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Much change still to come: Houlahan

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while on the other hand, we face the constant challenge to maintain and strengthen, unabashedly, that which gives us the right to exist, that of our Catholic identity. Perhaps there's no other time than now for leadership that is courageous."

Houlahan said she nominated Matters because of her fresh vision for the board.

"We have had much change in the past year-and-a-half and there's much change still coming at us," Houlahan said. "I want everyone at this table to consider where we want to go in the next few years.

"Are we happy with being or do we want to go somewhere? I firmly believe my nomination of Joanne Matters will take us in a different direction."

LeMay's nomination came from Milton Trustee Rev. David Wilhelm. He

cited LeMay's longtime dedication to the Halton Catholic board, including her 28 years of experience as an Oakville trustee. He also said she brings confidence and stability to the position.

"Alice Anne is a very strong advocate of publicly-funded Catholic education," Wilhelm said. "In addition to her experience, Alice Anne has demonstrated, in my mind, an ability to interact with all stakeholders in a conciliatory and nurturing manner.

"She has the ability to facilitate positive communication between all members of the board and all stakeholders within the system. She has a warm and welcoming manner that makes her approachable in all issues."

Van de Vrande's nomination for vice-chair was uncontested. He publicly thanked the other trustees,

saying he is committed to serving the board and working to increase support for the publicly-funded Catholic education system.

"These are challenging times in many ways," said Van de Vrande, who has served as a Burlington trustee on the board for eight years.

"We are living daily through unprecedented events, politically, economically and as a Catholic organization, constantly challenged by those who would endeavour to extinguish the flame of Catholic education. This is a time for big dreams, for bold steps and for accepting without hesitation the commission of Christ. It is not a time to say, 'Yes, we can,' but rather, with the help of God, 'Yes, we will.'"

Danielli receives nomination by outgoing chair

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ensuring agendas are followed, and to make rulings, when necessary, on the protocols to be followed by the board in making decisions.

Danielli was nominated for vice-chair by outgoing chair and Halton Hills Trustee Gillian Tuck Kutarna, who suggested her work in dealing with a difficult accommodation process in Milton

demonstrated good leadership skills.

Danielli told trustees she intended to keep building on work done by the board over the previous two years.

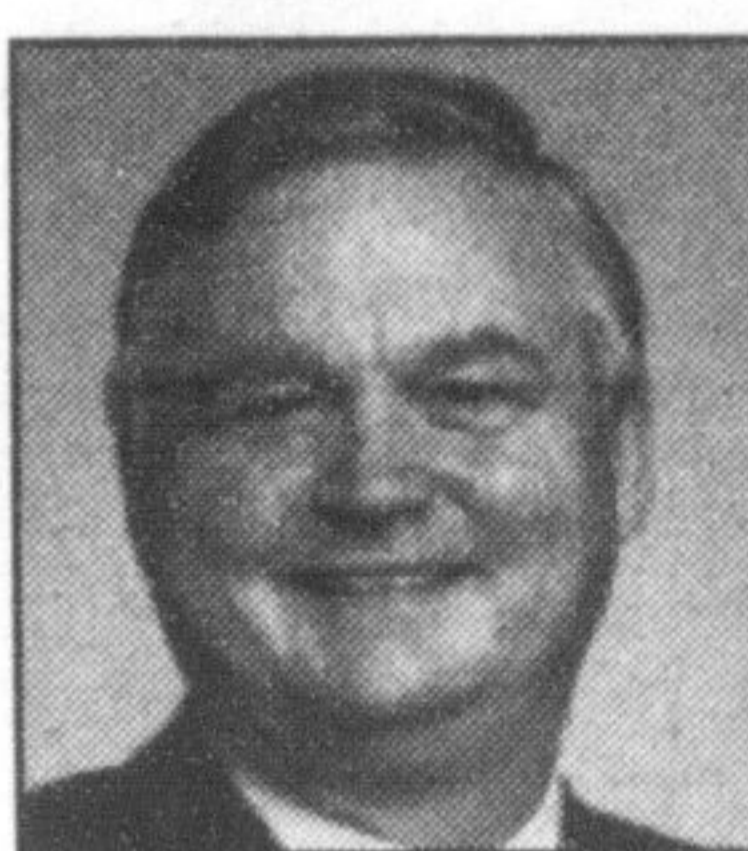
"Commitment and inclusion are the core values of everything I do," she added.

The vice-chair assists the board chair and assumes the role when the chair is not present, has a conflict of interest or

wishes to speak on a matter at a public board meeting.

Elections for the positions are held annually during the board's organizational meeting at the start of each December.

Elected trustees earn between approximately \$13,000 and \$20,000 per year, based on student enrolment and whether they are a regular trustee, the chair or vice-chair.



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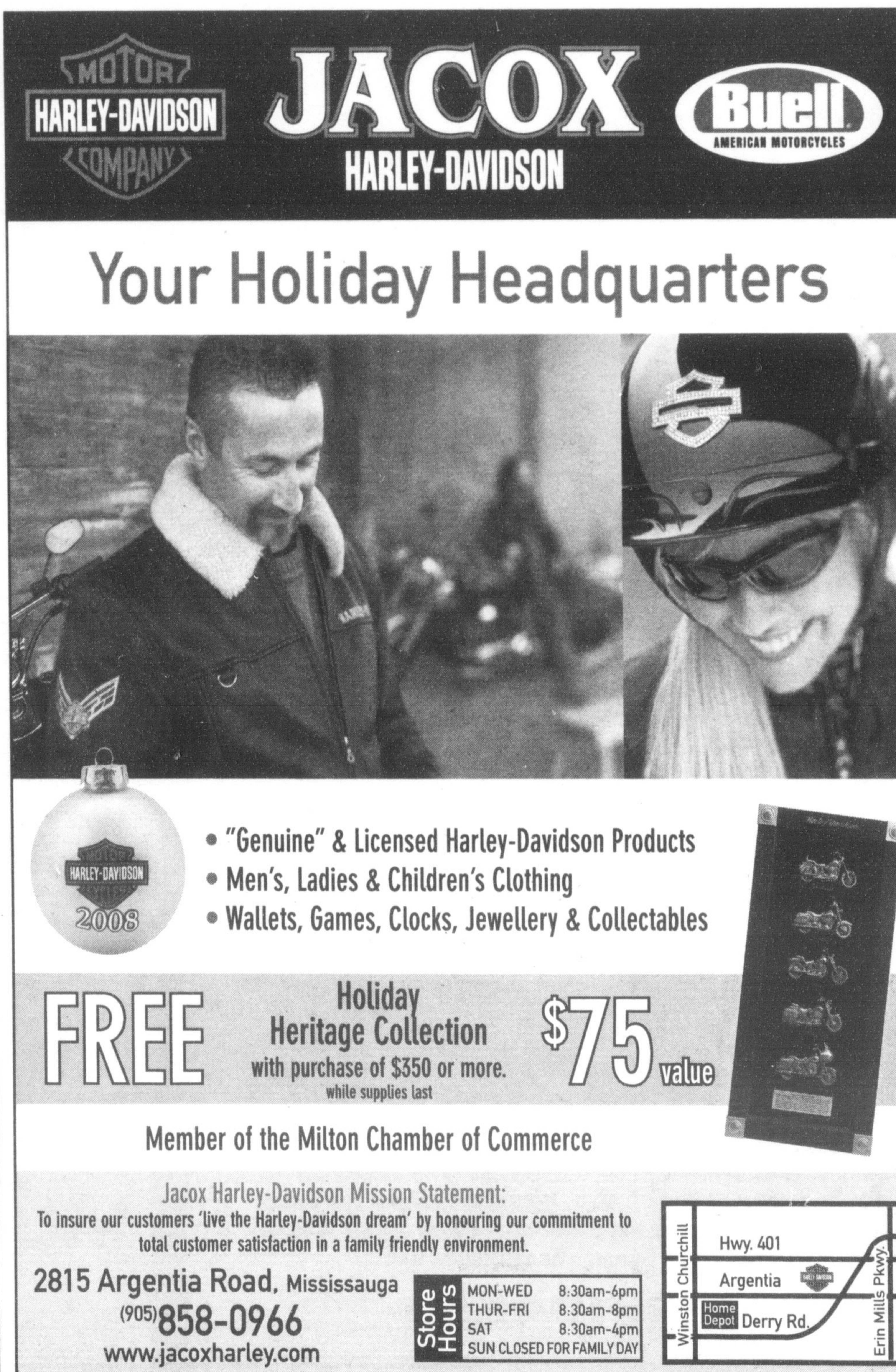
The first settlers to Ontario placed lit candles in holders on trees in celebration of Christmas. More than 100 years ago, in the 1890s, electric lights were used for holiday store displays and some grand homes, but this was rare and very expensive. By the 1920s, strings of big coloured bulbs, using enough electricity to burn your hands, complete with woven cloth coverings over the wires were common.

Fast forward to the 1970s and mini-incandescent bulbs became the rage. Each of these bulbs consumed about 0.5 watts, compared to the five watts that the big bulb incandescent lights sold beside them used. Today, you can buy strings of Light Emitting Diodes. Known as LED Christmas lights or Seasonal Light Emitting Diodes, they use about 10 per cent of the electricity of a mini-incandescent, about three per cent of the older, larger Christmas lights and are much less likely to burn out.

So toss out your old bulbs and get yourself an early holiday gift this year! Thousands of others have exchanged their strings of old-fashioned bulbs for new LED lights. The old strings are decommissioned and the plastic, glass and wire are all properly recycled.

The power needs of these newer lights are very low; in fact some of the outdoor strings come with a small solar photovoltaic device which converts sunshine into electricity for seasonal illumination. These don't even need to be plugged in. Also, automatic timers let you preset when the lights go on or off which saves costs and draws less power.

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 6, 2-4PM

264 Steeles Ave. E., Unit B, \$1,250/mth, Jacqueline Cuberovic
276 Potts Terrace, \$509,000, Adina Nonis
Royal LePage Meadowtowne, 905-878-8101

1026 Cumming Blvd., \$309,000, Andrea & Chris Seventikidis
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SUNDAY DECEMBER 7, 2-4PM

220 Heslop Rd., \$314,900, Karen Tomchick
1290 Cartmer Way, \$302,500, Beverly Frosch
774 Yates Dr., \$382,900, Jalaj Arora

891 Maquire Terrace, \$339,500, Clayton Hackenbrook
7459 Windrush Cr., Miss., \$478,500, Gary Thomas
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993 McCutcheon Cres., \$589,900, Amy Flowers
264 Steeles Ave. E., Unit B, \$1,250/mth, Jacqueline Cuberovic
230 Andrews Trail, \$309,900, Bob Stoutley

276 Potts Terrace, \$509,000, Adina Nonis
188 Weston, \$459,900, Kim Scott
1311 Weller Crossing, \$329,900, Pat Rideout
Royal LePage Meadowtowne, 905-878-8101

1-3pm → 393 Potts Terrace, \$384,900, Domenic Manchisi
1026 Cumming Blvd., \$309,000, Andrea & Chris Seventikidis
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