

# BEAVER TALES



Canada District West Region 5



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### GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

The International Convention this year was extremely busy for myself serving as your current Governor and incoming Governor. With related meetings and mandatory training sessions, I only got the opportunity to sit in on two workshops of MY choosing. There were several this year that sounded interesting, including the one put on by EVP Scarlet Thompson on Renew

2022. If you have not yet checked out the website explaining what is happening, please go to https://civitan.org/renewby22/ and check out what is proposed for the betterment of this organization moving further into the 2nd Century.

September is here, and on comes the Region 5 in Woodstock at the Quality Inn, from September 13 to 15th, being hosted by my own club, London Middlesex Civitan. The convention committee have been hard at work to make this an enjoyable event, and if you have been watching twitter, Instagram and Facebook you will know all about the Friday night entertainment. For Saturday after the banquet we have a VJ booked for the dance. This also will be a good time! The prizes available through raffles are spectacular as well. Come prepared to participate.

We still need someone to step up at the Region 5 and allow their name to stand for a one year Area Director position as Director Peter Bevington has had to step down for health reasons. We are still also needing to fill the Governor Elect position. PLEASE, please contact Past Governor Norma at ladyboater@hotmail.com. I have already announced that whereas I am now going into my second year as Governor, I am NOT willing to continue for a third term. Let's fill those positions at our District meeting.

Hopefully by now you have viewed the new messages monthly on the website www.civitan.on.ca, and have seen the link to a "Governor's calendar". Installation dates that I have committed to will be entered on that calendar as soon as I commit. Please check out the upcoming events regularly. Enjoy what is left of your summer, and let's finish this year on a high note!

Sue Gibson, Governor







## Certing The Word Off

### **PART 4 OF 4**

### 100 Ways To Get The Word Out About Civitan



- 76. Place yard signs near the carpool lines of your local school the week of and before a Junior Civitan meeting. Make sure there's a banner somewhere promoting when it's happening.
- 77. You can also place yard signs near the entrances and exits of churches or community centers.
- 78. Find a popular landmark in your city and light in blue or gold for the week of your big service project/fundraiser. This could be a statue, a building, or even a large water fountain. It will create some word of mouth easily. It could also create some press coverage.
- 79. During April (Civitan Awareness Month), wear a blue/gold ribbon and ask lawmakers or business owners in your area to wear them.
- 80. Place a Civitan banner on an interstate or highway overpass but please be careful. Talk with your local police department first to discuss the safety issues involving that particular bridge or overpass.
- 81. See if your local hospital will let you put up posters outside or inside their elevators.
- 82. Gather great stories from some of your members (or those who have benefitted from your service) to share with your local media contact.
- 83. Make blue and gold small ribbons to go on car antennas and get members to display them during a targeted time.
- 84. If there is a well or large water fountain in a prominent place in your city, get permission for folks to throw change into it. Post good Civitan signage saying the money goes to your next service project, and promote the actual event through banners.
- 85. Work with your local college and get sports announcer at games to make announcements on how game goers can join their local club. Set up a "Join Civitan" table at upcoming sporting events at the college.
- 86. Designate spirit days/contest days at your workplace (who wears blue and gold every Friday, etc).
- 87. Ask if Civitan information can be put in your company's newsletter.
- 88. Ask your gym to put up flyers.
- 89. Ask your hairstylists to display Civitan material in his or her beauty shop.
- 90. Nominate some of your club members to the newspaper or television stations for their special segments. Sometimes media outlets have special programs or articles like "Volunteer of the Week" or "Look Who's Making A Difference."
- 91. Ask your local city council to recognize Civitan and its events coming up in your community. Some council meetings are broadcasted on city cable channels.
- 92. If you have a local minor league team in your community, talk to the marketing people with the ball park or arena and see if they'll have a Civitan night. Or, at least see if they'll advertise Civitan on their big scoreboards.
- 93. Get a local business to use car paint or something washable to write a message on their store windows.
- 94. Promote at the local bowling alley by asking them to put small flyers about Civitan in each pair of shoes once rented, or at least post posters for the event near the cash register and restrooms.
- 95. If you participate in any team like sport like bowling or softball, wear your Civitan gear during practice.
- 96. Check with your local billboard company to see if they donate space to charities. If they do, work with Terry to get the necessary artwork.
- 97. See if your local mom and pop gas station will let you put up posters near the filling stations, if not at least a flyer or brochures near the cash register.
- 98. Work with a local magazine or newspaper to hold a "Show Your Service" contest. Through those promotions, you will promote the club.
- 99. Don't forget to also check with local dentist and chiropractor offices to see if they'll display some info.
- 100. Some bowling alleys have cosmic bowling nights where they turn the lights off and blast neon lights here and there. See if they can show only blue beams, and make announcements about Junior Civitan during the evening.

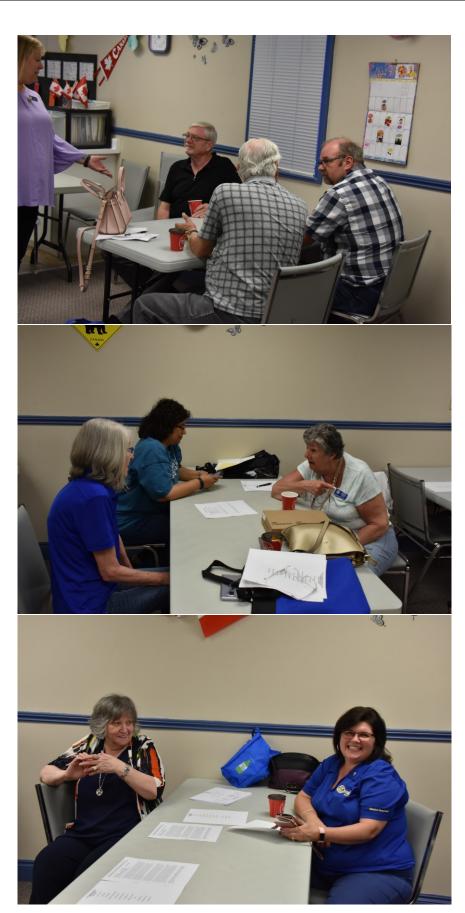
### PRESIDENT & PRESIDENT ELECT TRAINING-June 8th

### DUNDAS LEARNING CENTRE



Thanks, Rhonda Thomson for a very informative President and President Elect training session. The material covered was very informative and refreshing. You provided a much-needed review of old and new policies and I think everyone attending certainly came away with some new ideas.



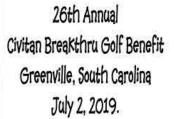


### HIGHLIGHTS OF CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION GREENVILLE, S.C. July 2-6























### ELECTION COMMITTEE AT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



### Canada Party – July 4th











2019-20
Canadian Northern Lights
Gov. Alice Puddington,
Executive VP
Scarlet Thompson
2018-20
Canadian District West
Sue Gibson







ONLY AT THE CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION WOULD YOU CELEBRATE CANADA DAY ON JULY  $4^{TH}$ .









I am a CHAMPION OF SERVICE.

I DREAM of a better world where all needs are met.

I BELIEVE one person can make a difference.

I LEAD my community, taking action to fill those needs.

I ACHIEVE great things, changing the lives of others.

I AM CIVITAN.

### CIVITAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND DIVERSITY CONFERENCE 50 YEARS STRONG

Located at Trine University in Angola, IN, the Civitan Youth Leadership and Diversity Conference (YLDC) has spent one week each summer for 50 years helping the leaders of tomorrow develop the skills to tackle real-world issues within their communities and their world.



2019 YLDC Delegates





Throughout the week, delegates take part in a number of sessions that push them to expand their views on both what leadership and diversity mean.



### The Staff

Staff are volunteers that come from across North America to deliver incredible, life-changing experience for each delicate. CDW member **Tracy Beck** a high school teacher from Waterdown has been in charge of programming as well as creating and teaching multiple sessions at the conference. This will be her 16<sup>th</sup> year on staff.

### WHY GO?

In addition to learning and using new leadership skills, every delegate leaves YLDC a changed person. When asked what they liked most about YLDC, delegates often have a hard time deciding between the new skills or the new friendships that they made during the week.

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2019-20 Canadian District West Junior Board

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Your 2019-2020 Junior Civitan International Board 💙

President: Victoria Bailey Vice President: Ethan Fabian

Directors: Ethan Jeffus, Dylan Kegeris, and Rachel Stripp













## TIME'S A-TICKING DEADLINE FOR AWARDS



November 30 Jack Scott

November 30 Bud Gallop

November 30 Gerry King

November 30 Peter Street

November 30 Wes Armstrong

November 30 Dick & Mary Ann Ivens "TEAM CIVITAN"

November 30 Bert Palmer

Outstanding Community Service

Outstanding Club Service Mentally/Physically Challenged

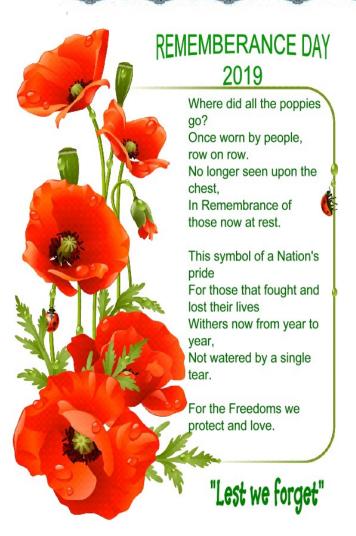
Outstanding Club Service to Youth

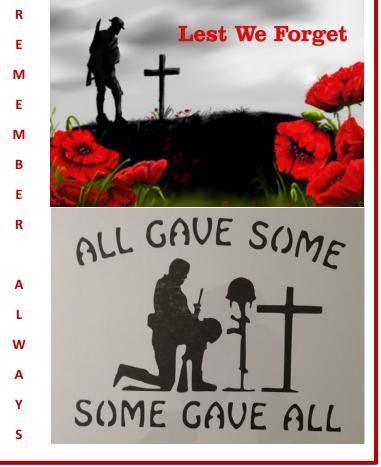
Outstanding President

Outstanding Non-Civitan Volunteer

Outstanding Couple working to better Civitan

Friend to Youth





As I was cleaning up some paperwork in an old binder, I came across the following speech that was made by Past International Director Brian Keast at a convention in Stratford. Hope you enjoy reading as much as I did. It certainly brought back a lot of memories.



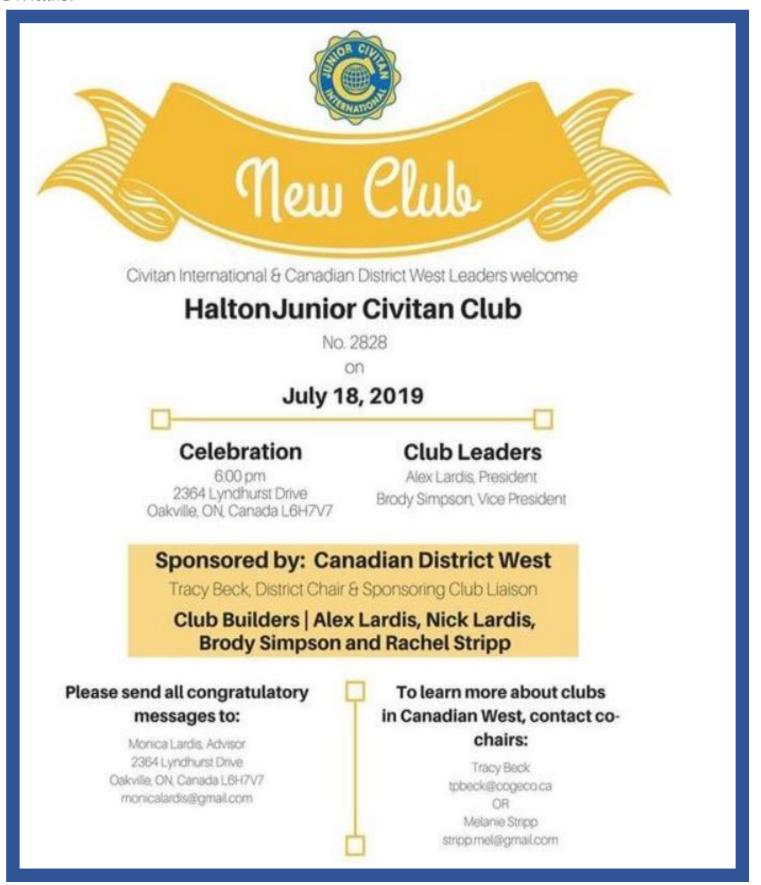
EVERY YEAR THERE IS A DIFFERENT SLOGAN, OR THEME, FOR CIVITAN. IT IS USED BY THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT AS A MOTIVATOR FOR ALL OF US. SOME HAVE BEEN CATCHY PHRASES, SOME HUMEROUS, SOME INSIGHTFUL. ALL HAVE BEEN MEANINGFUL AND TIMELY. FOR INSTANCE 12 YEARS AGO IT WAS #1 IN '81 FOLLOWED BY CAN DO IN '82. IN 1983 WE WERE PROMISED A HONEY OF A YEAR AND THE 1984 GOVERNORS WERE KNOWN AS THE BUILDING CREW. THIS EVENING I'LL USE 12 MORE OF THESE PAST SLOGANS THAT SHOW WE SHARE CIVITAN - SHARE SUCCESS.

EACH ONE WAS WRITTEN TO LET ALL THE WORLD KNOW CIVITAN SO THAT WE, AS CIVITANS, COULD FEEL THE PRIDE COME ALIVE. IN MOST YEARS THE GOAL OF EACH GOVERNOR IS TO BUILD CLUBS AND INCREASE MEMBERSHIP. THIS YEAR IS NO DIFFERENT AND, PERHAPS, THAT GOAL IS MORE CRITICAL NOW THAN EVER BEFORE IN BOTH CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES SO WE SHOULD ALL KEEP IN MIND THAT MEMBERSHIP BEGINS WITH ME AND THAT INVOLVEMENT IS THE KEY.

CIVITAN WORLDWIDE IS, HOWEVER, EMBRACING THE FUTURE. NEW CLUBS HAVE BEEN BUILT IN THE PHILLIPINES AND IN HOLLAND BUT YOU MUST CONTINUE TO ENERGIZE YOUR WORLD SO THAT WE ALWAYS HAVE CAUSE TO CELEBRATE THE EXCELLENCE OF CIVITAN.

I AM SURE THAT BY WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE BECAUSE, LIKE YOU, MY EARS HEAR, MY HANDS SERVE.
FELLOW CIVITANS, I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUCCESS, IMPROVEMENT AND INCREASED EXPOSURE OF OUR ORGANIZATION IS MY REPSONSIBILITY AND YOUR CHOICE. LET'S ALL BE SURE TO MAKE THE RIGHT ONE BECAUSE TOGETHER WE CAN REACH OUT TO OUR WORLD.

We are thrilled to welcome Junior Civitan International's FIRST club of the 2019-2020 year in Canadian District West! **Welcome to the Junior Civitan family**, Halton Junior Civitans!



### **Junior Civitan**

The district board collaborated so well together in the planning of Dinner in the Dark and 40 Juniors came together to execute an incredible event. The goal of the event was two-fold. The district wanted to raise funds to support the CIRC through our Dance-a-thon Team. In addition, they wanted to increase awareness of disability experience. Guests were able to experience the taste of our pasta, the aroma of warm garlic bread, the texture of light, fluffy bakery delights and hear a wonderful guest speaker- all without the distraction of sight! Since the Juniors were able to get all of the ingredients and prizes donated for free, admission generated \$1200 for the CIRC and raffle tickets made another \$325 for the CNIB. A special thank you to the Brampton, Halton and London clubs who came out to support us! We were all so proud of the event's success.

We ended our 2018-19 year with our Spring District Convention at the end of April. 20 members came out and participated in a spring clean-up, in honour of Earth Day. We headed over to a nearby park and collected all of the garbage in that area, we were able to fill 10 bags of collected litter. Afterwards we had our meeting, where we reviewed our year, celebrated with awards and elected our new district officers.

We had a fabulous International Convention experience in the Greater DC area and were incredibly proud to see Rachel Stripp get elected to the International Board as Director. We have already chartered a new club- the Halton Junior Civitan Club and have lots of big plans for this year.



2019-2020 Canadian District West Board

**Canadians at International Convention** 





### **AGINCOURT CIVITAN, 1870—BACK TO AGINCOURT ARENA**



will have their first skate in the new season and we are told it will be back in the Agincourt Arena that is still under construction from the massive fire last year. The ice arena apparently is operational.

The fall session for the Agincourt Civitan Club will start with the Installation Night Social on Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup> (7:00 PM) at the La Scogliera Restaurant at 2277 Kingston Road, Scarborough. Governor Sue Gibson will be attending. The new board of directors will be installed at that time.

On Sunday October 20th, 2019 the Gliders Skating Club

David Birtwell President Agincourt Civitan Club



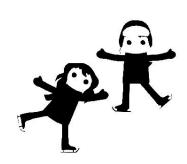


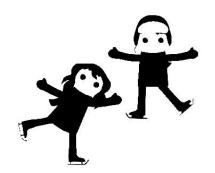
In 1987, the Gliders Skating Club was started by the Agincourt Civitan Club as a Special Olympics Adept Program. After a short period of time, the skaters and their families decided they preferred a program that allowed them to experience a leisure skate. The program is open to all Special Needs families of all ages and is supported by the Agincourt Civitan Club both financially and with volunteers.

Our coach starts each program with warm-up exercises and will assist any skater to either learn a new movement or just be there to socialize. We also have several volunteer coaches who help our skaters to improve their skating abilities. Many of our volunteers participate in the program in order to earn their community service credits for high school.

Our program runs at a rink in Scarborough on Sundays from mid-October until the end of March. New skaters and volunteers are always welcome.







#### **HALTON CIVITAN, 3526—BUSY BEES**

The final monthly bingo at CWSDS before the summer break was held in June with a good attendance. Everybody is looking forward to a fun summer before resuming the monthly bingos in September.

**Congratulations** to Rachael Stripp on her election as the Canadian Jr. International Area Director. I know she will do an amazing job.

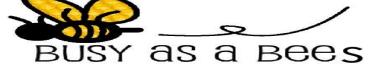
Halton sent 2 students to YLDC and again, they came back saying it was the best week of their lives. Halton is planning a YLDC reunion at the end of September and all the Canadian participants have been invited to attend. We want them to tell us of their experience. Tracy Beck has also been invited and she will be the moderator.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual BBQ was held on Saturday, August 24, at Sobey's Maplegrove in Oakville. Civitans Brenda and Erika once again did a fantastic job in putting this event together. We had a good turnout of customers, the weather was perfect, the manager at Sobey's was very helpful and at the end of the day, we may have acquired a couple of new members.

We are again asking for gently used purses. We will fill them with supplies and then give them to the Halton Women's Centre and the Women's Shelter to be given out at Christmas. If you have any slightly used purses that you would like to donate, please bring them to the Region 5 convention and give them to Cathy Dunn. Your donation would be appreciated.

Our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary was celebrated at Mohawk Raceway in early July. We had a lot of fun and some people won some money.

We are gearing up for another busy Civitai





### KITCHEN-WATERLOO CIVITAN, 1767—IT'S A HOT ONE



Summer finally came and apparently July was the hottest on record! We hope you had a great one!

We were sorry to hear that Peter Bevington has resigned as our Area Director for personal and health reasons. Marlyne Van Exan will be completing his term. Our club is small in number now, so it is hard to do fund raisers. Bingos, Oktoberfest and Claxton Fruit cake are our best. We will be selling cake again this year. If anyone has any good ideas for venues please let our Cake Chair Wally Wolff know. He is at mwwolff@exculink.com or 519-744-2871.

We did not have a summer gathering but, will be going to Golf's Steak House and Seafood for good food and friendship on September 8<sup>th</sup>. If you want to know where and when we are meeting you can find us at www.kwcivitan.ca

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#### **K-W CIVITAN CLUB**

#### Paula Roberts









### **DUNDAS CIVITAN, 3212—NEW EXPERENCES**

**Congratulations** to Dundas Club for trying something different!!

A few pics from the plowing match on Aug. 24th. where the Dundas District Civitan Club competed with other service clubs in the

The team members are Michael Rinas, Eric Rinas, David Readyhough, Bruce Davey My understanding is that we didn't come in first; but a close second. Old hands in the area were impressed by our tractor finesse.





#### KAWARTHA LAKES CIVITAN, 2721—OVER COMING WEATHER

The Kawartha Lakes Civitans felt a lot like mailmen on the

Father's Day weekend. We deliver in rain, sleet and snow. Well, take away the sleet and snow part and you get the point.

Despite rainy, wet, conditions, our 14th annual yard sale was well attended and generated over \$1,000 to the club.

Club President Ken Luff was happy with the members participation and turnout despite the challenging weather.

Several members contributed to the set up on Thursday and Friday and carried over into Saturday.



We even had a 13-year-old volunteer, Findley Michel who not only helped move items around, but assisted in the pricing of certain sports memorabilia. Findley was happy to help and gained some valuable community hours towards his high school quota.

Nine-year-old Emma Marshall also volunteered and assisted with taking money and making change.

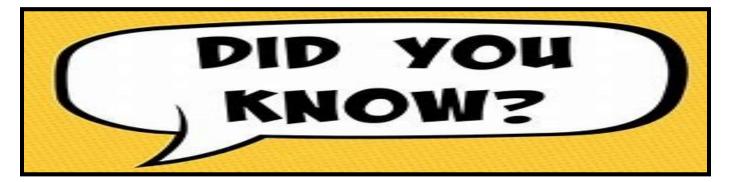
Due to overwhelming quality donations, we held two other impromptu yard sales in early August. At these extra sales, we raised another \$900. We have exceeded last year's yard sale revenues. With the large quantity of quality donations, we will be setting up to sell items via the Facebook marketplace in the future and have a Christmas sale this year!



After complaints about the almonds this year, we returned our order to World's Finest Chocolates and we have replaced them with chocolate bar sales.

This has been well received in most locations; however, a couple of locations have missed the almonds. We will see if we can find some almonds elsewhere.

### CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK! KAWARTHA LAKES CIVITAN



The Coboconk and Area Food Bank was established in 1993. It is located at the Civitan Club building at the 7th Concession and Hwy 35 in Coboconk and serves individuals and families from the town and surrounding areas of Norland, Kinmount, Kirkfield, and Burnt River. The Food Bank is open on the first and third Thursday of the month from 11 am – 1 pm.

# MISS OUT!

A reminder to all Canadian Civitans that the Region 5 Convention will be held at the Quality Hotel and Suites in Woodstock Ontario September 13-15th, 2019. The London Middlesex Civitan Club will be hosting and Friday Night's theme will be "Let's Make A Civitan Deal"! So come dressed in your best costume and take a chance to **win** a prize or to get **ZONKED!** 





### TWO PRESIDENTS LOSE FATHERS (Peter Guthrie & Bruce Davey)

### **Obituary Murray GUTHRIE**

GUTHRIE, Murray Stewart

(WW II Veteran)

Passed away peacefully on August 13, 2019 at the Almonte General Hospital Murray in Almonte, Ontario at the age of 96. Predeceased by his loving wife Grace (nee Hollins). Cherished father of Peter (Marsha) and Jane (David). Proud "Grandpa" of Cheri (Kevin), Crystal (Trevor), Michael (Jill), Ryan (Laura) and Murray (Meaghan) as well as fourteen great-grandchildren. Son to the late James and Isabelle also brother to the late James, Norman and John. Sadly, missed by his dog Brandy. A heartfelt thank-you to the doctors and nurses from the Almonte General Hospital for their care and support. A donation in memory of Murray may be made to the Almonte General Hospital Fairview Manor Foundation or the Almonte Civitan Club Family and Friends May Visit C.R. Gamble Funeral Home & Chapel Inc.

(127 Church St., Almonte, ON., 613-256-3313)

On Friday, August 16, 2019 from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. with a Legion Service to occur the same day at 6:30 p.m. A Funeral Service will take place in the Gamble Chapel on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at 11 a.m. with a Celebration of Life to follow in the Almonte Civitan Hall. Tributes: <a href="http://www.crgamble.com">http://www.crgamble.com</a>

### **Obituary for Harold DAVEY**

Harold Bruce Davey-Peacefully at home on August 17, 2019 in his 92nd year. Beloved husband of Maria (Elburg) for 72 years. Loving father of Bruce (Lynne) Davey, Sylvia Davey and predeceased by daughters Dorothy (Davey) Buckwell and Beverley (Davey) Warner. Harold is survived by sister Madeline (Tom) Harrington, and brother Everett (Gloria) Davey and predeceased by sister Doreen (John) Anderson. Cherished Opa and grandpa of Steven Davey (predeceased), Andrew (Anita) Buckwell, Rhonda (Daryll Burr) Davey, Shannon Davey, Joel Davey, Hilary Warner, Meredith Warner, Angus (Michelle) Warner, and five great grandchildren. Harold was a 31-year employee of General Motors and has been a long-time member of the Columbus Community United Church. Family and friends are invited to Celebrations, 35 Lindsay Street North, Lindsay, Ontario on Friday, August 30, 2019 from 12- 2 p.m. for visitation and a Celebration of Life service at 2 p.m. A reception will follow the service. Cremation has taken place. Memorial donations can be made to the Columbus Community United Church or the Salem Mariposa Church and Cemetery through Mackey Funeral Home at 33 Peel Street or www.mackeys.



WHEN SOMEONE YOU

LOVE

BECOMES A

MEMORY,

THAT MEMORY BECOMES A

TREASURE

Canadian District West is also thinking of others in the District who have lost love ones and wish everyone comfort and healing in their difficult times.





ITS YOUR NEWSLETTER!
PLEASE SEND YOUR ARTICLE
AND PICTURES. WE ARE ALL
INTERESTED IN WHAT YOU
ARE DOING!



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