

Discover Your DOWNTOWN

From a humble beginning to a Main St. success



The Gold Connection was born to humble beginnings above Halton Credit Union in 1985. Owners Rick & Elaine Schaffer ran the business until August 1989.

In January of 1993, the shop was purchased by Max and Anita Mangotich. They soon relocated the store to a more central location downtown at 218 Main St. (next to Fitzgeralds Insurance).

Anita's diverse career includes an extensive background in retail sales, including retail pharmacy, real estate and retail merchandising. Not one to be left sitting still Anita also tied grapes and picked apples while living at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Helping raise their three children, Max, her husband of 37 years spent his career with an international pharmaceutical company as a National Sales Manager. Max's background includes sales, marketing, advertising and human relations. Although Max prefers to maintain a low public profile regarding the shop, he is involved in all aspects of the business.

Mike is our resident goldsmith and has been involved with the business since 1989. Mike does most repairs on the premises and also creates "one of a kind" pieces for any special occasion on request.

Mike has completed numerous jewellery programs and is presently working on his certification as a gemologist.

Susan McDermott has been with the store since 1994. She has a vast background in retail having been with Sears for 11 years with part of that time as Assistant Manager.

Karina Cockburn-Swanse joined us in 1997. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and further upgraded her skills by attaining her diploma in laboratory technician from Sheridan College. Karina has left us to take a job in her field. We all wish her much success.

When finding just the right piece of jewellery or a gift for someone special you not only want to go where the selection is great, but where you'll get friendly, knowledgeable service. Well that place is certainly The Gold Connection.

As well as an extensive line of 10, 14 and 18K gold, they carry an extensive line of diamond jew-

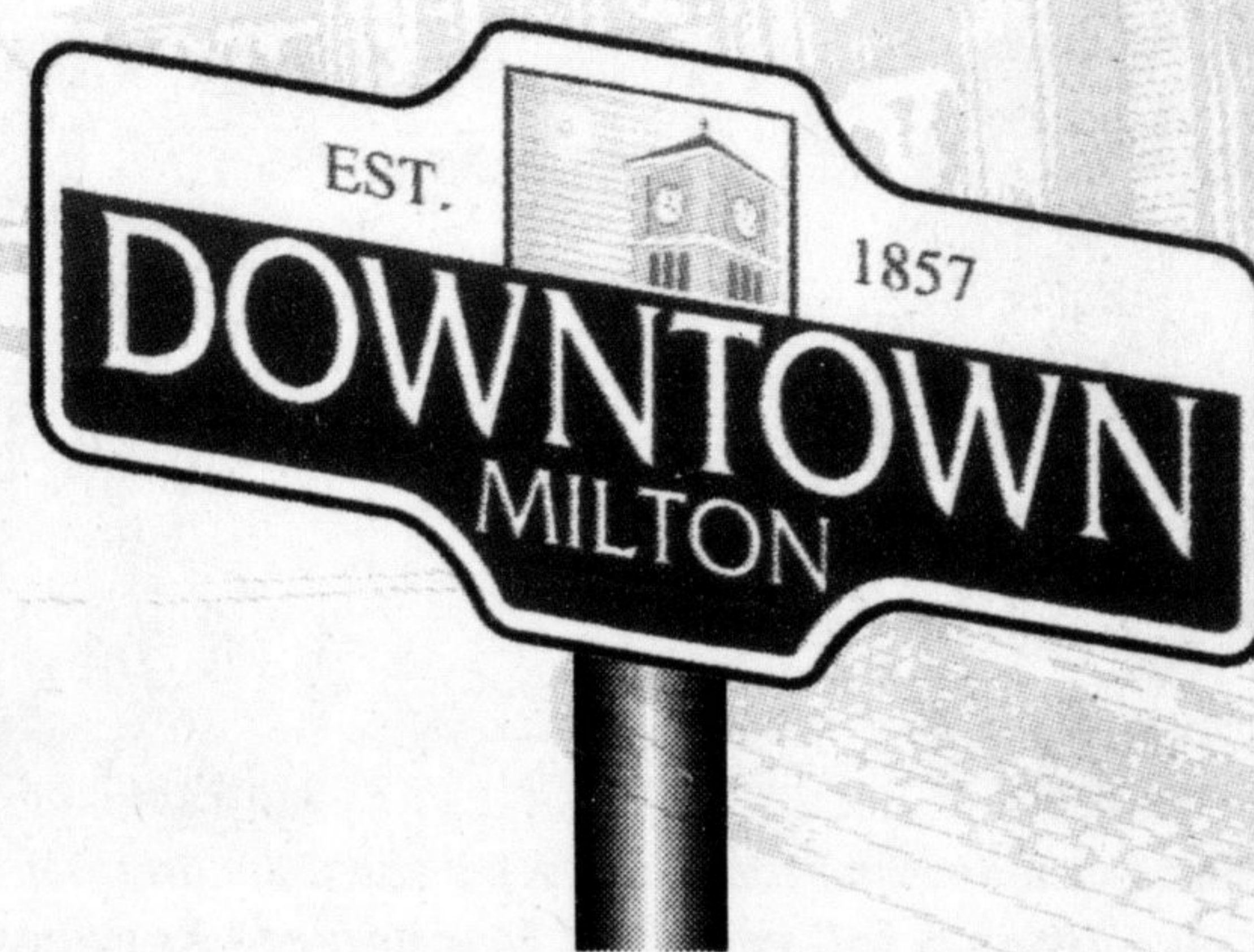
ellery which now includes the new "Mirage" selection, which is a state-of-the-art invisible setting.

You may also choose from the large selection of Seiko and Citizen Watches, Majorca pearls, cultured pearls, gemstone rings and jewellery, and the beautiful Seagull pewter items, made in Nova Scotia.

Everyone at The Gold Connection believes in customers satisfaction, and in offering excellent quality with exceptional value.



The smiles are always free and you'll be greeted with one each and every time you walk in the door. Your purchases may be gift wrapped at no charge and The Gold Connection also offers Lay-away for those special purchases.

P.S. Max and Anita who have five grandchildren are expecting number 6 soon.



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