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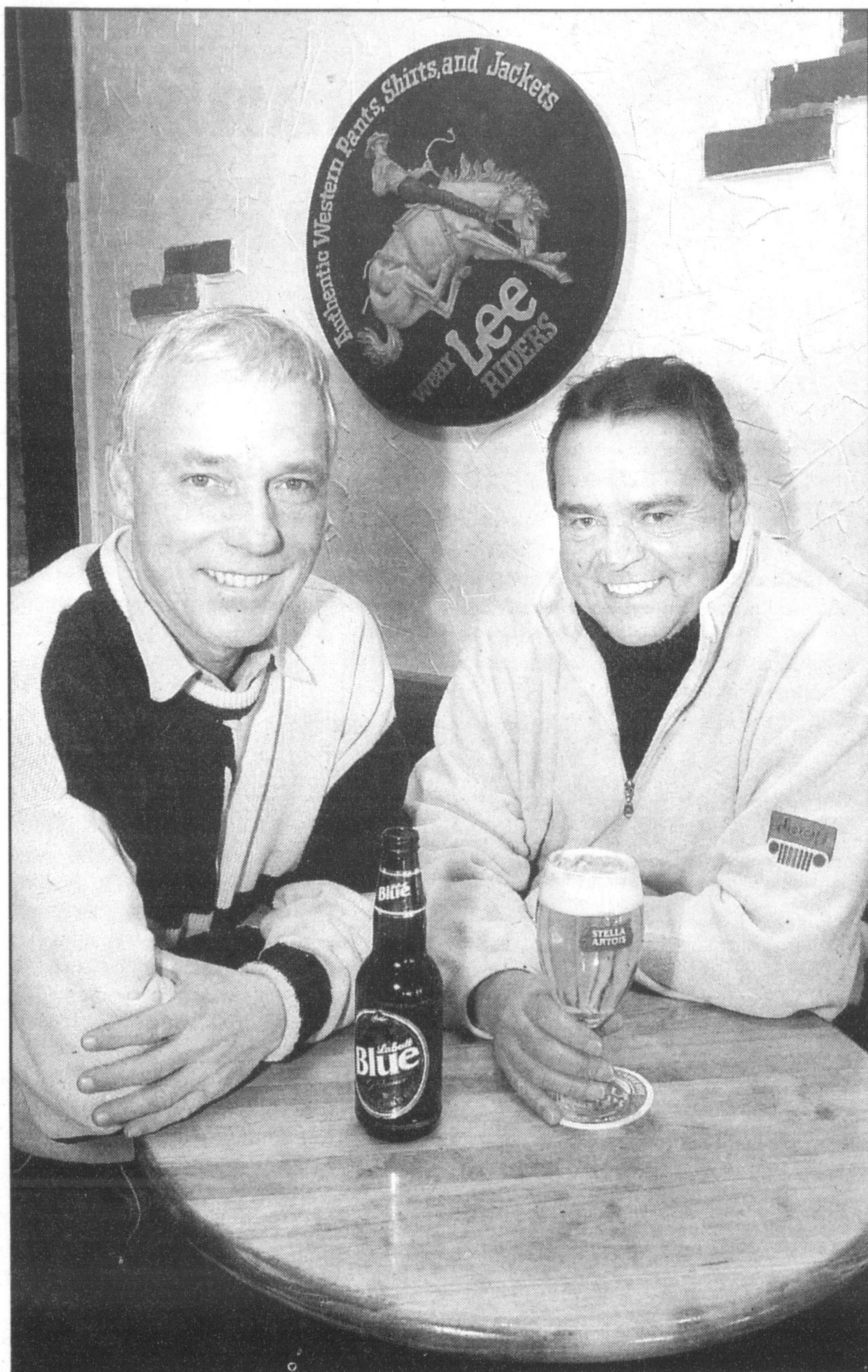


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Grand opening

Co-owners Larry Barringer (left) and Pat Kelly take a break from preparations for the official opening of their new bar/restaurant Pat and Larry's Chasers, located in the White Oaks Plaza on Bronte Street. The official opening took place Saturday.

Women's business group to be launched this month

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On one of her business cards, Helen Lomax introduces herself as 'Vice-President of Enthusiasm'.

Enthusiasm is what she has for the new organization she's launching in Halton, a local chapter of the Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women.

It will be known by its acronym, BPW Halton.

Although it's a women's club, said Ms Lomax, men are welcome.

"Any man who is interested in issues relating to women, such as equal opportunity and equal pay, and wants to improve women's lives at work and in the community is welcome to join," said the Acton businesswoman, who runs Pathways & Transitions offering training and development to business clients.

"I had a call from a gentleman who was very interested in human rights and women's issues — so why shouldn't he be allowed to join?"

BPW Halton will be officially launched at a grand gala Saturday at the Rattlesnake Point Golf Club on Bronte Road (Regional Road 25), south of Derry Road in Milton. The guest speaker will be Mary Anne Chambers, Minister for Training, Colleges and Universities, who'll take the podium at about 8 p.m.

The gala, which begins with a reception at 6 p.m., will feature the lighting of three candles, a large one to symbolize BPW International, a medium-sized one for BPW Canada, and a smaller one for BPW Halton.

The candle-lighting ceremony will start at 7 p.m., just before dinner. The club will also receive its charter at that time. Tickets to the gala cost \$55 each or \$100 for two — or \$400 for a table of eight. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to a yet-to-be determined charity, said Ms Lomax.

BPW, a non-profit non-partisan organization in existence since the 1930s, has consultative standing at the United Nations regarding women's issues and lobbied the federal government to pass legislation guaranteeing women the same pension as men from Canada Pension.

"Canada was one of five founding member countries," continued Lomax, adding Italy, France, the United States and Austria were the other four. "I'm really proud of Canada being involved since the beginning. Canada is one of the best countries to live in



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around the world and I would like to keep it that way or make it even better."

BPW has a national body and provincial organizations, and exists in more than 100 countries worldwide. Ms Lomax became involved with BPW last April. "I got involved because I want to make a difference in the world. BPW can help women improve their lives at work and in the community," said Ms Lomax, president of BPW Halton.

She was elected at the group's founding meeting held in early September.

"BPW Halton is the newest club in Halton, and is surrounded by clubs in Cambridge, Mississauga and Brampton, clubs that are helping us get started."

Representatives from these clubs will be attending the gala. Membership costs \$125 annually plus a one-time \$50 initiation fee to cover start-up costs. Ms Lomax hopes to recruit new members at the gala.

Money from memberships will be used to provide scholarships to women and "encourage women to take leadership training," said Ms Lomax.

"Each club will be able to select which areas they want to work in, be it a local, national or international cause."

Ms Lomax noted BPW has four pillars — advocacy for women in the workplace and in the community, leadership and development, personal growth, plus networking and friendship.

"These four pillars extend around the world," said Ms Lomax. "BPW is about giving back to the community, and we'll be holding fundraisers and giving money to charity."

For information about BPW Halton, contact Ms Lomax at (519) 853-3809, e-mail lomax@glob-alserve.net or call Elizabeth Carmichael, publicity and gala chair, at (905) 465-3401.

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