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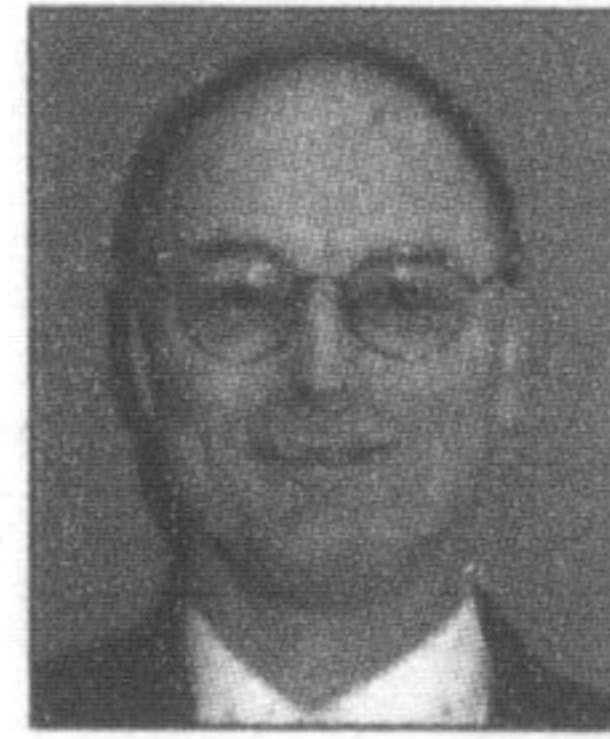


MILTON CHAMBER OF

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President's Message

Douglas Francis



January was a busy month for the Chamber. The second annual Sports Celebrity Dinner & Auction was held on Tuesday, January 20 at Granite Ridge Golf Club. The M.C. was Gord Stellick and the Keynote Speaker was Dennis Hull. Other recognized celebrities attending were Wendel Clark, Marnie McBean, Luc Ouellette, Mike O'Shea and Mike Morreale. All the celebrities were very personable and approachable and seemed to be enjoy themselves very much. Attendees were able to bid on some much-sought-after sports memorabilia through both a silent auction and a live auction. There was plenty of opportunity to obtain autographs and to chat with the celebrities. Dinner was superb and Dennis was absolutely hilarious as the Keynote Speaker. This class event is obviously becoming a highlight of the year for all local sports' enthusiasts. We thank our generous sponsors for help in making this event possible. Mario Forgione, Milton Ice Hawks

Junior "A" Hockey Club was the Platinum Sponsor. Silver sponsors were Ontario Harness Horse Association, The Canadian Champion, Woodbine Entertainment Group and Paragon DPI. Bronze sponsors were Robert (Pie) Lee Insurance Agency and Albatross Restaurant and other sponsors were Milton Home Hardware, Rexdale Redi-Mix, Arthur Electric, Royal LePage Meadowtowne Realty - Joyce Hagevik/Alan McDonald and Milton Toyota. Many thanks to the organizing committee for the dedicated work involved in staging this dinner. Members of the committee are Mario Forgione, Andrew Jackson, Kim Mitchell, Joyce Hagevik, Bruce Murray, Lee Walker and Angelo DeMedicis. Proceeds from this annual event along with those from the Scholarship Café at the Farmers' Market support the Chamber's Scholarship Program. More than 60 people turned out on very snowy January 27th morning to hear Mayor Gordon Krantz and the Town C.E.O. Mario Belvedere present an extensive overview of the exciting growth plans and projections for the future of Milton. It is evident that both the Mayor and Mario are very passionate about achieving the best possible future for the Town. Thank you to everyone who attended. Thanks to Chamber Meetings & Seminars Committee Members - Melissa Janjevich, Sue Duval, Joyce Hagevik, Karen Scott and Ruth Barnett for organizing yet another successful Chamber breakfast.

Thanks to our Sports Celebrity Sponsors!

- Mario Forgione Milton IceHawks Junior "A" Hockey Club
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Upcoming Networking Events

M.P.P. Breakfast "Effective Representation from the Opposition"
 Tuesday, February 17th, 2004
 Ramada Inn & Suites
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Business After Hours
 Tuesday, February 24th, 2004
 Haber Blain Insurance Brokers Limited and Haber & Associates Inc.
 251 Main St. E.
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Annual Community Awards Gala
 April 17th, 2004
 Granite Ridge Golf Club

COMMUNITY AWARDS NOMINATION CRITERIA 2004
 Nomination Deadline February 20th/04
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
 Eligibility
 Any individual who lives or volunteers in the Community.
 Criteria
 • Community Leader • Community Supporter
 • Community Volunteer • Goodwill Ambassador

BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR
 Eligibility
 Any individual from business or industry who works in the Town of Milton.
 Criteria
 • Good business standards and ethics
 • Demonstrated concern for work environment
 • Belief in Entrepreneurship
 • Innovation & leadership
 • Community involvement & contributor

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR 25 & LESS / 26 & OVER
 Business & Industry
 Eligibility
 Any Business or Industry located in the Town of Milton
 Criteria
 • Contributions to employment
 • Innovations in Product/Service/Technology
 • Good corporate citizen
 • Contributions to the community
 • Good business standards & ethics

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
 Eligibility
 Any individual who lives or volunteers in the Town of Milton throughout their lifetime.
 Criteria
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 • Community Volunteer
 • Community Supporter
 • Goodwill Ambassador
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