

EDITORIAL

with Frances Niblock

Volunteer cancer driver honoured

Congratulations to Ivan Kilby, the 2010 Acton Citizen of the Year. Rotary Club of Acton judges made the selection on Tuesday night, choosing Kilby from four other nominees who, in total, received 15 nominations.

For more than 20 years, Kilby has been a volunteer driver for Canadian Cancer Society patients who said his "dedication, friendship and support is truly appreciated." He currently is a volunteer driver for CASHh (Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills) and the Red Cross.

His nominators described Kilby, a retired aerospace worker, as "thoughtful, kind-hearted, friendly and approachable, always going above and beyond the expectations of a volunteer driver."

Kilby doesn't think he's all that, and like many previous nominees, doesn't believe he should receive the award.

"There are many more deserving," he said, adding, "I just drive cars." Kilby, a Legion member, has also quietly helped many people behind the scenes.

He is the 53rd Citizen of the Year. The first was publisher Arlof Dills and last year, the late Hartley Coles, editor of The New Tanner, was the honoree.

Initially, the Citizen of the Year award was presented by the Lions Club of Acton, but when it folded, the Rotary Club stepped in. Congregations to Ivan Kilby, who will now select a date for the Citizen of the Year dinner.

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Acton for carrying on the tradition on publicly honouring those who improve the quality of life in Acton.

Thumbs Up

👍 To the many Acton Branch volunteers with the Canadian Cancer Society who are busy getting ready for Cancer Month in Acton, including the residential door-to-door campaign.

👍 To Acton Town Hall volunteers who will "repatriate" a piano once used to entertain crowds at dances and concerts in the facility. Now at the Band Hall, the piano will be moved back to the Old Town Hall next month in time for the facility's grand opening.

Thumbs Down

👎 To those downtown business owners – you know who you are – who regularly park in front of their stores, taking up already scarce parking spaces on Mill Street, instead of using one of the municipal lots.

👎 To whoever shovels in front of the post office and doesn't clear the sidewalk right to the curb, leaving a strip of snow that makes it potentially dangerous to get in the building from the street.

GIFT OF LIFE

Acton's Trish Bell, with children Eva and Ivy, gets pre-donation testing by Canadian Blood Services phlebotomist Debbie Seymour at last Thursday's clinic at the Acton arena/community centre. Forty-six units of blood were collected.

- Frances Niblock photo



Oldies, but goodies

"Do you realize how much you spent on iTunes last month?" the Dude asked as he started to interrogate me. I could not deny it. I discovered iTunes last fall and every once and a while I dabble on it.

For those not Itune savvy – not that I am a huge expert – it is basically a website where you can purchase songs, movies and TV shows online. You then have them in your "library" and can put them onto your Ipad.

Now, let me first say, I did not spend a lot on iTunes last month. However, I did spend about forty bucks and it was the best forty bucks I have spent in a long time.

I have two reasons for my purchases. First, I have, on most nights been completely bored with what is on TV. Who cares who the "Bachelor" chooses? Sure, I watched a couple curling games and of course the hockey game during the Olympics, but other than that I couldn't be bothered. I've lost interest in the whole Law and Order series and you can only watch so many home decorating shows.

So, one day as I decided to snoop on iTunes, I discovered something wonderful. I discovered not only can you buy TV episodes, you can also buy "classic TV" episodes. Finally...real TV.

I miss real TV. The big hoopla with Jay Leno and the Tonight Show was his demise. Actually,



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the demise occurred when Johnny Carson stepped down. Reality TV, at the start, was fun but I missed the TV I grew up with like the Bob Newhart Show, the Partridge Family, the Love Boat, Fantasy Island and more. Family friendly comedies and dramas were the way before we had been consumed by decorating and reality shows.

Like a gift from above, it almost glowed at me as I looked at it. There it was...the logo from the TV show WKRP in Cincinnati. I loved that show from the dopey Mr. Carlson to the funky Venus Flytrap to receptionist Jennifer Marlow a.k.a. Loni Anderson. I remember about 25 years ago when my family drove to Florida through Cincinnati. All I could think of was trying to recognize the places in the opening credits of the show as I hummed the theme song in my head.

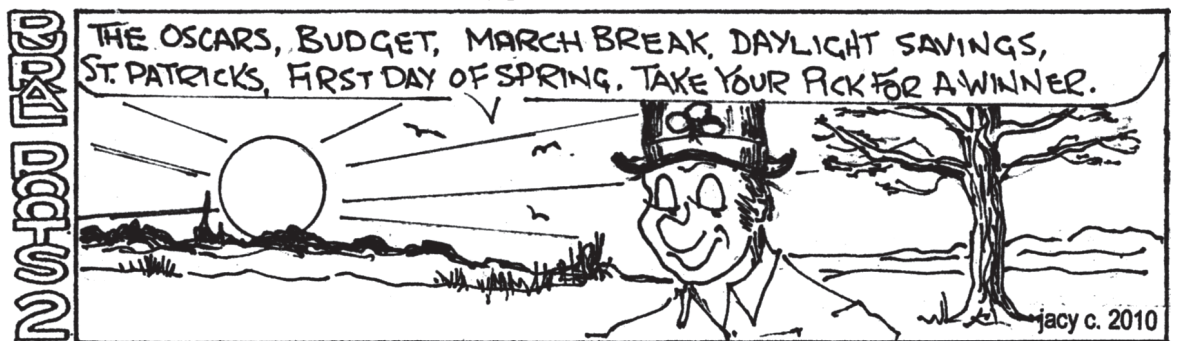
As I scanned over the possible selections, I soon became even happier. My all time favourite episode was available for purchase. It's the one where Mr. Carlson, who was slightly confused most times, decided to have a Thanksgiving promotion and giveaway turkeys. The only problem was he decided

to toss live ones out an airplane, forgetting that the birds couldn't fly.

That night, (this now being the second reason I took to an iTunes TV show purchase, as we don't have a TV in our bedroom, something I begrudgingly agreed to when the Dude and I got married) I took my Ipad to bed and while the Dude fell asleep quickly, I was wide awake. I think it was in anticipation of watching this classic episode of WKRP. As the show ended and I lay there with my ear buds, not headphones, and on listening to Arthur Carlson's classic ending line "as God as my witness, I thought turkeys could fly," I couldn't contain my laughter and I woke the Dude.

Here I am, a woman who has gone from having a black and white dial TV to a flat screen HDTV and an Ipad with TV shows on it. I've gone from rotary phones to big cellular phones to itty bitty ones, 45's and eight-tracks to downloading songs and more. I'm already talking to Little J telling her stuff like, "when I was a little girl..." I don't know if she will ever get it because, at four months, she already has her own 'playlist' on Mommy's Ipad so she can listen to her songs on a portable speaker.

And to think, I thought I was cool at 10 years old to have a Bay City Roller eight track.



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