

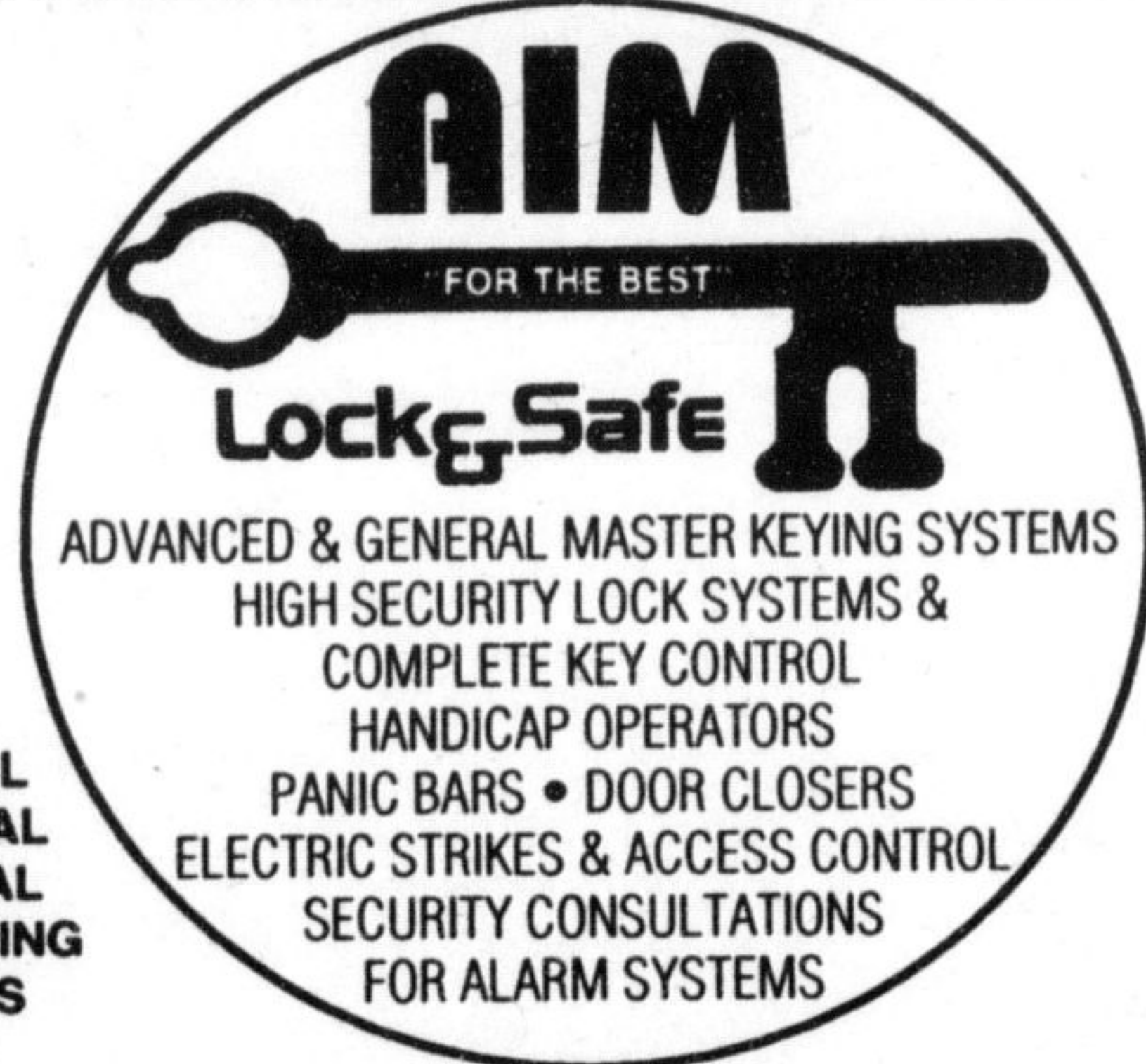


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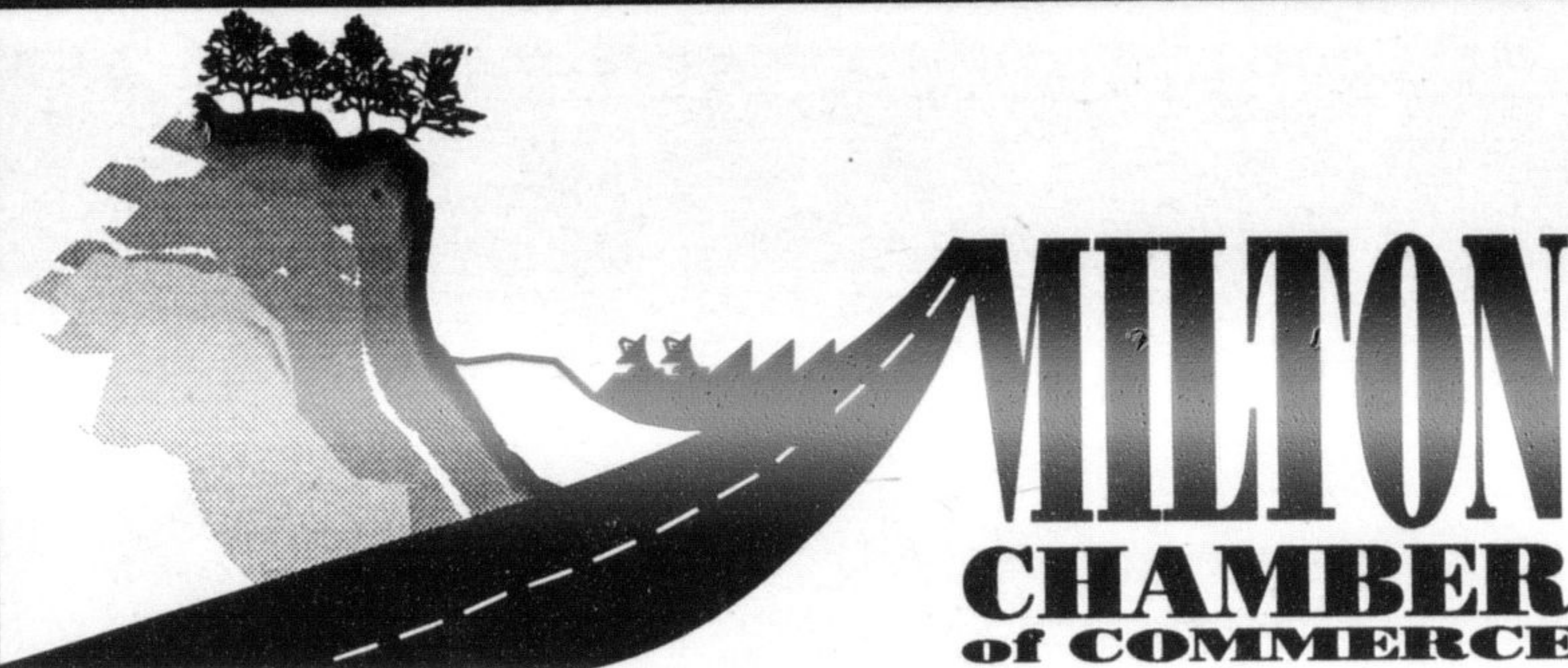
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a great season we are coming into. I'm not just saying that because I am an ex-retailer. It is the time of year that the community really shines. A lot of the Chamber members have been stocking their stores in hopes that their neighbours will like their assortments, and are persuaded to do their shopping in town. Other members look at this time as a bit of a break. A time to relax from the constant competitive pressure, spend time with employees and generally refocus themselves on the other aspects of their lives.

At the annual meeting the other night, I tried to review what the Chamber and its members had accomplished in the last year. I had to stop half way through as I realized there was not nearly enough time to get through the list. It was a great list. I guess that my Christmas present "Chamber style" was driving west on the 401 highway and seeing the new "Escarpment Country" tourist sign near Trafalgar Road. It was a concrete example of what some of our members had planned and accomplished. The dedicated efforts of each committee have contributed to making this one of the best years the Chamber has had. In recognition of their efforts, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the chairs and volunteers on the following committees:

- Breakfast/Seminars
- Business After Hours
- Escarpment Country Tourism
- Golf Committee
- Government Relations
- Marketing & Communications
- Membership Services
- Milton Farmers' Market
- Special Events

As the Treasurer said in his remarks at the Annual Meeting, it now allows us to start developing new programs to put more back in the community. In this season of giving, I personally wish to thank my fellow Board members for their support over the past year. On behalf of the Chamber staff, the committee chairs, and the Board of Directors, may I take this opportunity to wish everyone in the community a wonderful holiday season and a very happy New Year.



Business After Hours hosted by Springridge Farm, Milton Graphics Inc., McMarketing Inc., Page One Services, November 24, 1998 (From front left) Bob & Carol McDonald, McMarketing; John & Laura Hughes (center & top left), Springridge Farm; Mike Gomes, Milton Graphics; Antero Gomes, Milton Graphics; Lorna Turner, Page One Services; Paula Gomes, Milton Graphics.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS MESSAGE...

'Tis the Season to think about those individuals and businesses who make our community a better place in which to live and work. I am speaking about the Milton Chamber of Commerce Annual Community Awards for 1998!

On April 10, 1999 at our black-tie Community Gala, we will recognize and celebrate Milton's finest!! We host the event and evening but it is the community that nominates those recognized. So sharpen your pencil and nominate an individual, business or organization worthy of recognition for works done in 1998 or before.

The awards fall into several different categories:

- CITIZEN of the YEAR**
- BUSINESS PERSON of the YEAR**
- BUSINESS of the YEAR**
- CIVIC ORGANIZATION of the YEAR**
- CIVIC IMPROVEMENT of the YEAR**
- and LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

The newest addition to the list of awards is the Lifetime Achievement Award that celebrates a lifelong commitment to volunteerism.

Nominations must include the name, address and phone number of the nominee and most importantly the reasons why you feel they are deserving of the nomination. Please include their volunteer history, previous recognitions, and other relevant information that will allow the selection committee to make a knowledgeable decision.

The Chamber of Commerce does not do additional research on the nominee nor does it verify the information provided. We rely on the information given to us by the nominator to be accurate and truthful. The selection committee is made up of community leaders who are also Chamber members. The exception to the general selection process is for the Citizen of the Year who is selected by the community.

Please nominate a volunteer, business person, business, civic organization or civic improvement today! And join us at the Gala in April!

THANK YOU

As 1998 comes to a close I want to offer my thanks to a special group of volunteers who I have had the pleasure of working with over the past twelve months, the Milton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Jamie Burton, President; Mike Shepherd, Past President; George Takaki, V.P.; Joyce Hagevik, V.P.; Bill Mercer, Treasurer; Howard Mott; Ed Cooray; Michael Bourgon; Marc Vaillancourt and Rick Malboeuf. This year has been very demanding on the Board and staff with the office relocation, tax changes and growth related issues but each hurdle has been crossed with humour and our best intentions to ensure the business community's voice is heard. As Executive Director I consider myself privileged to have worked beside the Directors to accomplish our aggressive 1998 goals. Thank you for making my job easier knowing that each and everyone of you were a telephone call away when I needed guidance. For those of you retiring from the Board do not think for a moment you won't still be on my speed dial for advice!



Halton Chambers, Business After Hours, hosted by Halton Region and Royal Bank of Canada. Doug Watson, President, Oakville Chamber of Commerce; Carolyn Williamson, President, Burlington Chamber of Commerce; Joyce Savoline, Regional Chairman; George Takaki, Vice President, Milton Chamber of Commerce; Bruce Wenham, President Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce.

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