

Acton McDonald's owner earns top award

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From fry boy to award-winning franchisee – Dave Beatty says luck played a small role in his success in the McDonald's world, but his philosophy of always giving a little back has obviously served him well.

Beatty, with wife Lucy, owns eight McDonald's franchises, including the Acton location, and was recently honoured with the Golden Arch Award – an award given to fewer than one per cent of 4,500 McDonald's franchisees worldwide to signify their relentless focus on customer service, community involvement and exceptional achievement.

Beatty will receive the Gold Arch Award at a convention next month in Florida, one of 32 owner/operators worldwide – the only one from Canada – to receive the top honour.

"We've worked very hard at it and we're very proud of all of our people and how hard they work at things," Beatty said last Thursday, adding they have 600 employees who play a huge role in Beatty Food Ltd.'s success.

"I find that in life or anything else – what we give comes back ten-fold," he said, adding they live by the philosophy that "our business is going well, and we should be giving back, and I think we should all live by that code, a little."

Beatty began his career with McDonald's as a fry

boy in 1969 at one of the first restaurants in the Toronto area.

"The furthest thing from my mind was a career in McDonald's. I was there to make some money – just like the teenagers today, but opportunities presented themselves and I went into management. The company grew very successfully and I grew with it," he said, adding it's a career that he is very proud of.

Beatty worked his way up through the ranks until 1992, when he was director of field services – liaising with owner/operators – when he decided to become a franchise owner in 1992.

"I loved the business, but I had an entrepreneurial



Dave Beatty

longing and it turned out to be a perfect mix. I had experience out in the field and an opportunity presented itself to be an owner and I jumped."

Beatty currently chairs the McDonald's national business board, which represents the owners across

Canada, top executives determining how to run the company better.

Although Beatty is very proud of all of his restaurants, including the west Brampton location that opened three months ago, the Acton location is in the spotlight because last week it won an Outstanding Restaurant of the Year Award for 2005.

Each year, approximately 40 of the best 1,400 McDonald's in Ontario are singled out for the award that recognizes outstanding quality and cleanliness that's delivered to the customer.

"It's a very prestigious award, so to our management people there and our staff, they've done a wonderful job," Beatty

said, adding they initially questioned if Acton was large enough to support a McDonald's.

"We usually don't go into that small a population, but it's been very successful for us, and my staff there of 70 – I couldn't be more proud of them, and it's been a wonderful community to be involved in," Beatty said.

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Last Thursday afternoon, April 13, a resident of Barber St. in Fergus reported a non-domestic cat roaming in the ravine between Barber and Tom St. in Fergus. The area is heavily wooded and inhabited chiefly by rabbits and groundhogs.

The animal is described as being 18" – 20" in height, with a body about 24" in length and a tail about the same length, with grey to brownish colouring.

Anyone who sees such an animal is asked to notify the Ministry of Natural Resources and to call OPP Communications at 1-888-310-1122. Anyone who may have lost an exotic cat is asked to notify police.

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To receive collection, please call Halton Region Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 905-825-6000.

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