

# WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

**O**n July 1, Canada Day, a presentation was made to a special individual in our community. The Tribune, as sponsor of the event, named Cliff Aiken its 1997 Citizen of the Year.

He has continually served the community since moving to Stouffville almost four decades ago as a Main St. pharmacist. He has been a mainstay with two Stouffville service clubs. He is a member of the Stouffville Lions Club for 36 years, and was club president in 1972. He was a Lions zone chairman, and was deputy district governor, the second highest position available to Lions in Canada. He's a former director of the club's Camp Kirk Foundation, which operates a summer camp for children with learning disabilities.

Mr. Aiken has been involved with the Stouffville Legion since 1962. Currently the Legion's Awards Chairman, he was given a lifetime Legion membership at that organization's recent 50th Anniversary celebrations. Mr. Aiken, who played an active part in helping organize the Legion's golden event, is also a past chairman of the York Region Division Board of the CNIB.

Mr. Aiken said service work has always come naturally to him. "It's just a way of life I guess," he said. "It gives me a feeling of being of some value to the community." Mr. Aiken added that the philosophy of the Lions Club and the Legion is "to look after people who are less fortunate than we are."

## Cliff Aiken

He said the fact he was able to make a living in Stouffville for so long made it imperative for him to put something back in. "You don't want to take without giving."

Mr. Aiken was born and raised in Toronto's west end, staving off the effects of the depression by working in gold, copper and zinc mines in Northern Ontario and Manitoba in his late teens and early 20s.

He joined the navy in 1941, serving as sick bay attendant on the Canadian Corvette Sackville. The ship, the last of its type still in existence, has been restored and is on display in the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic in Halifax N.S. Mr. Aiken, who continues to be a trustee with the Sackville, still communicates with the ship's captain, who is now 96 years of age.

Mr. Aiken received a pharmacy degree from the University of Toronto before spending 10 years with a Toronto pharmaceutical company. Multiple sclerosis cost him the full use of a leg in the 1950s. The affliction led him and his wife Evelyn, to whom he has been married for 53 years, to purchase the drug store that would become Aiken's Pharmacy in the late 1950s. He never regretted it. "The best move I ever made in my life was to get the hell out of Toronto," he said. Aiken's dedication to his customers saw him work six days a week, 12 hours a day, while opening up every second Sunday. He always insisted his customers call him at home in the event of an after hours emergency. He sold the business in 1985.

The Aikens have four grown children, two of whom were adopted. Mr. Aiken credits Evelyn, who is currently hospitalized, with being an essential part of his success through the years.

"Any man is only as good as the woman behind him," The Tribune, on behalf of the community, salutes this selfless and dedicated citizen.



Cliff Aiken and his wife Evelyn, on a recent cruise. The couple have been married for 53 years, and have lived in Stouffville more than 40 years. Cliff has been involved in a host of community activities.

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**CLIFF AIKEN**  
 Whitchurch-Stouffville  
 1996-97 Citizen of the Year

**STOUFFVILLE LIONS**  
 In our 60th year all of us at the Stouffville Lions Club congratulate you on a most deserving award.

**Congratulations Cliff**  
 on behalf of the  
**Royal Canadian Legion**  
 Branch 459 and  
 their Ladies Auxiliary

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 TO OUR 1996-97 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR  
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 WISHES TO EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS TO A VERY WORTHY  
 RECIPIENT OF THE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR  
**CLIFF AIKEN**

**André E. Kozak, B.A., LL.B.**  
 Barrister & Solicitor, Notary  
 Congratulations to Cliff Aiken,  
 Whitchurch-Stouffville's Citizen  
 of the Year, 1996-97  
 6290 Main St., 640-2211

**Congratulations**  
**Cliff Aiken**  
 from the  
**Stouffville Tribune**

**BJ BARTHAU JEWELLERS**  
 Congratulations  
**Cliff Aiken**  
 "You have a heart of gold"  
 David Barthau & staff  
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**TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE**  
 Congratulations Cliff.  
 This recognition is truly deserved.  
 Mayor + Council  
 Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

**IGA Hometown Proud!**  
 The Management and Staff wish to extend  
 Congratulations to a very deserving recipient  
 of the 1996-97 Citizen of the Year  
**Cliff Aiken**

**CHOKO**  
 Congratulations to  
 Cliff Aiken  
 Whitchurch - Stouffville  
 1996-97  
 Citizen of the Year  
 "Your outstanding contribution to our 'community' is appreciated"

**Tim Hortons.**  
**WAY TO GO CLIFF!**  
 Congratulations on  
 Being "Citizen of the Year"  
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 Our community is a better place because  
 of you.  
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 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR  
 "For his Contribution to the Community"

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 Mr. Aiken's brings a smile + chuckle +  
 brightens our day. Our heartfelt  
 Congratulations.  
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