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Region 5

Spring
2025-26



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**People helping
Clubs stay
united!**

Governor's Message



On The Upside with Marley

Are your principals flexible or rigid?

Standing up for your principles while remaining open-minded enough to refine them is one of the most powerful forms of personal strength. Principles are the backbone of character. They are the lines we draw when compromise is tempting, the compass that guides us when pressure pushes us to conform, and the foundation that allows us to look in the mirror and recognize ourselves. Without them, we become fluid in the worst way—shaped by convenience, fear, and the loudest voice in the room.

Yet principles lose their power when they harden into unexamined certainty. The world is vast, layered, and constantly changing. Growth demands the courage to admit that what we know today may be incomplete tomorrow. Open-mindedness is not the absence of conviction; it is the discipline to test our beliefs against new information, lived experience, and the perspectives of others. It is the humility to say, "I may be wrong," without surrendering who we are.

The true strength lies in holding both at once. To stand firm without listening is to become brittle and defensive. To be endlessly flexible without a core is to drift, unanchored and undefined. But when conviction is paired with curiosity, something rare emerges: a person who is grounded yet evolving, steady yet capable of transformation.

This balance creates leaders instead of zealots, thinkers instead of followers, and builders instead of destroyers. It allows you to defend what matters without becoming hostile, to change your mind without losing your spine, and to grow without erasing your identity. In a world addicted to extremes, the ability to stand your ground while remaining open to growth is not just wisdom.... it is quiet, unshakable power.

Have the courage of your convictions but open your mind for revision!

On The Upside with Marley

The awesome power of silence

In this confrontational world we find ourselves lately with the polarization of peoples political positions and opinions. When confronted with a slight or insult one of the most amazing tools you have is silence. Silence is one of the most powerful tools a person can employ when confronted with insults. It is a response that transcends emotion, reflecting strength, discipline, and wisdom. Choosing silence in the face of provocation is not a sign of weakness or submission; instead, it demonstrates mastery over one's emotions and a refusal to let another person dictate one's state of mind.

When someone hurls insults, they often seek a reaction—anger, defensiveness, or retaliation. By remaining silent, you deny them that satisfaction. Silence becomes a form of control, communicating that their words hold no power over you. In this way, silence protects your peace and dignity. It also keeps the situation from escalating, giving you time to process your feelings and respond thoughtfully—if a response is even necessary.

Moreover, silence often speaks louder than words. It conveys calmness and maturity in a moment that could easily descend into chaos. Observers of such a situation often recognize the composure of the silent person as a mark of intelligence and self-respect. Words spoken in anger can wound relationships and damage reputations, but silence leaves no scars and carries no regret.

Psychologically, staying silent can also help you maintain inner stability. Instead of reacting impulsively, you retain mental clarity and emotional resilience. You learn that your worth is not determined by others' opinions or insults but by your own understanding of who you are.

In essence, silence is not empty. It is full of meaning, restraint, and self-possession. In a noisy world where many rush to defend themselves or retaliate, the person who chooses silence displays true strength. Their calm becomes a mirror that exposes the shallowness of the insult and the insecurity of the insulter. Sometimes, the most eloquent response is no response at all.

While you may think silence is a state of no opinion, it can convey so much more than words



We are thrilled that registration is now officially open for the 19th Annual Lung Transplant Open (LTO), hosted by Toronto Lung Transplant Civitan Club (TLTCC) & presented by ProResp Inc.

For nearly two decades, this tournament has brought together golf enthusiasts, community leaders, transplant patients and caregivers, and healthcare advocates for a single, vital purpose: to support the gift of life. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a duffer, we invite you to join us on the green for a day of sport, networking, and profound impact.

Your Impact: *Every swing you take and every sponsorship you provide makes a tangible difference. All proceeds from the TLTCC-LTO tournament go directly toward:*

- **Cutting-Edge Research:** Funding the world-renowned lung transplant research programs at Toronto General Hospital (TGH), helping to pioneer new techniques that save lives.
- **Patient Support:** Providing essential resources and assistance to transplant candidates and recipients during their most challenging moments.

Call for Players ... Join the Field: *Experience a premier day of golf featuring friendly competition, exciting on-course challenges, and a shared sense of community.*

Your registration includes 18 holes of golf, power carts, a delicious meal, and the chance to win fantastic prizes - all while supporting a life-saving cause. Our notable dinner guest speakers will be Dr. Shaf Keshavjee, UHN Chief of Innovation and Dr. Aman Sidhu, Medical Director Toronto Lung Transplant Program (UHN). If you are unable to golf, you can still be part of the event by registering as a Dinner Only Guest!

Call for Sponsors: Become a Partner in Recovery: *We are seeking corporate and individual sponsors to help us reach our 2026 fundraising goals. Sponsorship is more than just a logo on a sign; it is a commitment to vital research and the transplant community.*

- **Hole & Tournament Sponsorships:** Gain high-visibility brand exposure to a dedicated audience of professionals and community members.
- **Silent Auction & Prize Donations:** Contribute products or services to our popular auction to help drive our fundraising higher.
- **Impact:** By partnering with us, you align your brand with one of the world's leading transplant centers and provide hope to those waiting for a "second breath."

Join Us on the Green: *Last year's event was a resounding success, and for our 19th year, we aim to make an even bigger splash. Don't miss your chance to be part of this incredible tradition.*

Register or Sponsor Now: Visit www.tltcc.com/golf or Contact Us.

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WATER FIRST -Water Internship

Water First Education & Training Inc. is a non-profit organization in Canada, addressing water challenges in Indigenous communities through education, training, and meaningful collaboration. The **Drinking Water Program** launched a new internship model in southwestern Ontario, seeing individual First Nations from across a broad region participate in the program for the first time! The Drinking Water Internship continues to break down barriers to training and build capacity in Indigenous communities.



By training and supporting dozens of Indigenous adults in becoming certified water operators each year, the **Drinking Water Program** addresses the critical need for water science professionals in Indigenous communities. The paid internship helps participants obtain entry-level certifications, and hands-on work experience in water treatment plants. Having local, qualified personnel available supports communities in ensuring access to safe, clean drinking water for the long term.

CANADIAN JUNIOR AT THE ALL IN SUMMIT



CIFOCWINNER

The CIFOC announced at the September convention that anyone joining the Governors Council would be entered into a draw where the winner would be able to choose a charity of their choice to receive half of the fees collected from those joining the Governors Council. The names were put on a wheel on Karen Kinsella's computer and the wheel was spun, landing on Sue Gibson. Sue was caller and 50% of the total dues collected for Governors Council to the Arthritis Society of Canada.



SUE GIBSON



CDW SPRING CONVENTION

The Halton Civitan Club along with the London Middlesex Club are co-hosting the Spring Convention at the Holiday Inn Oakville Bronte and this year the convention is going RETRO! Saturday, May 23rd will truly be a ONE DAY convention similar to ones held in the past. We are making an effort to decrease the cost of this convention for everyone significantly and hope by doing so to encourage more CDW Civitans to attend and enjoy some fellowship!

In that effort we've decided that our meeting will start at 10:30 am giving anyone coming from a distance the choice to arrive that morning to save having to pay for accommodation the night before, should they so choose. There is no special rate provided for the Holiday Inn hotel rooms but there are lots of options including others in the area if you do choose to stay the night before.

The registration cost of \$75 includes a deluxe continental breakfast, lunch (wraps with a gluten free option), a morning and afternoon refresh break, and the room rental.

After lunch those attending will enjoy an entertaining "Friendly Feud" game with prizes to be won! The more games your team wins the better the prize! The day should wrap up by approximately 4 pm giving everyone plenty of time to head home and again avoid the cost of accommodation.

As always, there will be a 50/50 draw and Raffle prizes to be won! So come join the CDW Board, the Halton and London Clubs for fellowship and fun!

Events Chairs: Civitans Marlyne Van Exan, Susan Heatherly, and Pauline Blackwell

CIVITAN - CDW - Registration Form

One-Day District Convention - Saturday, May 23rd (8:30 am to 4 pm)

Location: Holiday Inn & Suites Oakville @ Bronte - 2525 Wyecroft Rd., Oakville, ON L6L 6P8

Phone: 905-465-4479

Host Clubs: London and Halton Civitan Clubs

Please fill out one form per person

Name:

Home Address: City: Postal Code:

Civitan? Voting Delegate? Club:

Do you hold an office in your club/district? If yes, please list:

Are you a Past Governor? If yes, please list the year(s):

Please list food allergies or dietary restrictions:

Registration Fee: \$75 per person (includes a continental breakfast and a buffet lunch)

Deadline to send via email/etransfer: May 10th, 2026

Deadline to send via royal mail: mailed no later than May 8th with an email to let Tracy know you will be attending and to look for your registration and cheque.

Registration and payment to: Tracy Appleyard, District West Treasurer

Email: civitan.tappleyard@gmail.com and registration fee by etransfer to the same

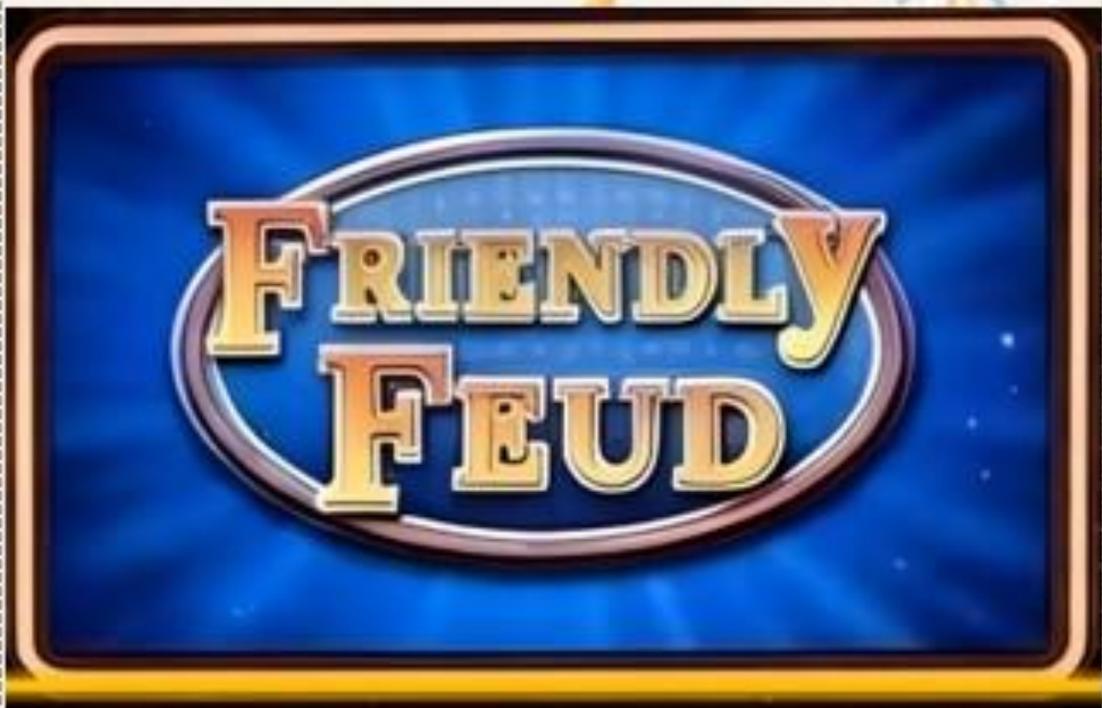
OR

Mail the form and payment to: (cheques payable to Canadian District West Civitan)
Tracy Appleyard
97 Simms Court,
London, ON
N5Z 5E7

This event will go from 8:30 am to 4 pm. There is no special rate for this event so if you are planning on staying overnight please book with them or others in the area directly.

We hope to see you there!

Civitan District West



905 - 847 - 1000

Saturday
May 23,
2026

Holiday Inn
& Suites at
Bronte

2525
~~Wycroft~~
Rd, Oakville,
ON, L6L 5M9

100 people were polled; the top answer is on the board!
Where can you go to have a lot of fun, and you and your
team may win a prize?

Survey Says: The Spring Convention!

cheese ball *4 ways*



BACON CHEDDAR RANCH

16 oz cream cheese
3 tbsp ranch dressing
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp garlic powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp kosher salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp black pepper
3 tbsp chopped
2 cups sharp cheddar cheese
12 oz pack bacon
1 cup walnuts



CLASSIC

8oz cream cheese
1 jar Kraft Old English Cheese
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp Worcestershire sauce
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp garlic powder
1 tbsp butter
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 cups pecans



CIRCUS ANIMAL

8 oz cream cheese
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup unsalted butter
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp vanilla extract
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups sugar cookie mix
Red food coloring
1 cup circus animal cookies
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup + 1 tbsp Nonpareils sprinkles



FOOTBALL

16 oz cream cheese
3 tbsp ranch dressing
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp garlic powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp kosher salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp black pepper
3 tbsp chopped chives
2 cups cheddar cheese
12 oz bacon
1 cup walnuts
2 slices white cheddar cheese
butter crackers



Easy Family Recipes



CHEESY ONION CRISPS

Savory, Crispy & Irresistible!

Ingredients	Method
 • 3 onions, sliced	1. Preheat 375°F, prep sheet
 • 2 cups cheddar	2. Place cheese piles
 • 2 tsp ranch seasoning	3. Press onion slices on cheese
	4. Season on top
	5. Bake 11-13 mins
	6. Cool → remove

A Delicious Savory Snack





SLOW COOKER PINEAPPLE PORK TENDERLOIN

INGREDIENTS

- 2 lb pork tenderloin
- 1 can (20 oz) pineapple chunks, with juice
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp fresh ginger
- 1 tsp onion powder
- Salt and black pepper
- 2 Tbsp cornstarch
- 2 Tbsp cold water
- Fresh thyme or parsley



HOW TO MAKE

- Season pork and sear for 2 to 3 minutes per side in a hot skillet until browned.
- Whisk pineapple juice, soy sauce, brown sugar, garlic, and ginger until the sugar is dissolved.
- Place pork, sauce, and pineapple chunks into the slow cooker pot.
- Cook on Low for 6–8 hours or High for 3–4 hours until internal temp hits 145°F (63°C).
- Rest meat for 10 minutes, slice, and serve topped with the thickened glaze and pineapple.



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Slow Cooker Pineapple Pork Tenderloin

If Canada District West is going to survive

WE NEED



to put your name forward for Governor- Elect

CLUB ELECTIONS

CLUB SECRETARIES: LET'S TRY FOR PERFECT

LETS ELIMINATE THE MISTAKES

- 1) Please print neatly or type when you are filling out the "REPORT OF CIVITAN CLUB OFFICERS"
- 2) Have each officer verify their information.
- 3) Please send the Directory Editor as soon as possible.



If you don't see an article on your club,
ask your President **"WHY"**?

Every club does such great work and
we would all like to hear **your tales.**

Dundas Civitan Club - #3212 President Kelsey George Gaudet

Having endured what seems to have been such a long winter, we're all eagerly looking forward to the approach of spring.

On March 14, our Club '95 will host a "Spring Fling" dance. Our thanks go to Civitan Jean and her fellow volunteers for organizing this fun event.

On Saturday April 11 from 9 am to 12 pm, we are planning another "Closet Clean-out" fund raiser. The venue will again be the University Plaza parking lot. We will welcome donations of used cloth and textiles.

An even bigger event is in the works. We have started to make plans for "Civitan Dinner Jam-An Evening of Good Food and Music". The event will feature the music of accomplished musician and song writer Fred Magie. Fred is a Dundas Civitan and husband of Melanie Walter, another club member who also is a staff member at the Dundas Learning Centre.

Our plan is to host the "Dinner Jam" at Civitan Place, home of the Learning Centre, on May 23rd. We feel this event will give us an opportunity to both raise funds, and inform the community about our purpose. Besides enjoying the music, visitors will be able to see what we're all about.

Stay tuned for more information.



At the Dundas
Civitan's Closet Clean
Out Event
November 8th, 2025



Halton Civitan Club - #3526 President Marlyne Van Exan

Kindness Bags

The Halton Civitan Club recently assembled 75 Kindness Bags, which were delivered to Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. Each bag is thoughtfully filled with essential and comfort items such as nail files, toothpaste, toothbrushes, glasses cleaner, moist wipes, playing cards, a pen, notepad, lip balm, and hand cream.

These bags will be distributed by nurses to long-term care patients and others in need. In addition, the Club responded to a request for stuffed animals. Many patients find comfort in these stuffies, which will also be shared by hospital staff.

Thank you to Civitan Sharon for leading this meaningful initiative, and to all our members who came together to assemble the bags.



Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

The needs of the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre continue to evolve, and the Halton Civitan Club remains committed to supporting its 510 clients.

One example is the evolution of our Purse Project. In addition to filling purses with essential and comfort items, we are now including backpacks and unisex supplies to better support boys and men who are experiencing homelessness or are in need.

Thank you to Civitan Denise for leading this project and for delivering our food and monetary donations.

If you have any gently used purses or backpacks, please consider donating them to the Halton Civitan Club to support this important initiative.

Ian Anderson House

The Halton Civitan Club continues to support Ian Anderson House through donations of household items that help reduce operational costs.

Ian Anderson House is a not-for-profit hospice providing compassionate, 24-hour end-of-life care at no cost to patients and their families.

Thank you to Civitan Linda for serving as our liaison and for delivering our donations.

Milk Bag Sleeping Mats

The Halton Civitan Club collects milk bags and donates them to a dedicated group of volunteers who crochet them into waterproof sleeping mats.

These mats are distributed to individuals experiencing homelessness, helping keep them and their belongings dry.

Please consider saving and donating your milk bags to support this worthwhile project.



London Middlesex Civitan Club - #2383 President Darrell Blackwell

November our club hosted the second annual movie night for Community Living London.

Our giant blowup screen was set up on the stage at our usual dance location.

Home Alone 1 was played. CLL members enjoyed the movie with snacks on offer of pop, water, chips, candy and chocolates.

Our annual Christmas Tacky gift exchange was held this year at the Pipers Arms.

Cheryl played Santa delivering gifts to each member from the table full of offerings.

The usual Santa shaped chocolates were interspersed with treats and Christmas cards from our members.

Christmas season had our club putting on a themed dance for Community Living London. The stage was dressed in Christmas themed inflatables, including a 12-foot Santa.

DJ Jay had everyone dancing to favourites with a sprinkling of Christmas tunes, including spot dances where some CLL members won dance prizes.

Pop coffee and water were served the whole evening, with an 8:30p.m. snack of pizza slices.

Santa made an appearance to the delight of the members of CLL. Many took photos with Santa and had hugs for Santa. Candy canes were given out by Elf Brittany and all promised Santa to be good.

Valentines was kicked off by a love themed dance for Community Living London.

DJ Jay had everyone slow dancing to ballads and hoping to popular tunes. Holding their spot some dancers were able to win Valentines themed prizes.

Pop, coffee, water and Tim Hortons donuts were served.

The club members along with the Halton club and the district Event Chairs Susan and Pauline have been discussing the spring convention and making plans. A division of duties and labour has been established between the two clubs. The location has been set up thanks to Marlyne for her efforts in scoping out a venue.

The club has been discussing future fundraisers, such as the popular Mothers Day cookies we have done in the past, which is being planned again for this year. Members have been approaching and discussing possible new customers for next years cake season.





Wishing everyone a
Happy St Pats and
a Joyous Easter
weekend with
Family and Friends



Midland Civitan Club - #1959 President Mike Tinney

The evening before the Midland Annual Santa Claus Parade the Downtown Midland tree lighting event for 2025 took place on November 21st. The event featured a variety of activities including a visit from the Bell A Peal handbell choir, live music, carolling, hot chocolate and a visit from Santa Claus. The festivities ran from 5:30 pm till 7 pm, with the official Christmas tree lighting occurring at 6 pm. The event is held at Neezhoday Park, next to the Midland Public Library and members of the Midland Civitan Club were on hand with a few of the floats that were to be featured the next day at the Santa Claus Parade.

The Midland Santa Claus parade took place on November 22 and was once again a tremendous success with over 60 entries taking part in the parade and thousands of spectators coming out to enjoy the day. There were many dozens of volunteer hours by all the club members and volunteer friends from the community putting this project together.



Claxton Fruit Cake sales were once again very successful. Donations of \$500.00 were made to eleven (11) centres that provide food to people in need.

The Club provided and served food to participants in the Community Living Huronia curling bonspiel and the OSO curling tankard.

The Club also made donations to the Silver Stick hockey tournament and towards travel expenses for two of their OSO curling teams who moved into the next level.

19th Annual Lung Transplant Open Golf Tournament

May 27th, 2026
Granite Ridge Golf Club
Milton, Ontario

Presented By



IN SUPPORT OF
UHN
Foundation
Toronto General Lung
Transplant Program

Dinner Guest Speakers:



Dr. Shaf Keshavjee
UHN Chief of Innovation



Dr. Aman Sidhu
Medical Director Toronto Lung
Transplant Program (UHN)



Ways You Can Contribute to Our Fundraiser

- **Platinum Sponsorship - \$5,000** - Includes 8 golfers, hole signage on the course, recognition in club newsletter and in social media outlets (TLTCC Website, TLTCC Facebook pages & UHN Foundation outlets)
** cart, lunch, dinner & gift bag for golfers
- **Gold Sponsorship - \$3,500** - Includes 4 golfers and 4 additional guests for dinner only, hole signage on the course, recognition in club newsletter, in social media outlets (TLTCC Website, TLTCC Facebook pages & UHN Foundation outlets) ** cart, lunch, dinner & gift bag for golfers
- **Silver Sponsorship - \$2,000** - Includes 4 golfers, hole signage on the course, recognition in club newsletter and in social media outlets (TLTCC Website, TLTCC Facebook pages & UHN Foundation outlets)
** cart, lunch, dinner & gift bag for golfers
- **Hole Sponsor Corporate - \$500** - Includes 2 Signs, (at hole & club entrance)
- **Memorial Sponsor - \$250** - Includes 2 Signs, (at hole & club entrance) and 1 Guest Dinner
- **Donate** - prizes or auction items or make a cash donation

Single Golfer Registration - Golf with cart, gift bag, lunch & dinner -
\$225/person before May 15; \$250 after; **144 spots available

Dinner Only Enjoy A Wonderful Dinner with Wine - Single - \$80/pp
before May 15; \$85 after -or- Table for 8 - \$600 before May 15; \$680 after ..
**50 Spots Available

Golf Registration Begins At 10:30 am ... Shotgun Start 1:00 pm
Lunch & Putting Contest 11:00 am to 12:45 noon
Pre-Dinner Social & Silent Auction Bidding 5:00 - 6:30 pm and Dinner with Wine 6:30 pm

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Full Details
Online Registration Visit
www.tltcc.com/golf

Obituaries

Theodore (Ted/Theo) Benedict Coqueran,

94, of Châteauguay, Quebec, Canada, a kind, compassionate, funny, outgoing and extremely generous man, peacefully slipped the surly bonds of Earth to touch the face of God on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, surrounded by family and loved ones, after a long life filled with meaning, joy, and generosity towards others.

Ted lived his life always attempting to walk in the footsteps of his saviour, Jesus Christ,

Theodore is survived by his former wife and friend, Catherine, his two daughters, Marcelle (David) and Danielle (Inshan), his three granddaughters, Vanessa, Maya and Alexa, and his numerous nephews and nieces in the Cazoe, Coqueran, Medford, and Moore families.

Ted was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, Felix, Vienna, André, Vida, Bennett, Ravel and Elethus.

Theodore Benedict Coqueran was born on October 26, 1931 in San Fernando, in the twin-island Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies to Marcel and Racine.

After graduation from Presentation College in San Fernando, Ted pursued Teachers' College and became a Mathematics and English teacher.

He came to Canada in 1967 to pursue his educational dreams. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1973 and a Bachelor of Commerce degree in 1976, both from Concordia University in Montréal. Ultimately, he followed his first love and taught Mathematics and English in the Montréal school system.

After graduating from University, Ted reflected on his struggles while a University student and generously assisted foreign students from less fortunate backgrounds who came to Montréal to study with accommodation, other necessities and financial support.

Ted joined Civitan International in Châteauguay to serve his community and was recognized often for his efforts and service. He rose to the position of President of Civitan Châteauguay and Governor of Canada East. Among many charitable organizations, Ted supported The Foundation of Stars (now the Pediatric Research Foundation) in their funding of research on childhood diseases in Québec. Ted loved to watch cricket and football (soccer) and in his later years attended daily Mass via

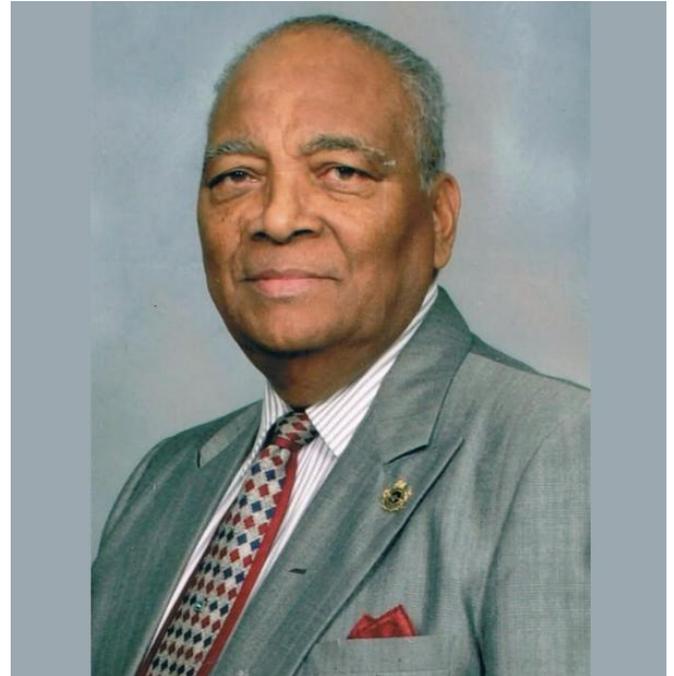
YouTube. To relax Ted enjoyed a glass or two of red wine, and after retirement, in his 60s he became a self-taught oenophile and made artisanal wine for weddings and other celebrations.

Ted was a member of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Châteauguay since 1976. A true pioneer of the parish community, Ted was a devout Christian and a gifted proclaimer whose expressive reading at Mass brought the Scriptures to life and helped the congregation grasp their deeper meaning.

Above all, Ted was a generous and compassionate person. For many years, he was a faithful member of the parish funeral choir and was always ready to serve: he sang for others without hesitation.

Most recently, Ted was genuinely surprised to be serenaded with a rendition of "Happy Birthday" at the conclusion of Sunday Mass on his 94th birthday last October.

Visitation and viewing were held on Friday, January 16, 2026.



A good, kind and gentle soul has left our Earthly plane for his everlasting reward

NICHOLLS, ROBERT JAMES

Passed away at Michael Garron Hospital on January 31, 2026, at the age of 96. Robert "Bob" was born in Toronto in 1929 to Eleanor Nicholls (née Otter) and Worthy Nicholls. Beloved husband of 70 years to Ruth (née Marlow); and loving father to Brian (Donna), Paul (Judy) and Barbara (late Ray Codère). Proud grandfather of Diana, Leah and Ethan. Bob was predeceased by his brother, Edward; and sister, Ruth (Moore). Bob worked briefly at Imperial Oil before joining Simpson-Sears, where he worked for 30 years before retiring. Bob was a believer in service to the community and was a longtime member of the Jubilee (formerly Donminster) United Church and Parkwoods Civitan Club. A celebration of life for Bob will be held at 11 a.m. on March 14, 2026, at Jubilee United Church, 40 Underhill Drive, Toronto.

Don't think of him as gone away
his journey's just begun,
life holds so many facets
this earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.

And think of him as living
in the hearts of those he touched...
for nothing loved is ever lost
and he was loved so much.