



### OLYMPIC SPIRIT

George Rallis and his granddaughter Mary-Ann Smith pose with the Olympic torch that Acton's George Henderson carried in the Oshawa area in during December's Torch Run. Rallis has turned his restaurant into an Olympic Games shrine with photos, banners and flags.

- Frances Niblock photo



The businesses on these pages support the Heart & Stroke Foundation annual appeal to find a cure for heart disease.

## Chamber business awards

The Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce had a record number of nominees for its 2009 Business Achievement Awards. The award winners include:

- Business of the Year: The Independent & Free Press
- Entrepreneur of the Year: Brady Davies of The Cellar Restaurant
- Employee of the Year: Kay Matthews manager of Georgetown BIA
- Green Award: Friends of Devereaux House
- Business of the Year: The Independent & Free Press, owned by Metro-land Media Group Ltd., is a combination of The

Acton Free Press, which opened in 1875, and The Georgetown Independent, started by David and Jim Dills in 1978.

**Employee of the Year**  
Kay Matthews, manager of the Georgetown BIA, said she was honoured to be selected as the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce. Matthews, with the BIA for three years, has proved to be a great ambassador for the downtown as she guides the BIA in its twin roles of promotion and beautification.

**Entrepreneur of the Year**  
Brady Davies of The

Cellar Restaurant, took over the chef's duties four years ago after honing his craft at a five-diamond restaurant outside of Banff, Alberta.

Davies serves only the freshest food available and is known for innovative dishes using locally-grown products.

**Green Award**  
Friends of Devereaux House is the recipient of the Chamber of Commerce's first Green Award, formerly the Civic Pride Award.

The award honours environmental preservation through conservation efforts in areas such as

energy, water, waste, green procurement and protection of natural heritage. The award recognizes efforts by the Friends of Devereaux House in preventing demolition of the 1860 era heritage building on Trafalgar Road and then rehabilitating it with energy efficient measures for public use.

All of the award recipients will be honoured on March 10 at a dinner at Blue Springs Golf Course. For tickets, call the Chamber office at 905-877-7119 or email mary@haltonhill-chamber.on.ca

## Butt out near public buildings

As of Monday, no smoking will be allowed within nine metres of all entrances/exits to regional and municipal buildings.

"Protecting the health of Halton Residents is a top priority," said Gary Carr, Halton Region Chair. "We have thousands of people using regional and local municipal services such as libraries, arenas, recreation centres and administrative buildings everyday across Halton so it's important to keep these areas smoke-free."

It is estimated that over 1000 people die from second hand smoke each year in Canada.

"Second hand smoke has over 4000 chemicals and over 50 are known or suspected to cause cancer," said Dr. Bob Nosal, Halton Region Medical Officer of Health. "Those who make the healthy choice to be

smoke-free should not be involuntarily exposed to tobacco smoke."

During the first three months following the enactment of the by-law, a phased in enforcement approach to achieve compliance will be used by enforcement staff. The first phase will involve educating violators and promoting awareness of the by-law.

Following the initial three-month period, enforcement staff will use their discretionary powers and progressive enforcement to achieve compliance. After the first three-months, individuals in non-compliance of the by-law could be issued Provincial Offence Summons to appear in court.

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