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**Cut for a Cause** sponsored by Mona's Coiffure, 94, George St. Have your hair cut with proceeds to the Shwachman Diamond Syndrome Canada, Monday to Thursday to Dec. 16th. For appointment call Mona's Coiffure, 849-6062.

**Raffle for beautiful hand made school-house pattern quilt**, 63 by 87 inches, donated by Oakville Quilters Guild. Tickets \$1 each for 6 for \$5, proceeds to Ian Anderson House. Tickets at Barrette's, Barrington Furs, Bookers, Capricorn Books, Garvey's, Ian Anderson House, S'Nails, and The Running Company. Draw on Dec. 17th.

**Quit Smoking 2000 Contest** beginning in January needs volunteers and organizations to distribute registration forms, be buddies, and encourage smokers who are ready to quit to participate in a millennium challenge. Call Tanya Kulnics, Halton Region Health Dep't, 825-6060 Ext. 7525.

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 8**  
**Carolling in the Park**, with Oakville Choristers and Salvation Army Citadel Brass Band, and Santa Claus, at George's Square, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., hosted by St. John's United Church, 845-0551.

**Fibromyalgia Support Group** has guest speaker, Dr. Gordon Chang, president of Omega Alpha Pharmaceuticals, speaking about how immune system relates to fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue syndrome, 7 to 9 p.m., St. Dominic's Parish Hall, 2415 Rebecca. Call Cathy, 827-0243 or Brenda, 847-2620.

**Oakville/Burlington Anaphylaxis Parent Group** meets to share information and support to families with life-threatening allergies, 7:30 p.m., St. Christopher's Anglican Church, 662 Guelph Line south of QEW, Burlington. Call 829-0786.

Oakville Parent Child Centre offers **Cabin Fever**, drop-in for parents and caregivers, 9 to 10:45 a.m., at 337 Kerr St. Also **Toddler Time**, drop-in for parents and toddlers 12 to 18 months, 9 to 10:30 a.m., 337 Kerr St. Call 849-6366.

**Oakville Strutters** are back. Fun fitness walks, downtown to Gairloch Gardens and back, 60 to 90-minute walk. Cafe/pub visit afterwards. Meet at Oakville Central Library main doors, Lakeshore and Navy, 7:15 p.m. Call Patti Crichton, 338-2751.

**Wednesday Evening Fun Runs**, for beginner and veteran runners, meets 7 p.m., at The Running Company, 118 Thomas St. Free. Call 815-1952.

**Women for Sobriety New Life Program**, meets Wednesdays, 7:30 to 9 p.m., St. Joseph's Hospital, James Street, Hamilton, for women overcoming addictions. Call Helen, 849-5983 (fax 337-3904) or Susan, 905-528-6823.

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 9**  
**Bronte Historical Society** annual general meeting, 7:30 p.m., at Sovereign House, Mazo de la Roche Heritage Display Centre, 7 West River St. Dramatic reading from the works of Mazo de la Roche and Christmas at Sovereign House receptions.

**SSO Family & Friends Support Group** meeting, CMHA Oakville office, 488 Kerr St., 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Call Bonnie Grant, 815-0070.

**Oakville Hockey MOMS** meet at

MOHA office, 1026 Speers Rd., 8 p.m. Open to anyone interested in minor hockey. Call 842-3038.

Mothers and expectant mothers interested in breastfeeding their babies are welcome to attend the **Oakville La Leche League** meeting at 8 p.m. at 144 Romain Cr. (not 114). Call 631-8220.

**Yoga** classes, reduce stress, strengthen and tone the body, increase energy and flexibility, improve balance and co-ordination, every Thursday, 7:30 to 9 p.m., call Jessie, 847-6177.

Oakville Parent Child Centre offers **Toddler Time**, drop-in for parents and toddlers, 12 to 18 months, 9 to 10:30 a.m. at 1500 Sixth Line. Call 849-6366.

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 10**  
Reception to commemorate **Human Rights Day** at Halton Multicultural Council, 635 Fourth Line, Unit 48, 7 p.m. Also year-end celebrations and volunteer awards. Speaker: Reginald Newkirk, former executive director, Yukon Human Rights Commission, Halifax Race Relations Co-ordinator for Nova Scotia, and currently secretary-general of the Baha'i Community of Canada. Call 842-2486.

**WISE - Women In Support of Each Other**, a mature women's network, presents Celebrate the Holidays Together. Bring Christmas goodie and share holiday plans, 10 a.m. to noon, Women's Centre, Hopedale Mall, Ste. 210. Call 847-5520.

**Oakville Single/Social Dance** every Friday at the Oakville Royal Canadian Legion, Normandy Room, Church and Navy. Admission \$10. Proceeds through Branch 114 to charities. Dancing 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Cash door prizes and refresh-

ments. Dress code. Tickets, \$53 each, now available for New Year's Eve Dance with dinner, champagne, souvenirs and cash prizes. Call 842-1327 or 845-6271, or at bar.

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 11**  
**Grace Chapel Christmas Cafe**, Dec. 11th and 12th, 4 to 7 p.m., Pilgrim Wood School, 1551 Pilgrim's Way. Lobby transforms into marketplace - greenery, lights, flavoured coffees, holiday goodies, cider, popcorn, festive music, photos with Santa, magician, Elves Workshop, discover Baby Jesus. Call 827-5011.

Oakville Suzuki Association holds **Suzuki Strings Christmas Concert**, 3 p.m., at Glen Abbey United Church, Nottingham Gate and Upper Middle, at 3 p.m. Concert to feature young violin, viola and cello students, and new advanced fiddle group, the Oakville Ceilidh Fiddlers. Free admission.

**St. John Ambulance Babysitting Course**, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., for adolescents 11 to 14. Cost: \$30. Call Oakville St. John Ambulance, 469-9325.

**Christmas Bazaar**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Joseph's Portuguese Church, 2451 Bronte south of Hwy. 25. Arts and crafts, hand crocheted lace doilies, table coverings. Lunch.

**Friends of Chaudiere**, sponsors of Milton Sea Cadets, hold Giant Book Sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Milton Fairgrounds Building No. 3 on Robert Street, Milton.

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 12**  
**Walton United Church**, Lakeshore and Bronte, presents Choral Celebration for Christmas, The Glory of the Lord, featuring Walton Senior Choir (in memory of Audrey Canning), directed by Linda Fletcher and accompanied by Janet King, 7 p.m. Farewell offering, reception follows. Call

827-1643.  
**The Amazing Tale of Mr. Twiddlepratt and the Christmas Carousel** will be presented at Faith Baptist Church, 1415 Trafalgar, 7 p.m. Call 842-0938.

Maple Grove United Church, 346 Maplegrove south of Devon, holds its 9th annual **Christmas Festival of Song**, with three choirs and 22-piece orchestra. Doors open 6:30 p.m., concert begins 7:30 p.m.

**MONDAY DECEMBER 13**  
**Helping Your Kids Live Together** - parenting two or more children introduces new set of issues often challenging patience and understanding, every Monday. Childcare available. Call Oakville Parent-Child Centre, 849-6366.

**Oakville Horticultural Society** 7:30 p.m., at Knox Presbyterian Church, Lakeshore and Dunn. Membership renewal, \$12 single, \$15 family. New members welcome.

**Crime Stoppers** annual general meeting, Monday Dec. 13th, Black Bull British Pub, 1124 Guelph Line, Burlington, 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Cost: \$15 per person. RSVP to Lee-Ann Ansell, 825-4747 Ext. 5139.

**Chat and Play**, 10 to 11:30 a.m., St. Paul's United Church, 454 Rebecca, for parents and tots - infants to preschoolers. Free. Call 845-3427.

**Breast Cancer Support Services, Oakville chapter**, meets 7 to 9 p.m., at Alternatives, 579 Kerr St. Call Nancy Fox, 845-7484.

**Burlington/Oakville/Waterdown Parent Watch**, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Brant Bible Church, 1501 Eaglesfield, Burlington, for parents of teens making poor choices. Call 319-9026.

## GIVING BACK

The Oakville Beaver looks at local businesses supporting our community.

### Unassuming Rotarian offers help and hope all over town

With a mandate to maintain a presence within the community, Jay Lockwood is known for his philanthropy both as owner of the successful Chrysler dealership and as an individual.

Lockwood, a third-generation automobile dealer, established J. Lockwood Chrysler Ltd. 16 years ago, about the same time he became a Rotarian.

"I believe in giving back to the community where I make my living," he says.

A long time resident of Oakville, Lockwood chose the Oakville Trafalgar Rotary Club as his charity of choice because many members of his family are Rotarians, albeit in other districts.

Lockwood has served on the Board of the Rotary Club of Oakville Trafalgar for the past three and a half years, two terms as fundraiser and the last term as community service chairman.

His pride of the Rotary Club accomplishments shines through when he is coaxed to discuss them. But he is not one to initiate conversation about his community service. People know of his work in the community because they see him, not because he talks about it.

"Jay is actually a shy person," says Rotary Club of Oakville past-president Trish Peden. "What impresses me the most about him is that he does these things and doesn't tell people about them. He is very humble about what he does. He believes a kind gesture that remains anonymous is from the heart. Money is made, but respect is earned, and Jay has done both a hundred-fold."

Peden also notes that Lockwood is a "multiple Paul Harris Fellow Award recipient", the highest honour given to a Rotarian for service above self. Lockwood's close friend, personal trainer and fellow philanthropist Dan Ferrone, also speaks very highly of his comrade.

"He's helped me with every event I've had," he says. "He's quiet, unassuming as a Rotarian and I can always count on him. It's not an issue for Jay whether he's recognized or not."

Lockwood has participated in a variety of fundraising events of all sizes. Whether he is the recipient of a pie-in-the-face contest, manning the beer tent at the Oakville Waterfront Festival (OWF), or participating in the donation of a mammography machine to the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH), he believes every effort counts - with or without acknowledgment. His thrill is in making his community a better place to live.

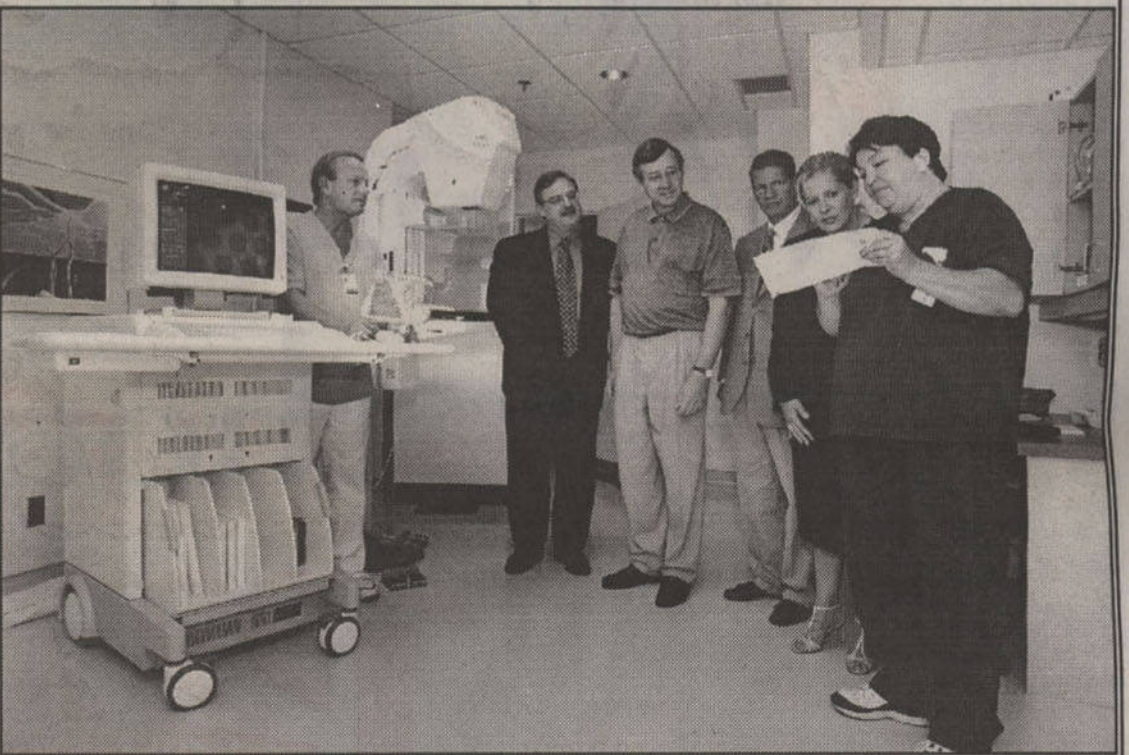
"Last year we (the Rotary Club of Oakville Trafalgar) gave away approximately \$70,000," says community-minded Lockwood. When he discusses the donation of the mammography machine, he talks about the people it will help rather than the role he plays. "We've eliminated the waiting list for women who will be tested for breast cancer. One in seven women will contract breast cancer in some fashion; this will help reduce the critical time and emotional stress. As a result of the extra machine, the technician's shifts have also been reduced, from 11 to seven-and-a-half hours."

Fundraising events and charitable services that Lockwood has sponsored or donated money and/or time to, both as a business and an individual, include The Dream Home Lottery, OWF fireworks, sponsorship of minor sports teams, the Cancer Society, providing wheelchairs, providing speech therapists for children, Bingo, the Annual Rotary Golf Tournament, silent auctions, River Oaks Town Centre, Easter Seal boat rides, Rotary TV Auction - the list goes on. A few years ago Lockwood received the Business Man of the Year Award from the Town of Oakville.

"Community service was one of the reasons he won," says Peden.

As the family tradition of giving back to the community rings through clear at Christmas, you may notice a truck parked in the dealership. This Christmas Jay Lockwood wants to do his part by helping collect items for Halton Women's Place. The Halton Women's Place was founded 20 years ago, to aid victims of domestic violence. From every walk of life, spousal abuse hits over 200,000 women in Ontario every year.

Since the 60's, the women's movement has been partially



Receiving a lesson on how to read the results from a mammography machine are (left to right) Denis Baronoski, Peter Zulauf, Bruce Heslip, Jay Lockwood, and Trish Peden, as Elaine O'Neill explains at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. Zulauf, Heslip, Lockwood and Peden were present on behalf of the Rotary Club of Oakville Trafalgar donating the machine to OTMH.

responsible for a heightened awareness and increased concern by society toward the issues of wife assault. Today it is no longer acceptable to abuse your wife, girl friend or any member of your family - just like it is an assault to beat or abuse a stranger in the street. Although despite the progress made in the last 40 years, Halton Women's Place still provided safe shelter to 200 women and 229 children last year. Halton Women's Place has forty full-time, part-time and casual staff. The staff has a variety of qualifications related to the job area in which they work. Along with qualification, a staff member is selected based on her understanding, empathy and ability to work with women and families who are experiencing, or who have experienced, abuse from their partners.

Although no matter how supportive and experienced staff members are, they still need some material products to help aid the women and children in need. Which is how Jay Lockwood hopes to help. He is helping to collect items from the "Halton Women's Wish List for Families". They are in need of items for all age groups, from infants to toddlers to preschoolers to school aged, but they need extra help collecting items for teens and women. Examples of items they need are: for teens - sports clothes, nightwear, slippers, sweaters, blouses, shirts, jeans, underwear, socks, CDs, tapes, magazines (teen oriented), walkman, board games, card games, watches, daytimers, notepaper, or other items teens could need. For moms - nightwear, underwear, socks, slippers, winter gloves, jeans, blouses, hair dryers, curling irons, housecoats, small appliances, gift certificates, and other items a mom could need. The truck is parked inside the Lockwood Chrysler Dealership, and will be accepting donations until Christmas time. Take this opportunity to help others not as fortunate as yourself, in the spirit of Christmas. The residents of Oakville are fortunate to have a citizen like Jay Lockwood among them. Whether they're looking for good service when buying a new car or a higher quality of life, they can rest assured that this man is looking out for their best interest.

### Christopher Lockwood Fund

Jay Lockwood recently lost his son Christopher in a tragic car accident in Michigan. Christopher will always be remembered to his family and friends for the incessant smile on his face and lust for life. The tragic loss of this young man has touched many lives, and he will always be remembered for his high spirits and generosity.

In memory of this vibrant young man, the Lockwood family and friends have established the Christopher Lockwood Fund to perpetuate his memory as well as Christopher's wishes and dreams of 'giving back'.

Christopher was a recent graduate of Northwood University, a private business school that offers specialized degrees, in which he had earned a dual degree in management and automotive marketing. Tim Nash, the academic dean of Northwood University, located in Michigan, commented "He was a won-

derful, very caring person who was very active in campus events. He was a fine student who graduated with a 3.6 grade point average, and was very active in the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity."

The Christopher Lockwood Fund has been created to acknowledge these academic accomplishments (magna cum laude, dean's list) so that others may benefit and be given the same chance to advance their lives through education.

This annual scholarship will be awarded to individuals who recognize, as Chris did, that academics and life should be enjoyed and appreciated equally.

The Christopher Lockwood Fund, through the Community Foundation of Oakville, will be accepting charitable donations to help the fund achieve its goals. For information on donations please contact the Community Foundation at 844-3562.



Christopher Lockwood with his father, Jay.

This feature, Giving Back, is one in a series that celebrates local businesses and individuals that support our community. Often times the public is not aware of the level of generosity extended by the businesses they frequent. Periodically a business or corporation who significantly enhances the quality of life in Oakville will be featured. For more information call Kym Funnell at 845-3824, ext. 289.