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From left are Milton Community Award recipients George Le Donne, Rita Albin Curtis, Dave De Sylva, Laurie Goodman, Margaret Saliba, Sam Kassam-Macfie and Carol and Robert Duvall. *Michael Ivanin / Special to the Champion*

Milton's stars shine bright at awards gala

By **Melanie Hennessey**
SPECIAL TO THE CHAMPION

Milton's star citizens shone brightly on Friday night as their selfless contributions were celebrated at the annual Community Awards Gala.

The black tie affair, which has been organized by the Milton Chamber of Commerce for the past 32 years, honoured residents and

business people who dedicate their time and energy to make the town a better place.

"You represent the best that our town has to offer," said Milton Chamber President Lesley Mansfield. "Each and every one of you deserves to be recognized for your accomplishments and for your selflessness."

The evening at Granite Ridge Golf Club kicked off by celebrating Miltonian Rita Albin Curtis and her contributions over the



Smith victorious on world stage

Milton's Victoria Smith was part of the Burlington-based NEXXICE senior team that reigned supreme at this past weekend's World Synchronized Skating Championships in Hamilton.

In front of roughly 12,000 fans at the FirstOntario Centre, NEXXICE beat out the defending champion Marigold IceUnity of Finland by a mere two-thirds of a point. See story in Sports.

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