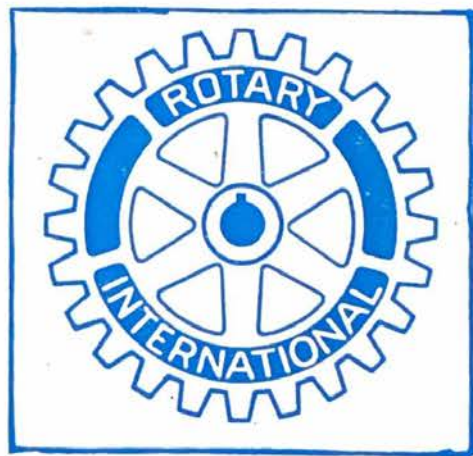


Rotary Club  
of  
Alliston



1996-1997



Princess Titania, the official "greeter" for the Alliston Rotary Club wishes to inform you of these notable facts;

The Rotary Club of Alliston  
P.O. Box 129, Alliston, L9R 1T9  
Chartered February 11, 1955

Meetings: Monday 6:30  
Lion's Hall  
Boyne Street

## A Message from President Joan Hayward

Well, it has been a busy year for all of us and I for one look forward to the beginning of a new year for Rotary. It will no doubt bring with it its own challenges and opportunities to serve, and the new board is making plans for a smooth transition and an equally busy year to come.

When I spoke to you last year and outlined the Board's objectives, I was sure that we were well within our reach as a club. I am encouraged by our successes and disappointed by our shortcomings. However, we are in transition, from a small club to a larger one, and the lessons we learn each year will help us to become stronger from one year to the next.

Our major objective in Club Service was membership retention and growth. We began with 57 members but quickly lost several through professional and personal changes in circumstances. We currently enjoy a membership of 58 very strong committed Rotarians, and are pleased to say that we are being successful in retaining those newer Rotarians who have joined us in the last two years. My one disappointment was that we did not reach our stated goal of 60 members; no doubt, Dale and his new Board will be addressing this issue very soon with all of us.

I am sure that one of the ways in which we have retained these members is through another objective, which was to continually develop members' knowledge of Rotary and Rotarians both locally and globally. In an effort to keep each other in our thoughts, we instituted club birthday and remembrance cards. In an effort to learn more about each other, we have enjoyed some classification talks, but we have not enjoyed many social and family events which would have helped us to get to know each other in another way. In an effort to keep our members informed about rotary in a global sense, we have used various programs at our meetings, including our celebration of the 50th anniversary of the death of Paul Harris, our founder. We have also given members information about Rotary Foundation, the Benefactor program, and various projects which we and other clubs have supported.

The Community Service Committee has been very active in looking for ways in which our club can continue to become involved in the Alliston community. We have financially supported various organizations and have held two successful highway clean-up sessions. This committee has met regularly and has given careful thought to the many requests for financial support which they receive. They also want to have us involved in "hands-on" projects which will mean real "service above self" to our local community.

The New Generations initiative of Louis Giay has been addressed by our club in several ways. Brighter Futures has recently been the recipient of funding from our club; Banting Memorial High School's graduating students this year have been awarded two Commencement prizes (and the Vocational Service Committee is looking at funding a bursary on an annual basis); we have awarded Banting students a Student Achievement Award for Community Service at the end of both semesters; a student was sent to DECA as a participant in a leadership conference; Camp Enterprise saw four of our young people participate this April; Born to Read and Write was distributed to

our community to encourage parents to begin the literacy process as early in life as possible; and a job shadowing program was enhanced this year under the leadership of this committee.

Another of our objectives was to improve both our internal and external communication. We invited all members, but especially newer ones, to attend our Board meetings and I am pleased to say that one of them was very consistent about attending these meetings. The Board attempted to inform the members as quickly as possible about any decisions we made about funding projects which involved an amount in excess of \$500 or less. The Rotator continues to be a vital link in our chain of communication and I trust that you found it easy to read and informative. We are in the process of producing our first ever Yearbook which will allow us to remember this year's events and celebrations as we move further away from them. Our club has enjoyed favourable press this year, thanks to the efforts of the Public Relations Committee and their dogged approach with our local papers. And thanks so much to our resident photographer and his delegates for ensuring us with lasting memories.

An on-going concern is our ability to raise funds. We have just embarked on a new fund-raising activity, the selling of bulbs for the fall. Thanks to all of you who have worked so hard this year so that we have been able to make a difference in the life of so many people, both in our local community and the international one to which we all belong.

One other understated objective has been met as well. We have continued to be visible at the District level. In addition to the club members who serve on District committees, we were recognized as a leader in the District by receiving both the Foundation Challenge Walk trophy and the Presidential Citation.

We can all be proud that we have been able to meet most of our objectives this year. The Board could not have done it without all of you and your continued support of our ideals.

Lastly, I personally would like to thank our Board of Directors who have worked so hard on our behalf and who have always been there for me when I needed their support and their confidence.





1995-96 President Art Kovats hands over the reins to incoming President Joan Hayward for the 1996-97 year.

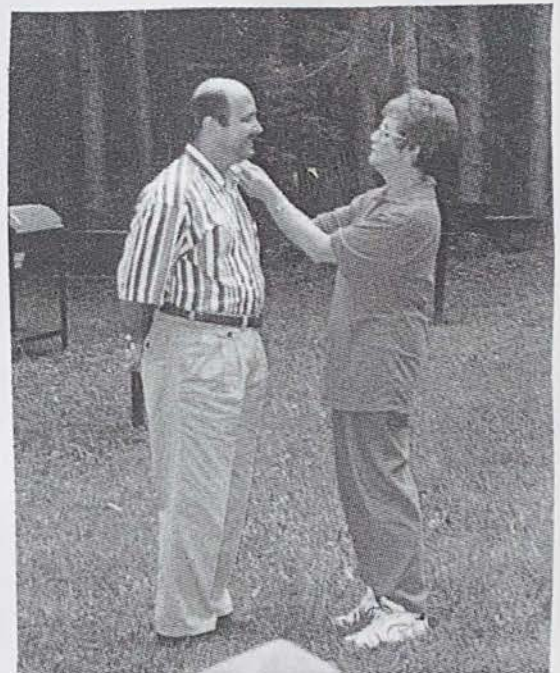


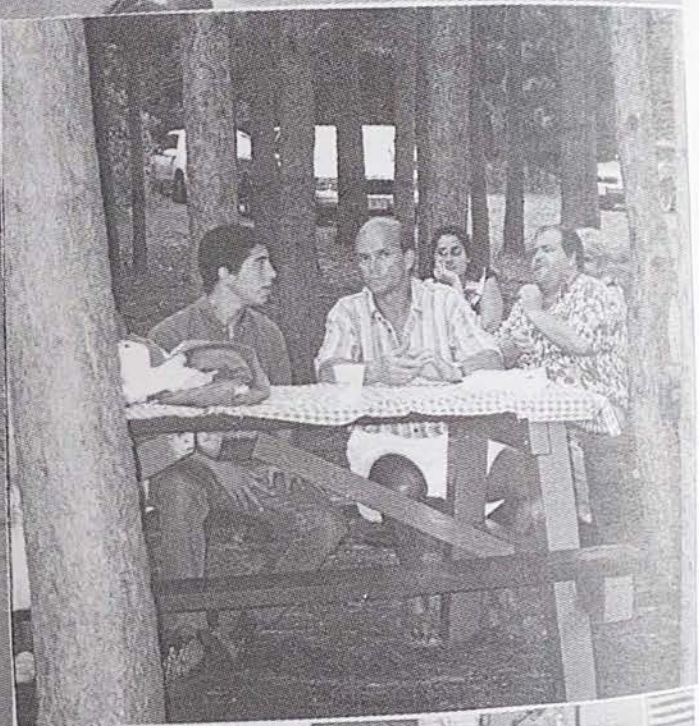
1996-97 Executive

Back: Art Kovats (past pres.), Leann McKelvey-Norris (sec.), Dale Petit (moved), Heather McFarland (club ser.), Keith Bishop (vice-pres.),  
 Front: Joan Hayward (Pres.), Dale Hunter (pres. elect), Eileen Hewson (comm. ser.)

Absent: Alan McKanna (treas.), Kelly McCague (comm. ser.), Brian Stewart (voc. ser.)

Joan Hayward (Pres. 1996-97) presents Dale Hunter (Pres. 1997-98) with his president's pin.





## Vocational Service

The Vocational Service Committee, under the guidance of Brian Stewart, has been very busy this year.

Programmes supported are as follows:

- Terry Fox Run - once again Mike Bannon was in charge of the organization and set up of this worthwhile community event
- Job Shadowing - October and March - involving 28 students from Banting High School and 13 employers in Alliston
- Student Achievement Awards - presented fall and spring to Banting High School students
- Rural Urban Night - a night of fun and celebration with Ben Wicks as guest speaker
- Camp Enterprise - selection of 9 students to attend this camp whose focus is on youth and the business world.
- New Tecumseth Library - Alliston Branch - a donation was made to support the children's section
- Literacy Support - the committee purchased and donated 500 copies of Ben Wicks' book, Born to Read and Write which were distributed to local schools, doctor's and dentist's offices, the hospital and child care centres.

The vocational committee also enabled many of Alliston's young people to further their education by attending conferences and schools outside the Alliston area, many outside Canada. Karene Megraw and Kathryn Knapp had the opportunity to travel to Italy to study opera with a world class teacher. Daniel Dunn travelled to San Diego to further his interest and gain experience in his chosen career, business. He attended a conference sponsored by Deca Diversified Education Clubs of America. Rob Selby attended the Adventure in Automotive Technology competition in Barrie. Meghan D'Amboise was able to travel to Guyana with Youth Challenge International to experience a different culture and to help the Guyanese with community projects.



Alliston Rotary Club  
Helping the Community to Grow



Pennie Arnott presents Student Achievement Award to Laura Raftis



Brian Stewart presents donation to Pam Kirkpatrick of the Alliston Library



Bob Stewart (Rotarian) thanks the Rotary Club on behalf of the Alliston Probus Club for our support



Norm Lawson thanks Rotary Club for our support of the Lion's Club milk programme





Group Study Exchange  
Leader Wilfried Banning presents  
us with their banner



Group Study Exchange from  
the Netherlands.



Banting students involved  
in peer teaching programme with  
public school students

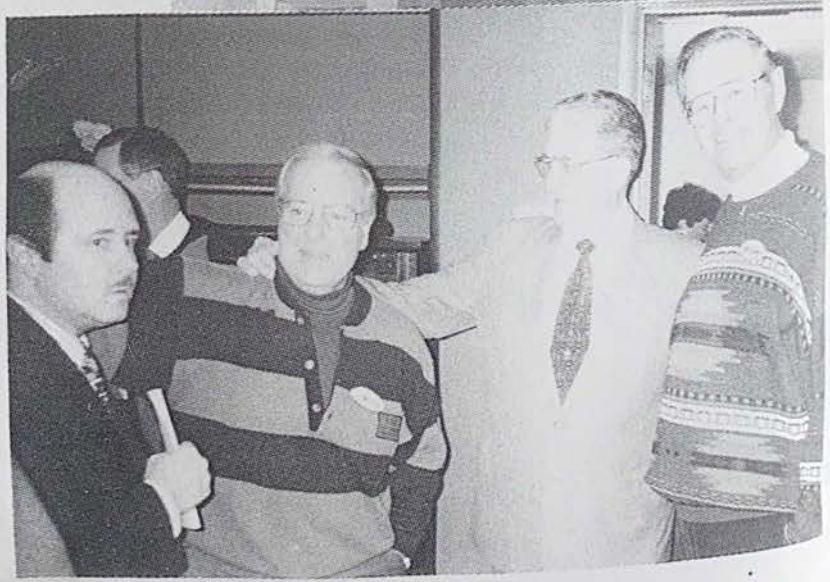


Minor Melodies Choir

Oooo...  
fine, fine  
fine!



What do you  
mean you didn't  
do a make-up?



DA BOYS IN DA 'HOOD

## Community Service

Eileen Hewson's and Kelly McCague's Community Service committee met regularly at the Red Pine Motel for breakfast this year. Their portfolio was a broad one encompassing everything from special requests for medical aid to volunteer representation on the boards of many county organizations. This committee was responsible for many of the guest speakers at our meetings. The topics were very diverse. Randy Greenman, a local pharmacist, spoke on the use and misuse of over - the - counter drugs, Joan Drysdale spoke of the positive benefits of Camp Quality, a camp for children with cancer, and Jerry Switzer and Doug Laycock shared with us the idea of a Town of New Tecumseth lottery to aid the Diabetes Foundation, local service clubs and the three towns in this area.

This committee has annually supported and organized the Adopt- A - Highway programme, the Alliston Potato Festival Parade (for four years), the Elgin Blakely award for citizen of the year, Twelfth Night in park, and the Christmas shopping spree and the trip of the month fund raisers.

Areas of particular concern this year were:

New Generations Conference- held in August at the C.N.E. A learning experience for junior farmers from our area to meet with and learn about other farmers and farming methods in Ontario.

Camp Quality- a donation was made to this camp that provides care and support to children/families that have been affected by cancer

Alliston Historical Society- a donation was made to help establish a parkette in remembrance of the town's first train line and its importance as Alliston's link to the rest of Ontario.

My Sister's Place (Woman's Shelter) - a donation was made to this organization last year and utilizing it this year, a ramp was installed for easier access to the building.

Brighter Futures - This programme provides new mother's with information about many areas; education about motherhood, proper dietary habits, fresh milk and emotional support.

### Christmas Shopping Spree

Ed, the man with the tickets, Zelinski, reads the names of this year's winners. Proceeds from the sale purchased a new blood warmer and a wheelchair for the hospital.



Annual Arts and Crafts Show



Rotary Partners at Work



Traditionally, Rotary partners gather at the president's house and make decorations to adorn trees used for raffles.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual  
Potato Festival Parade



Adopt-A-Highway Programme



Our garbage guru - Lloyd Kennedy



Community Service -- Trip of the Month  
submitted by Lowell Tipping

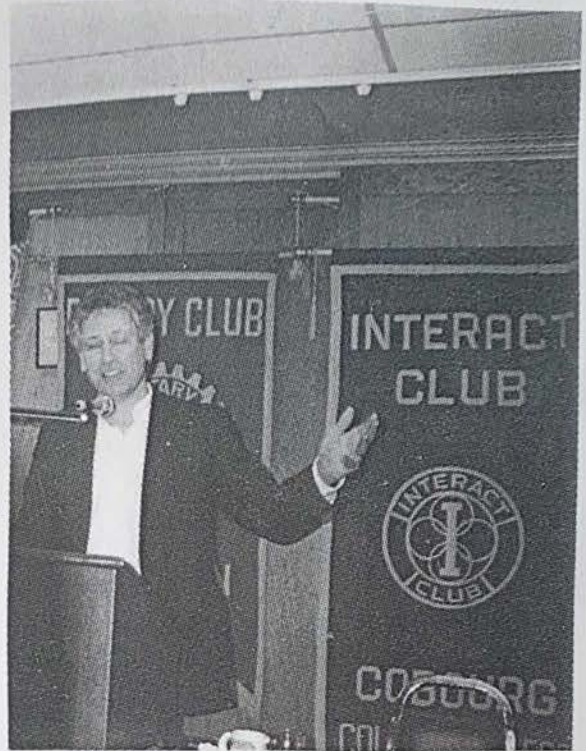
During the 1996-97 year all 200 tickets (at \$175.00/ticket) available for the raffle were sold, raising a gross revenue of \$35,000. 1st prize consists of a trip and or a percentage of the cash value, 2nd prize is \$300.00 and 3rd prize is \$175.00. Each winning name drawn is returned to the "barrel" for future chances to win. This is the largest fund raiser Alliston Rotary has on a ... per fund-raiser project basis. Total expenses are never known until the following year, in this case, January 1998, when the Government report is compiled. Typically, "TRIP" generates at least \$10M to \$12M profit, with the final result depending on the selection of the major prize chosen by that month's key winner.

Ticket selling is an area that could be better divided amongst members for any ticket selling activity, not only "TRIP". In order to generate funds supporting local, national and world projects, it takes a dogged effort from all members. We can't give if we don't receive!

If that Clayson woman would only buy a ticket from Herb Oliver - she'd be guaranteed to win! and would get off my back.



Roger Harp, from the Cobourg Club, shares with us some of the positive aspects of an Interact Club.



Gwen Rice from Teen Town



Randy Greenman, (pharmacist), discusses over-the-counter drugs with our group.

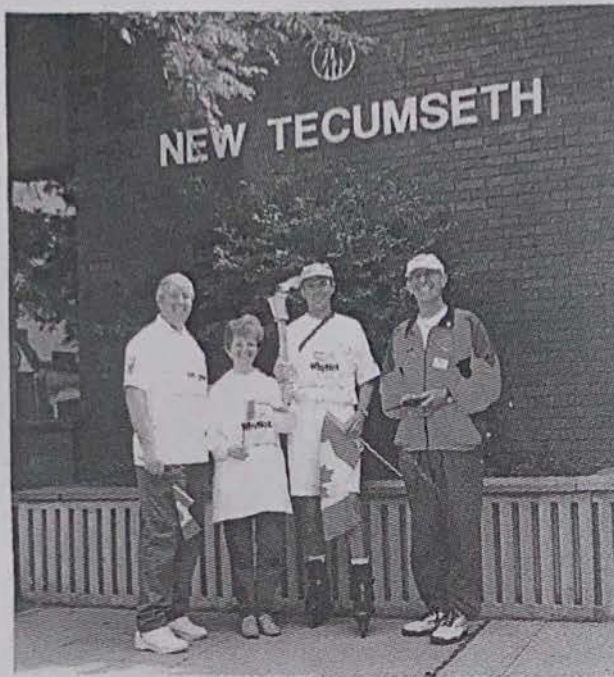




John Bertram, left, takes time out to reflect on the simplicity of life and friends before assuming the mantle of District Governor 1999-2000



Why Not Marathon



Mike Bannon carried the torch for the Alliston Club.

Some bladed



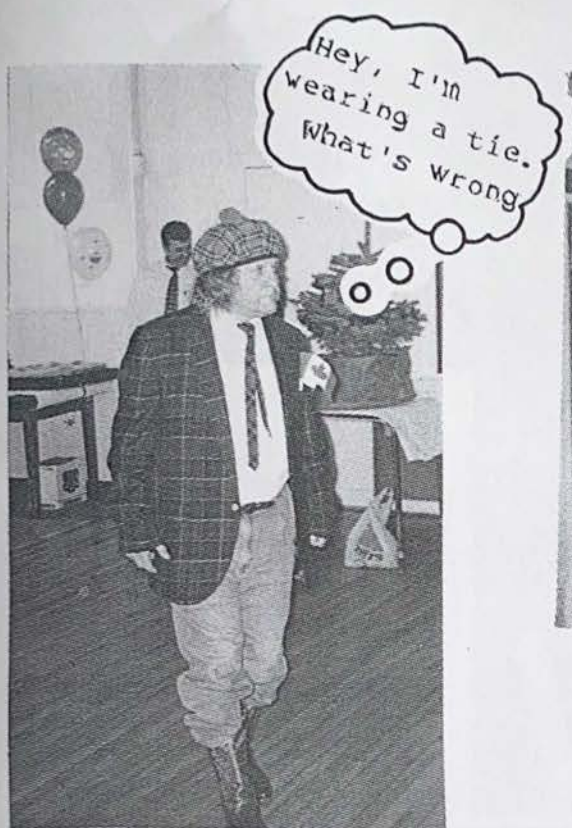
Some walked  
Some rolled

Some did donuts



Some acted as guides for the out-of-towners

We welcomed many new members to our club this year. Those who have been members for awhile share their histories with us during classification talks.



Annual Joint Club Meeting

This year's joint club meeting took place in Aurora with the Alliston club hosting. Joan Hayward presided over an enjoyable evening. Entertainment was provided by the local high school band. We enjoyed the humour of Mike McManus (a fellow Rotarian) over coffee.



Polio Plus gala at the Sheraton East - Toronto

1996 Shopping Spree  
submitted by Ed Zelinski

Another successful shopping spree was held this November/December with the draw taking place at the club on December 9, 1996. The following winners were announced: 1st prize- \$750.00 (at Zehr's) to Gwen Allen of New Lowell, 2nd prize- \$300.00 (at I.G.A.) to Shirley True of Alliston and 3rd prize- \$100.00 (at Canadian Tire) to Jean Leighton of Mansfield. Winning tickets were sold by George Emmerson, John Morris and Jim James.

We sold 80 more books this year with the proceeds of \$4,579.65 this is an increase of \$280.00 over last year. Forty-eight members were involved in the selling of tickets. Les Farquharson was once again our biggest seller with 287 books, approximately 200 more than the next closet seller. Congratulations Les!! What would we do without him.

Proceeds from the sale were donated to Stevenson Memorial Hospital for the purchase of two wheel chairs (\$1200.00) and a blood/fluid warmer (\$3092.00). Grateful appreciation was expressed by the administrative staff.

I thought you said you were going to bring your mini-t.v. so we could watch "Aida".

I am sure I put it in my bag. Let me have a look again.



District Governor

Ralph Jones and his wife Carol  
visit our club





Paul Harris Fellows

This year's recipients Dale Hunter, Alf Dumont and Ken Inkster pose with Margaret Blakely at our annual Elgin Blakely Rural Urban Night.



Betty Preece poses with President Joan Hayward. Betty was also the happy recipient of this much honoured award.

Elgin Blakely Award

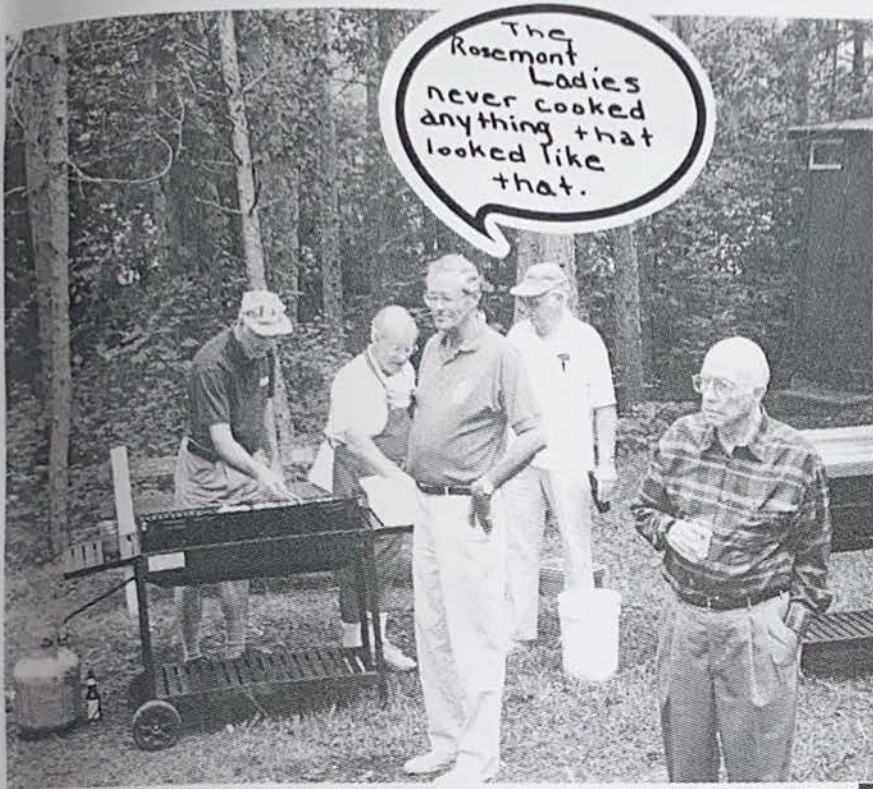
This award is presented to the citizen who best exemplifies "service above self" in our community. This year's honouree was Les Farquharson. Margaret Blakely, who presented the award, was introduced by Past-President Art Kovats.



The Many Faces of Rotary

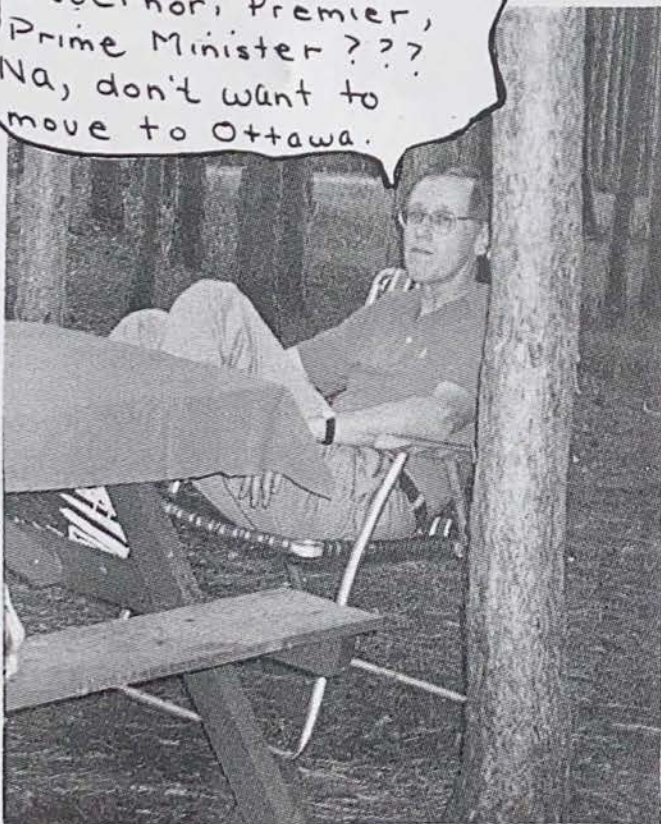






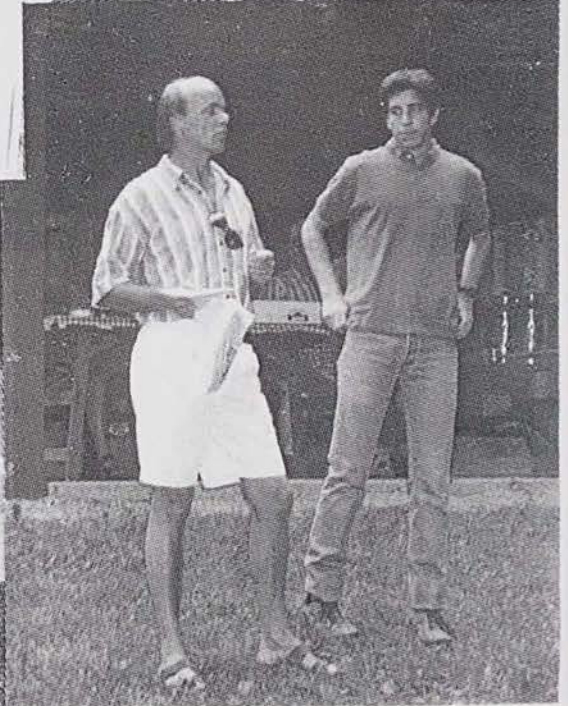
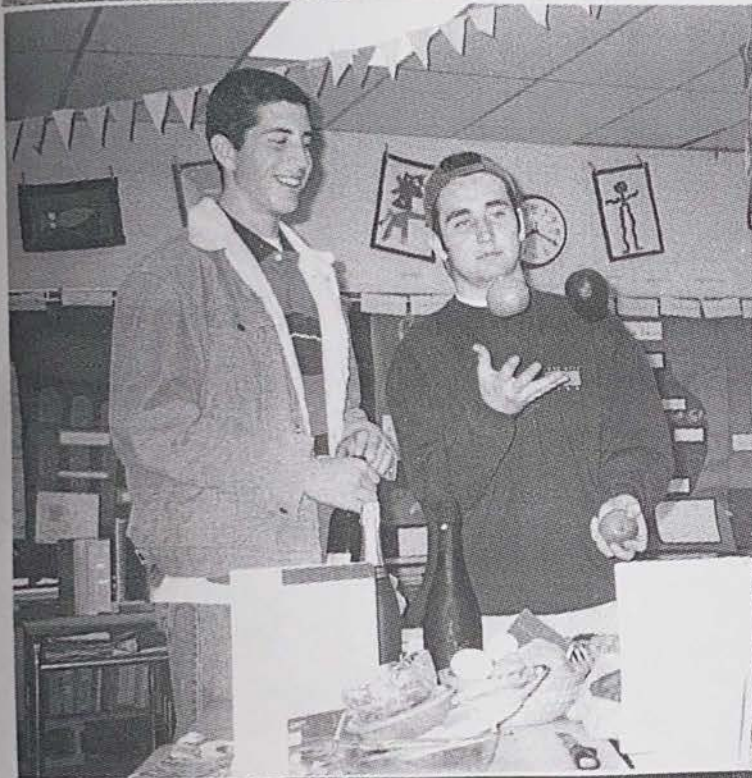
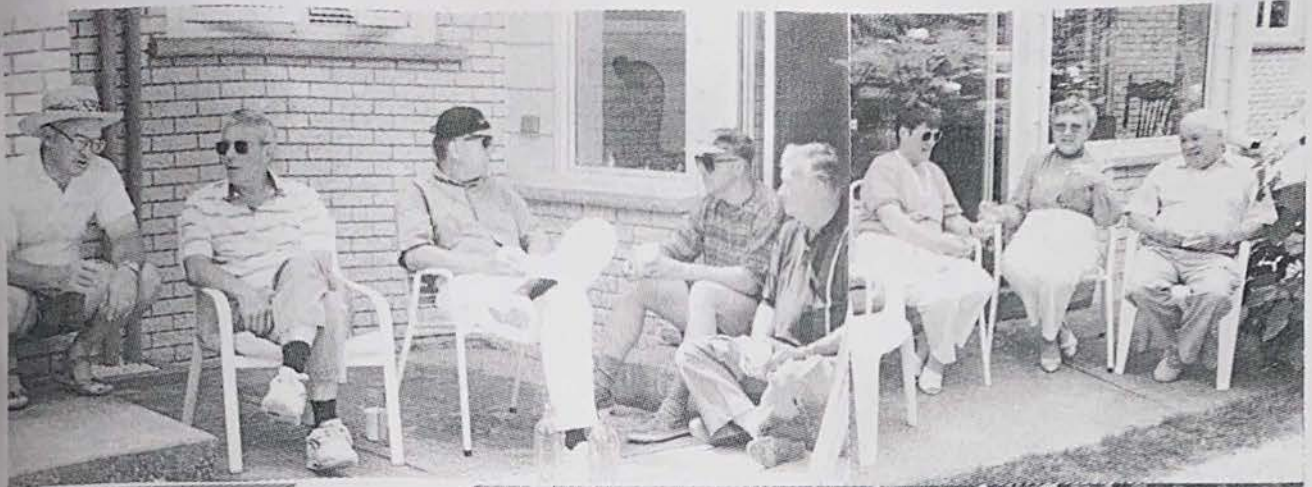


President, District  
Governor, Premier,  
Prime Minister ???  
Na, don't want to  
move to Ottawa.



Yo Jay, you  
said summer  
dress, right?  
Well, this is my  
summer dress.





Youth Exchange



Monica deSavoie  
(outbound)  
Brittany 1995-96



Tracy (Cornish) and husband Steve  
Evans (inbound) Australia 1984



Matt Edwards (outbound-Beeton Club)  
Argentina 95-96 shares his trip with us



David Rubio  
(inbound) Spain 1996-97



Stephane Hamelrykcx  
(inbound) Belgium 1995-96

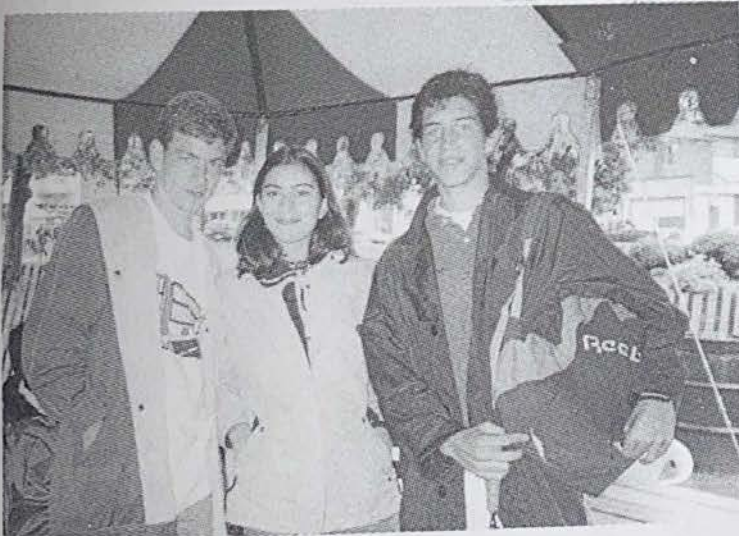
## President's Walk

This year's walk took place in Port Hope.

Here are some of the eager "ducks" from our club.



After a long 10k, rest, food and friends were gratefully appreciated.



The Alliston Club won the trophy, once again! We will host the walk on September 27.

Our exchange student, David Rubio, with other exchange students.

Not to worry, Mom. Next year when we're the first  
family we'll have "our people" take care of this !!

