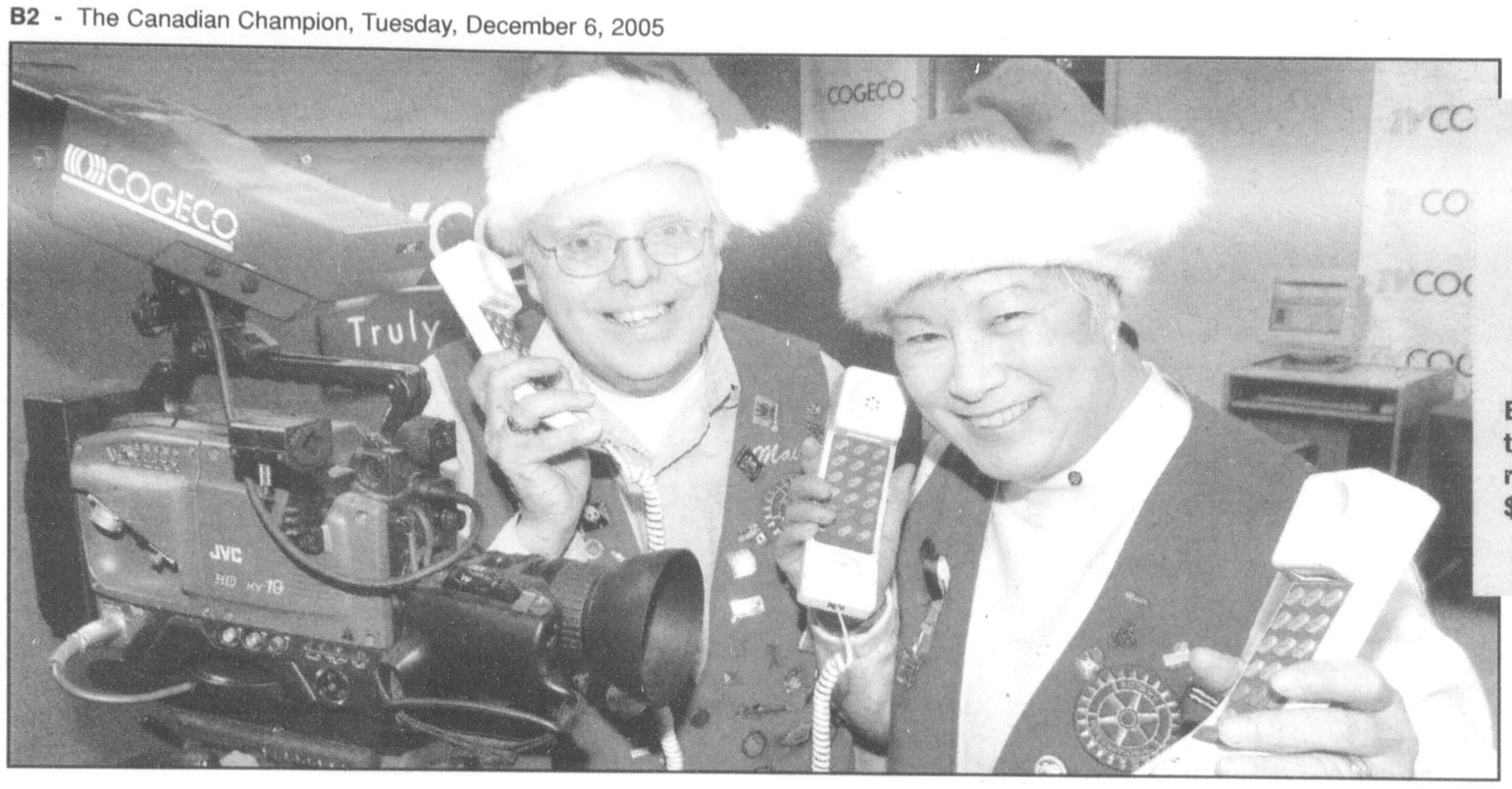

Rotary auction a major success

Rotary Club volunteers Maitland Spencer (left) and Bonnie Venton Ross get ready to answer the phones at the club's sixth annual Rotary TV Auction, televised recently on Cogeco 14. The event brought in more than $20,000 — a record-breaking tally for the auction.

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Funds available for groups helping at-risk individuals

Almost $90,000 in funding will soon be available for community groups currently working with homeless and/or at-risk youth, the Region announced recently.

Through the Government of Canada's National Homelessness Initiative, the funding to Halton will be used to continue its support of community efforts to alleviate homelessness.

Halton's Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI) community advisory committee — comprised of individuals from throughout Halton who bring a broad range of community perspectives, skills and experience to the table — has identified two priority areas for the funding:

- Feasibility studies for youth housing — up to $40,000 for two feasibility studies for youth housing models, with $20,000 each designated for north and south Halton.
- Urgent needs (one-time initiatives) — $49,000 for one-time projects that meet urgent needs of homeless and/or at-risk youth.

The deadline for application is Friday at 2 p.m. The application forms are posted at www.region.halton.on.ca. All funds must be spent by March 31, 2006. For more information, contact Sally Pincock at (905) 825-6000, ext. 4447, or pincocks@region.halton.on.ca, or Jen Lenard-Benson at the same number, ext. 4432 or lenardj@region.halton.on.ca.