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MILTON CHAMBER of COMMERCE



President's Message Bill Mercer, Mercer, Hildebrand & Zehr

A Tip of the Hat

President's Message

On Thursday March 22, 2001 over 50 members gathered at Granite Ridge Golf Club to hear Joyce Savoline, Chairman of the Region of Halton, on the topic of "What does the GTSB mean to Halton and Milton?"

Her remarks focused on some of the perils facing Milton, the Region and the 905 area if (some of) the recommendations being considered for the future role of the GTSB are approved. The GTSB initiated a report on the GTSB by Deloitte Consulting and that report led to the Chong Report which in turn has resulted in a series of revised recommendations that will be decided by the Board of the GTSB later this month. Of course, the ultimate decision rests with Premier Mike Harris and the province.

The most important factor seems to centre on the fact that, to date, no financial impact analysis has been completed outlining the costs to the 905/416 municipalities. Therefore we cannot make informed decisions about change without knowing how much this change will cost the business and residential

community. Our representation on the GTSB is less than 8%, therefore Halton's voice may not be heard when pitted against Toronto's 50%.

We in Halton have worked together to ensure planned growth for our region and the area municipalities. In her talk, Savoline stated "There is a danger in leaving Halton's management in the hands of a Board whose main thought processes reflect Toronto's thinking that Halton is on the verge of being choked by urban sprawl. Placing control of Halton in the hands of the GTSB would do just that."

I encourage you to visit the Region of Halton's website www.region.halton.on.ca and read the speech by Regional Chair Joyce Savoline on the "What does the GTSB mean to Halton and Milton?" I am certain you will find it enlightening and thought provoking. We encourage you to understand the issue and the impact it may have on your life.

We at the Chamber are working on a position that we will share with our M.P.P. Ted Chudleigh, with the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, Chris Hodgson, Minister and Premier Mike Harris later this month.

2000 Community Awards - A Night of Honour

Saturday, April 21st, 2001
 Granite Ridge Golf Club
 9503 Dublin Line, Milton
 Cocktails: 6 p.m. • Dinner: 7 p.m.
 Tickets: \$60 pp (GST included)

Milton Chamber of Commerce proudly announces the 2000 Community Awards Nominees

<p>Citizen of the Year Mike Boughton Jackie Jones Joyce Scott</p> <p>Business of the Year (25 employees or less) Delacourt's Miltown Tire Service Ltd.</p> <p>Business of the Year (26 employees & over) Mohawk Raceway / Ontario Jockey Club</p>	<p>SKD Company Ltd. Wallace Buick Pontiac Business Woman of the Year Helena Donaldson Donaldson Financial Group Lianne Krane Subway Sandwiches & Salads Elayne Tanner Elayne Tanner & Associates Inc.</p> <p>Businessman of the Year James Krane Subway Sandwiches & Salads Eric Walton The Comic Express</p> <p>Lifetime Achievement Award Freda Best Strain</p> <p>Community Award Sponsors Platinum Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation / Mohawk Raceway Slots</p>	<p>Gold SKD Company</p> <p>Silver Kwik Kopy Printing Page One Services</p> <p>Bronze Roxul Inc.</p> <p>Friends Robert (Pie) Lee Insurance Agency Johnson Controls Ltd. G.S. Die & Design Inc. Business Development Bank of Canada Bermis Inc. Cambridge Rigging Ltd. KPMG Abtrex Contractors Inc.</p> <p>Supporter Milton Canadian Champion</p>	<p>Miltown Insurance Agency Inc. Prizes Brancier Jeweller-Gemologist Harrop Art Gallery Harrop Restaurant M & M Meat Shops North End Nissan The Wine Rack Floral Arrangements Loblaw's Market</p> <p>Music by Alex Walker</p> <p><i>We formally thank our event sponsors and prize donors. Reserve your Tickets today! Call the Chamber at 905-878-0581 and speak with Bev Holloway.</i></p>
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Upcoming Chamber Events April / May 2001

March 27, Business After Hours
 Special thanks to Tony De Gaetano of LaToscana Ristorante for an evening of great food, entertainment and perfect "NEW" setting.

Thursday, April 12 - Business Before Hours (7:30 am - 8:45 am)
 Guest Speaker: Julian Reed, MP
 Location: Chamber of Commerce Boardroom, 251 Main Street - Suite 101
 NO COST to attend!

Saturday, April 21 - Community Awards GALA
 Granite Ridge Golf Club, Dublin Line
 A magnificent evening of pomp and pageantry! A very popular and enjoyable event to honour Milton's finest! Be sure to join us. Cost: \$60.00 per person. To avoid disappointment, we encourage you to purchase tickets early (tickets will be available in early March)

Tuesday, April 24 - Business After Hours (5-7 pm)
 Hosted by Wallace Pontiac Buick Cadillac Ltd., 801 Main Street E.

Bill Wallace, Peter Smith and staff invite you to join them in celebration and a preview of their "BRAND NEW FACILITY...BRAND NEW PRODUCTS". Bring your business card for an opportunity to WIN Fantastic Draw Prizes from Wallace's CADILLAC Sportswear line. Members and Guests welcome!

Thursday, May 3 - Breakfast with Ted Chudleigh, MPP for Halton, Parliamentary-Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development and Trade
 (Registration: 7 am / Breakfast Served: 7:30 am)
 Where? Steak-Yard (Steak and Seafood House), 377 Main Street E.
 TOPIC: "Throne Speech / Pre-Budget / Future Direction"
 Cost: \$15 / members; \$17 / non-members

Tuesday, May 22 - Business After Hours (5-7 pm)
 Hosted by Milton Heights Campground, 8690 Tremaine Road
 30th Anniversary celebrations. Be sure to attend and join in on the festivities.
 NO COST to attend!