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Robert (Bob) McQuiggin a loyal, long time supporter, contributor to both the OAA/ORFA and the Alumni, is this year's recipient of the Ethel & Paul Saxe Memorial Award. Presentor Barry Milner

Robert was born in Welland. The family moved to Lambert's Corners four years later. Remaining in that area until Robert was ten years of age. The elder McQuiggin held a number of jobs, from operating a White Rose gas bar, selling Canada Bread and a two vehicle taxi business in Port Burwell. When the family moved to Lambert's Corners, his father continued to operate Rogers Taxi...He secured a franchise to sell magazines.. while he did not actually sell the mags...the crew chief as he was known, recruited a team of sellers to do so...moving to London, he sold hearing aids and unexpectedly suffered a heart attack...during recovery he moved in with Robert in Toronto... Robert got into vending business 1965... opening McQuiggin Enterprises... a year later the business was

MEMBERSHIP

Couples (97)	194
Singles	32
Widows	21
TOTAL	247

incorporated and was registered as Keyway Vending.. while still recovering his father was able to get around and place vending machines for his son.

McQuiggin witnessed first hand the family entrepreneurship spirit... and early in life Robert followed in his father's foot steps...he landed his very first job... as a newspaper carrier for the Toronto Star...earning enough money to buy his first bicycle. Then discovered that he could make "serious coin" cutting neighborhood lawns in Port Burwell. Smiling ear to ear, after buying his first car a 1932 Ford. Robert's dad bought him his first "brand new car" .. a 1941 Buick. The only student in his class attending Tillsonburg Secondary School with a brand spanking new vehicle. Robert became a big hit with his fellow students.. both male and female.. They loved to go with Robert to area movies houses and events ...western movies were very popular in those days...McQuiggin made money driving students here and there.

Robert enjoyed drama, preferring humorous skits, both as a participant and as a writer, while attending secondary school. Admitting he always had a problem "memorizing his lines"..and would ad lib his way thro the skits...and had difficulty maintaining his marks....by his own admission...he was not a good student...

He found part time work at the local radio station CKOT in Tillsonburg...a disc jockey.. spinning "oldies music" records and reading the occasional news and sports reports...supplementing his income during the summer months picking tobacco...He enjoyed the radio experience ... and consulted with his uncle who was in the business in Peterborough.. and landed a "temporary job"...as a disc jockey...while in the city on the Otonabee River.. he met

Edmonton born professional wrestler Gene Kiniskie.. billed as "Canada's Greatest Athlete"..Robert cherishes the autographed picture that still hangs in his office..

Brantford was his next stop and gig...he accepted a job offer as a "night operator".. working from 6PM - 1AM... Two years later his radio career took off... arriving in Toronto with his 1956 Ford Fairlane. He had landed a "profit sharing" job at Toronto's 1050 CHUM radio station on Yonge Street. In the mid 50's CHUM became the first radio station in Canada and one of the first in the world to play rock music 24 hours a day.

He quickly discovered that parking was at a premium at the Yonge Street location.. McQuiggin found accommodation within walking distance of CHUM. The non smoker/non drinker was making seventy five to one hundred dollars a week and an additional ten dollars, when the station was broadcasting from a remote location. His level of radio expertise reached new heights...noted for his creativity with discs and tapes and making commercials...and his very own kids radio show... *Children Theatre of the Air...*

His father continued to help Robert in the vending business... Robert and his business partner came up with idea of placing a "vending machine" in the front lobby at CHUM dispensing cashews...He met and fell in love with his first bride in 1962, while at CHUM. He decided to get out of radio in 1964 and get into the vending businss on a full time basis.

The late Cliff Jenkins at the time was the Manager of Dixie Gardens and trumpeted the virtues of having Keyway Vending in his building...Cliff became Robert's unofficial press agent..Dixie Arena was the launching pad for Keyway to place his equipment into municipal arenas. And the support from

Windsor's Bill Bailey in securing and opening accounts in Essex County in South Western Ontario. McQuiggin attended the OAA meeting in Montreal, hosted by Paul & Ethel Saxe and partner Nate Gordon. The beginning of a life long friendship with associate Paul Saxe.

The business outgrew the Toronto location and was moved to his home on Weston Road. Then on to Newmarket from 1974 until 1981. A 1986 marriage break up triggered the next move to an old barn in Burford. Relocating his warehouse to Scotland in 1986. Finally settling into his current home on Mount Pleasant Ridge in 1995. In between these moves he remarried for a second time to Karen...a second marriage breakup...and marrying the late Mavis in 1998she passed away in 2000...

The vending business flourished from 1996 to 2004...rising from four employees to ten and two trucks on the road...followed by a major down turn in the business...the days of a hand shake and vending machines appearing in facilities was over ... clouding the future existence of Keyway...

Robert contributed to the quality of life in Burford and area. The Optimist Club of Burford was the biggest benefactor of McQuiggin's leadership. He held just about every executive position and committee chair over more than two decades. Recipient of the Optimist Distinguished Service Award. During a ten year period he served as the Club's Vice President, President and Honorary President. A member of the Optimist Fall Fair Board for 14 years...16 years as Chairman of the Optimist Xmas Fund...One year as Chairman of their Western Fest.

An avid golfer... he spent one decade as Golf Links Executive Chairman.

The sole sponsor for almost a quarter

century...."The Annual Ladies Golf Tournament in Burford".

Remembered by so many as the "man with the nuts" ...he brought his marquee boxes of cashews and chocolate covered cashews to every monthly meeting, annual conference and every Alumni Gathering until hard times hit the company.

One of the founding members of the OAA/ORFA associate group..serving 19 years as an associate director. That began in Sarnia and was officially formalized by the OAA during the annual conference in Nepean. Previous to this happening, he was credited for bringing the first table top display to the monthly meeting in Leamington. Initiated the first annual associate display at the University of Guelph during the OAA/ORFA Annual Training Programs.

Sponsored innumerable Burford and area minor sports teams for years. Five years on the Alumni's Management Team. Chairman of their Site Selection Committee for five years... a loyal dedicated supporter of the organization...

Robert found and married the fourth love of his life Cathy N g u y e n , November 29th 2008...following a four year romance. His two sisters Marie Honey (B.C.) & Barbra from Brantford attended the wedding.....The Alumni Awards Team were delighted to nominate and select Robert McQuiggin for the Ethel & Paul Saxe Memorial Award during its 34th Gathering In Guelph October 6th 2010





News and a bit of blarney from "The Prez's".... cluttered desk

The Alumni stakeholders and custodians.... Please welcome our new Treasurer Fred Horvath. He takes over from Tracy Cotton who stepped down. Fred has recruited the following financial support team: Howie Dietrich, Ken Fagel, Gabrielle Horvath and The Prez. Congratulations Fred!!!

Tony Brenner is the current Management Team Leader. Don Yeck is Tony's back up and heads up the Site Selection Team.

Ken Fagel serves as Recording Secretary and Team Leader, Alumni Booth at ORFA's Annual Trade Trade

Where a high percentage of your membership dollars are spent...The Awards Team, Howie & Bonnie Dietrich were busy preparing twenty one Awards for the October 6th 2010, Guelph Gathering. Leading up to the event they replenished their inventory of plates and frames. Purchased Gift Certificates for the Anniversary recipients ... arranged engraving, purchased the Ethel & Paul Saxe Award and anniversary cards.... The costs were in the neighborhood of \$750.00....

Recognition Chair Ethel Dalton spends in excess of six hundred dollars annually on postage, birthday and anniversary cards, and other recognitions.

Bill Heard admirably continues as Historian, managing more than a dozen historic photo albums from the First Reunion in 1993...

Bill Vass is the Alumni Registrar.

The Prez wears many hats.. Manages Alumni office, Publisher, and administrative support services to all committees...

Pics from the October 6th 2010 Awards Dinner during the 34th Gathering.



Ethel & Chuck Dalton (Thamesford) accepting their 55th Anniversary Gift from presenter Don Yeck.



Bob & Ena Arnot and their daughter Cindi accepting their 50th Anniversary Gift from presenter Ken Fagel



RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Chairperson ...Ethel Dalton

*Happy Birthday Greetings
Everyone!*



SEPTEMBER

- 01 Lynn McIlvenna
- 01 Mary Gravett
- 02 Ron Marchildon
- 07 Don Yeck
- 08 Sally Coulbeck
- 09 Ken Fagel
- 11 Kathy Brown
- 13 Peter Watt
- 15 Susan Brenner
- 17 Diane Poulin
- 20 Barclay Mayhew
- 21 Patricia Cotton
- 24 Joanne Heath
- 25 Andy Schlupp
- 28 Bill Bailey
- 28 Ilene Davis
- 28 Ellen Ellis
- 29 Frances Anne Cote
- 30 Pam Cousins

DECEMBER

- 01 Brian Schwantz
- 04 Daryl Fowler
- 05 Cathie Vass
- 05 Noelle Hopkins
- 06 Robert Wilcock
- 08 Terry Piche
- 13 Edna Burnside
- 13 Bill Swanton
- 15 Susan Sisson
- 16 Debra McMulkin
- 17 Joan Lewis
- 18 Buddy Lowe
- 21 Jeanette Johnston
- 25 Inge Bigger
- 27 Sharon Sharpe



TOP TO BOTTOM L TO R: Ellen Ellis (Peterborough, Susan Sisson (Minden), Ilene Davis (Paris), Kathy Brown (Oakville), Edna Burnside (Niagara Falls), Joan Lewis (Stouffville), Debra McMulkin (Scarborough), Sharon Sharpe (Brockville), Inge Bigger (Oakville), Pam Cousins (Orillia), Frances Ann Cote (Iroquois Falls) Susan Brenner (Williamsford) and Lynn McIlvenna (Fort Erie)



Ethel Dalton

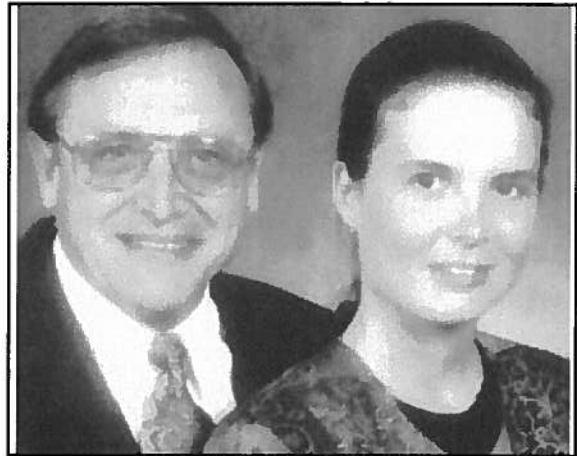
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**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO THESE MIGHTY FINE FOLKS....
"LASTING LOVE, ROBUST HEALTH & HAPPINESS"**

November

- 11/03/79 Tom & Carmen Lannan
- 11/01/86 Douglas L. & Sally Coulbeck
- 11/03/78 Doug & Sharon Hearn
- 11/03/84 Rod & Sharanne MacDonald
- 11/17/73 Barry & Pat Milner
- 11/29/08 Robert & Cathy McQuiggin
- 11/30/57 Alan & Marlene Thorpe



December

- 12/02/89 Dave & Julie Loverock
- 12/04/71 Don & Joanne Heath
- 12/06/96 Ross & Anne Dahmer
- 12/06/2000 Bob & Monique King
- 12/31/89 Frank & Cathy Zamboni



TOP TO BOTTOM.. Robert & Monique King (Sudbury....
Dave & Julie Loverock (Aurora)..
Ross & Anne Dahmer(Elliot Lake)
Frank & Cathy Zamboni (Brantford)



Awards Chairman Howie Dietrich was aware that the Goslings were about to capture every recognition that the Alumni had to offer when he presented The Life Membership Award to Don in Milton, October 28th.... the former OAA Past President received ORFA's Award of Distinction in 2007, that was presented to former OAA/ORFA Presidents... Don celebrated his 90th birthday on June 14th 2010

Two milestones occurred in 1992/93 marking the beginning of the many awards that were bestowed up the couple from the UK. The Goslings were welcomed into the Alumni Family December 10th 1992. Ten months later they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary October 9th 1993. During the Alumni's formative years and prior to the introduction of the framed plates...members were honored to mark significant occasions. Don & Joyce were the first 50th anniversary couple to be acknowledged....that was the beginning of the many times they were recognized by the Alumni... their 55th, 60th, 65th.. and 2006 recipients of the Ethel & Paul Saxe Memorial Award..and the current Life Membership designation.

The Georgetown couple are loyal, dedicated, supporters of the Alumni's

programs and activities...two years ago...driving any distance became prohibitive...admitting they do miss reconnecting with Alumni gang.

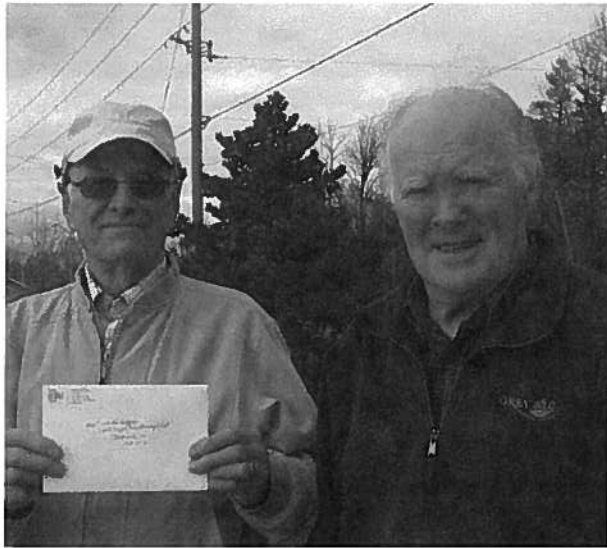
Don & Joyce immigrated to Canada settling in Georgetown in 1957. He immediately found work at the AV Roe plant in Malton.. Twenty months later, he along with hundreds of others became a casualty of the plant closing...known forever as Black Friday.

The following two years were extremely stressful for the new Canadians....going from one job to another was very unsettling...**until...February 1961**...he was the offered the job to manage "the ole Georgetown Arena"...fourteen years later he was elevated to manage the newly constructed "Gordon Alcott Arena"...Don retired June 30th 1985 when he reached the then mandatory retirement age..ending a quarter century of municipal service.



Jean & Doug Peters (Warkworth) willingly agreed to deliver and present George & Ellen Ellis (Peterborough) with their 50th Anniversary Recognition Award.

The man from Peterborough met the gal from Cayuga.. his life long sweet heart in 1958. They were married May 14th 1960..



Howie Dietrich & The Prez caught up with Leo Bigger (Oakville) on Trafalgar Road, a few miles from Milton, to present Inge & Leo with their 55th Anniversary Gift...

Retirement presentations during the 34th Gathering



Retiree Barry Milner (Guelph) accepts the Alumni's Retirement Award from former fellow co worker Ken Fagel. Barry's career began in 1963 at Guelph's Memorial Gardens, Kitchener Parks & Recreation in 1973, Conestoga College in 1979..retiring December 31st 2009...four decades later



Daryl Fowler (Guelph) was called upon to make two retirement presentations to his Guelph buddy.. Geoff Gilmour...in the top photo Geoff receives ORFA's comp membership certificate.. Geoff was the first recipient of the newly created ORFA Retirement Recognition certificate.. in the other photo Gilmour accepts the Alumni's retirement Recognition.

The Lead Hand Facility Operator retired April 30th 2009. It all began in Guelph as a part timer in 1972..and drew to an end thirty seven years later....

On the next page the former Municipality of Clarington recently retired "Operations Technician", Susan Arends (Bowmanville) accepts the Alumni's retirement Award from presenter Barclay Mayhew (Kingston)..Sue

the 36 year municipal worker, spent 22 years working with and for Fred Horvath.



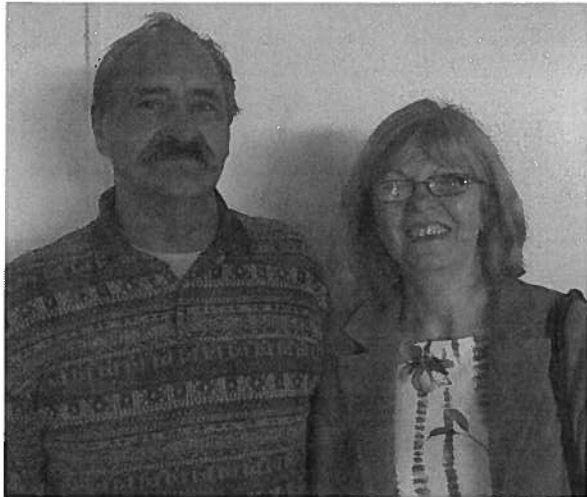
Bill Thorne making two presentations to Mayhew...Barclay Mayhew's (Kingston) thirty five year municipal career began in Golbourn September 1st 1974 and concluded as Manager of Promotions in Kingston January 1st 2010



Bill & Lisa Thorne (Quinte West) accept the Alumni's Retirement Recognition from presenter Doug Peters...The resilient Whitehorse, Yukon native spent his entire thirty five year municipal career with Quinte West. It began in 1975 in Trenton's Public Works Department. Elevated to Facility Manager in 1979. Trenton became Quinte West following amalgamation in 1988. After the unification, Thorne had a new title, Manager of Buildings and Facilities. The winds of change swept thro the city once more, ten years later .. Leisure Service and Public Works became one. Bill moved to Corporate and Financial Services, until retirement in 2010. Bill claims he enjoyed a very rewarding and challenging career. Acknowledging the major role OAA/ORFA played in his professional development. Especially thankful for the opportunity and the pleasure he derived serving on ORFA Board of Directors in 2004.



The Alumni extends its condolences to Mary Anne Palmer (Richmond Hill). Her youngest brother Bill from Innisfil passed away from unknown cause at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie. She spent her birthday at the Skwarchuk Funeral Home in Bradford.



They traveled from the extremely popular summer destination of Minden (Halliburton County) to Guelph to catch up with the Alumni Gang. Bryan and Susan Sisson attended their first ever Gathering. Bryan a West Guford native son began his arena career as assistant manager at the Halliburton Arena. A few years later he was awarded the Arena Manager's position at the newly constructed S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. Meanwhile, he married Haliburton born Susan, a member of the teaching profession for 32 ½ years. She carried out teaching assignments in Scarborough, Dorset and a majority of her career in Minden.

The Prez was surprised to learn that Edna Burnside's mail was returned recently from her Lundy's Lane address. She was formerly in the same building and floor as Jada... A call from Edna's daughter who resides in Port Dover brought The Prez up to spin. She regularly visits her mom every week, and drops by the Burnside home on Portage Road, to pick up the mail and noticed that there was a telephone message.

Edna is no longer at Lundy's Lane Residence. She required acute care, that

was not available at that location. She is now at Oakwood Park Lodge. Edna has osteoporosis.. she had three unfortunate falls during the past year.. she broke her leg on three different occasions.. uses a wheel chair to get around. Other than that, her daughter claims she is in reasonable health. She will be celebrating her 82nd birthday in November. Her husband Ron, passed away 26 years ago.



An October 20th email came as a shocker.. "**John Sharpe (Brockville) is in the Kingston General Hospital.** He is in critical condition with complications from Pancreatitis. He has been on a ventilator since last Thursday. They stopped the sedation on Tuesday

and he is awake but can not talk because of the ventilator. He is very weak at this point. It happened so fast.. he took pains in his stomach Tuesday afternoon and I took him to the hospital about 6.30, because it was getting worse. By Thursday his organs had started shutting down and they took him by ambulance to Kingston. They told us he is progressing but with this disease it could be a couple of months"...our prayers are with John and Sharon

Our valued members write...John & Anne Fraser (Garson)...Bud....It is important for you to know that I value my connection and relationships with my Arena peers and embrace being part of this group. Even though I do not participate much in the activities it is something I value and cherish as being important and representative of a good time in my life and vocation....

I appreciate the fellowship, even though long distance and remote. Many Blessings
...John

Bryan and Susan Sisson (Minden)... *"It was really great to renew old friendships and meet new friends at the Alumni Gathering in Guelph. Everyone was so friendly and welcoming. We hope to attend more Gatherings in the future"!!*

Robert McQuiggin (Burford).. *"I was simply overwhelmed and speechless, when you announced that I was the recipient of the Ethel & Paul Saxe Memorial Award. I sat down, admiring the award and tried to get my thoughts together and I failed to express my thanks and appreciation to the Awards Team for their nomination in my normal manner..a day later I called The Prez to express my feelings and thanks..you are a great group... Thank you from the bottom of my heart..Robert"...*

Andy & Millie Schlupp (Breslau).... *"Some things are worth repeating ..thank you!! To the members of the Ontario Arenas Alumni...Andy & I greatly appreciate the gift we received from you to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. We will use it to get something that we will have as a permanent display of your kindness".*

Earle C. Moore (Brockville) wrote.. *"A couple of weeks ago Bill Upper dropped by for awhile when he was out on a motorcycle ride. We had a great visit and covered numerous topics, then met at Tim*s for a coffee..It was wonderful to see Bill again and listen to some of his words of Wisdom. Also I got his contact info, to be able to touch base with him later in the fall, a trip to Cornwall for lunch some weekend is the plan. A point to ponder.....for the Alumni Management Board,would Brockville be a possible destination to consider for a Alumni Gathering in the future or may it be too far*

from the hub of activity to attract a reasonable group..keep in touch....Regards to All"

Marlene & Paul Leskew (Orillia).... *"Like the idea of us Orillia guys hosting something. I'll talk to Roy when he returns, and see if I can catch up with Howdy to see what he thinks. Take care my friend, it is always good to hear from you. Cheers..Paul"*

The Wainfleet couple..Len & Marion Perrault.... *"Loved hearing from you. Thank you for the early NEWS. We are unable to attend Guelph, it happens to conflict with Doctor appointments.We were in the tornado in Midland on June 23rd. We were in our trailer and lost the trailer, shed and damage to our car, so we are very lucky, but are still dealing with it. Our trailer was 21 days old, a 2010 Jayco. Please remember us to the gang"*

Marc & Ann Marie Neeb (Gormley)...sent a one hundred and forty dollar donation accompanied by a kind note to The Prez noting his contribution to the Alumni.. thank you Marc & Anne Marie for your generous donation and thoughts

Sylvia Merovitz (Cote St Luc,PQ.)*I am enclosing a thirty dollar donation in blessed memory of Paul Saxe.....thank you for your donation Sylvia...*

Nicky & Eva Rukavina (Kapuskasig)... *"Just a few words to say hi!! Busy working around our house, Still in the wine business, We drink a glass or two every day. It's to keep us healthy!!! Give our best to the gang, Sorry we are so far away to attend, Keep us informed, you are doing a good job. Keep on smiling!! Yours in arenas"...*

Jane & Ed Curtis.. are on a Caribbean Cruise... celebrating an anniversary



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