

Ivan Kilby honoured by Rotary

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By Denise Paulsen

“Volunteering has been very special for me over the years, and I encourage you people to start volunteering in our community, and to help all our citizens in Halton Hills,” Ivan Kilby said as he accepted the 2010 Acton Citizen of the Year Award from the Rotary Club of Acton.

Thoughtful, kind, friendly and approachable were just a few of the words used to describe him at the dinner/ceremony on Friday at the Acton Legion.

“I am very humbled by all the words that have been said here tonight . . . I thank you,” Kilby said as he graciously accepted the annual honour.

Speaker after speaker, beginning with Pauline Barlow, praised Kilby as a tireless community volunteer who spent the last 20 years devoting his time and energy to the sick and needy in Acton, driving them to and from hospital appointments for cancer treatments.

Pauline Barlow shared her memories with the 130 people gathered to honour Kilby’s achievements. She spoke emotionally about her late husband Walter, and Ivan’s kindness, driving him to Princess Margaret Hospital for treatment. Barlow praised Kilby’s concern for others.



Photo by George Henderson

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Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette said his family had benefited from Kilby’s volunteerism as he drove the mayor’s late brother-in-law and mother for treatments, and was always flexible if the treatment was delayed.

Bonnette said they were all very proud of Kilby for making the community a better place.

Bob MacKinnon, of

MacKinnon’s Family Funeral Home, echoed the previous praise, recounting when Kilby had assisted his wife Margaret during her cancer treatments. MacKinnon said Kilby was a very worthy recipient of the award.

Jessica Coyne, of the Wellington Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society, said she previously thought that Kilby was a

figment of her imagination, but learned he is very real.

Kilby’s proud family were in attendance to hear stories about their kind and caring father, father-in-law and grandfather. Ivan’s wife Jean unfortunately lost her battle with cancer in 1991.

After that loss he continued volunteering to drive others. “My first patient was a two-year-old boy. This young man

loved aeroplanes, so I would make sure the route to his appointment would go by the airport. We would stop on Highway 401, just so he could watch the planes come and go,” Kilby recalled as he welcomed the now 21-year-old Matt LoTurco to the podium, where they shook hands and hugged.

LoTurco, who had neuroblastoma – the most common cancer in childhood – is the pic-

ture of health these days, only required to have an annual check up in Toronto.

Members of the audience included political dignitaries who made congratulatory speeches applauding Kilby’s civic achievements with commemorative plaques.

Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Michael Chong told Kilby that it was citizens like him that make Canada the best country in the world.



YESTERDAY AND TODAY: Acton Citizens of the Year from past to present joined together Friday night at the Acton Legion to celebrate this year’s inductee Ivan Kilby. Back row: George Henderson, Bill and Diane Spielvogel, representing Acton Volunteer Firefighters Leo Synnot, Wilfred Duval, Dobbie Frizzell, representing Acton’s Agricultural Society, John Miller, David Dills, Dr. David van Der Bent, and Jon Hurst. Front row from left: Ron McKnight, May Hoare, Ivan Kilby, representing Lakeside Chapter IODE Rosalee Dawkins, Joyce Sprowl, Kay Dills and Linda Dougherty. - Denise Paulsen photo

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Halton Waste Management Site

Monday, May 10 to Saturday, May 15, 2010

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thanks to the participation of Halton residents, approximately 33,000 tonnes of yard waste was collected last year and turned into rich, garden-friendly compost.

Halton residents are invited to come to the Compost Give Away and pick up some of this compost as a “thank you” for diverting this usable material away from the landfill, thereby extending its life!

- All Halton households are welcome to collect a maximum of seven bags (or equivalent) of compost.
- Please bring your own bags/containers and shovel.
- Residents are responsible for shovelling and bagging their own compost.
- Non-perishable food items or cash donations will be gratefully accepted on behalf of Halton area food banks. Your donations make a difference!

Helpful Hint – When applying your compost to your gardens, ensure you blend it with topsoil or another gardening fill. Recommended application for best growing results is a 60/40 split (60 per cent topsoil and 40 per cent compost).

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Bring your old batteries, paint, compact fluorescent light bulbs, pesticides and cleaners to the Household Hazardous Waste Depot at the Halton Waste Management Site. Maximum 20 litres per visit. No commercial loads can be accepted. For a list of acceptable household hazardous waste materials, visit www.halton.ca/waste.

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