



STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Dr. Don Petrie will receive the 2008 Sun-Tribune citizen of the year award Thursday night at the Strawberry Festival.

Top citizen delivered 1,400 babies

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ushering little ones into the world.

"One day, I had three deliveries in three hospitals: Brier Bush, Centenary (Scarborough) and Uxbridge," he says with a laugh. "And all three went well."

He estimates he delivered 1,400 babies.

"It's one of the satisfactions of the job," he said, "to deliver a baby and see them grow. And then to deliver the babies of babies you've delivered. Getting to know so many families has been a real perk."

Bypass surgery of his own two years ago forced him to cut back to "only" half days at the medical centre.

He lent his expertise and interest to many community groups over the years.

He helped plan Markham Stouffville Hospital as a board member from 1983 until its opening in 1990.

He joined the board of Parkview Services for Seniors last year.

He's also an advocate for the arts, including Latham Gallery.

Dr. Petrie has been behind campaigns to build a bandshell in Memorial Park and transform the old town hall into a theatre.

He may be best known for his 44

years of work on and off stage with Music Mania, Stouffville's annual spring variety show. Several fellow Maniacs nominated him as citizen of the year.

"Just a great group of people," he replied. "Music Mania is a true community involvement."

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At his family's church, Christ Church Anglican, he donated a sundial that was mounted last year. The ancient time pieces have intrigued the doctor so much, he has joined international societies and travelled widely to view them.

That "they created something so accurate 2,000 years ago," amazes him.

Still, raising four children with his wife of 52 years, Jacquelin, tops the list of achievements.

"They all went to local schools here and are all doing well," he said. "We're proud of them all."

Just as Whitchurch-Stouffville is of its top citizen.

Recipient's resume

Don Petrie is Whitchurch-Stouffville's Citizen of the year:

- 74-year-old family doctor
- He and his wife, Jacquelin, raised for children in Stouffville: Alison (Cookstown), Olivia (Stouffville), Joseph (Toronto) and Jonathan (Haliburton). They have five grandchildren.
- Community involvement: MS and Arthritis societies, Palliative Care York Region, Markham Stouffville Family Life Centre, Salvation Army, Home Support Services, Clock Tower Theatre
- Currently on the board of Parkview Services for Seniors, he was on the board of Markham Stouffville Hospital during its construction
- has been with Music Mania, Stouffville's variety show, for 44 years
- proposed building a bandshell in Memorial Park
- hobbies including camping, skiing, sailing and sun dials.
- active member of Christ Church Anglican in Stouffville
- the award will be presented by The Sun-Tribune Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Strawberry Festival in Memorial Park.



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Revised routes/schedules

- > Route 9 – 9th Line
- > Route 15 – Stouffville Local
- > Route 215 – Stouffville GO Shuttle
- > All High School Specials and regular transit routes that divert to local high schools will be discontinued for the summer months.

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