

Prominent volunteer will speak to new Canadians

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Milton's Dickie Deumer will tell new citizens that Canada is the best country in the world Thursday.

Dubbed a 'community role model', Ms Deumer will address new Canadians at a citizenship court in Milton Sept. 5 at 10 a.m. About 25 people from area municipalities will become Canadian citizens at Town Hall's Victoria Park Square.

Judge Lee Tickle will lead the Court of Canadian Citizenship, hosted by the North Halton Cultural Awareness Council and

the Town of Milton. The town has asked Ms Deumer, a nominee for 1995 Citizen of the Year, to share with participants her experiences on becoming a Canadian.

The past president of the Milton District Hospital Auxiliary and volunteer for several other worthy causes immigrated with her husband Boyke and their infant son to Canada from war-torn Holland in 1952.

The couple fell in love with the country right away, Ms Deumer said, and promised themselves they would make a solid contribution.

She said she will let the participants know that they have "chosen the best

country in the world.

"Together, we have to try to keep it that way," she said she plans to tell the new citizens.

She said she will also discuss how she and her husband had only \$50 in their pockets when they arrived, but never thought of themselves as poor.

"Poor does not mean having little," she said. "Poor is when you know the price of everything and the value of nothing."

She will also tell the new citizens not to be jealous of what their neighbours have.

"It's not good to live by comparison," she said.



Dickie Deumer participates in a Milton District Hospital Auxiliary fashion show — just one of the many volunteer hats she wears as part of what she calls being a good Canadian.

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