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28TH ANNUAL
Sport Volunteer
Appreciation Banquet

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MAYOR OF HAMILTON

GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR OF HAMILTON

Welcome to the 28th Annual Sport Volunteer Appreciation Banquet!

On Behalf of the City of Hamilton, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 28th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet.

I would like to extend my best wishes and appreciation to all of our Sport Community Volunteers. You are vital in the development of our athletes, teams, and organizations that will represent the future of sport in Hamilton. Your hard work and tireless efforts are greatly appreciated.

Tonight we celebrate you, the volunteers, coaches, officials and administrators. We thank you for your dedication to the Hamilton sport community. It is your hard work and dedication that make these events possible, beneficial, and lots of fun. We thank you for your continuing contribution to sport development.

Among the many richly deserved honours to be shared tonight, I would like to recognize this year's "Hero Banner" recipients Bobby Croft and Al Craig for their many years of outstanding commitment to amateur sport. I applaud all of our worthy sport volunteers and I hope this 28th Annual Sport Volunteer Appreciation Banquet will be a memorable one for all in attendance.

Thank you again to all of you who do so much to make community sport in Hamilton a positive experience for all.

Sincerely,

Robert Bratina
Mayor

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Welcome to the 28th Annual Sport Volunteer Appreciation Banquet. The contributions of our sport volunteers are of paramount importance to our very passionate sport community. Once again, the Recreation Division, of the Community and Emergency Services Department, is pleased to host the 28th Annual Sport Volunteer Appreciation Banquet event which focuses on celebrating and recognizing the accomplishments and contributions made both on and off the field of play, by the many volunteers in the sport community.

This event also provides community sports groups the opportunity to honour some of their key volunteers within their organizations and local sport community who give so freely of themselves. We know that the City of Hamilton is recognized as a leader across the country in terms of volunteerism which will be well recognized by visitors to our city during the 2015 Pan/Para Pan American Games.

I applaud all of you who give up your own free time to help make someone else's sporting experience a positive one. Your contributions are valuable, well appreciated and instrumental to sport and to our community.

The quality of the sport volunteers in our city gives us all confidence that our athletes are in good hands as we look forward to another successful sporting year.

Continued Success to all!

Sincerely,

Joe-Anne Priel
General Manager
Community & Emergency Services Department



Helen Downey, Sport Hamilton
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Welcome to the 28th Annual Hamilton Sports Volunteer Appreciation Awards. This evening we will have the opportunity to recognize and celebrate the genuine commitment of many hard working individuals in our community who believe in the value of sport and volunteer for the benefit of others. It is encouraging and motivating to see so many individuals who are passionate about sport and share it with others. It makes Hamilton a strong and successful sports community.

Hamilton has been called the volunteer capital of Canada with the highest number of volunteers per capita in a variety of sectors. The Hamilton sport community has been blessed with hundreds of volunteers who make a world of difference taking on roles such as coaches, convenors, trainers, players, equipment managers, officials, executive members, and fundraisers. Thank you to each and every one of you for your valuable and positive contribution.

It is an honour to have our guest speaker Mr. John Herdman, Head Coach of the Canadian Women's Soccer team who not only won the heart and minds of Canadians, but the Olympic bronze medal in London in 2012 and Pan Am gold medal in 2011. I know you will be inspired when you witness his enthusiasm, energy and hear his secret formula for success in sport and in life.

SportHamilton is very proud to be part of this annual event, in partnership with the City of Hamilton, Community and Emergency Services, Recreation Division. On behalf of the SportHamilton Board of Directors, I would like to extend sincere congratulations to all the award recipients this evening. You are all very deserving of this recognition for your tremendous accomplishments. Wishing you all continued success.

Sincerely Yours in Sport,

Helen Downey
President, SportHamilton

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PROGRAMME

GREETINGS

Welcome by Al Craig - Master of Ceremonies

Greetings from Mayor Robert Bratina
Mayor of the City of Hamilton

Greetings from Joe-Anne Priel,
General Manager of Community & Emergency Services

NATIONAL ANTHEM

AWARDS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Hamilton Hero Banner Induction

Ray Lewis Community Service Award

Dr. Gene Sutton Club Excellence Award

Ron Foxcroft Fair Play Award

Dr. Ray Johnson Coach of the Year Award

Keynote Address – John Herdman,
Head Coach Canada's Women National Soccer Team

Distinguished Youth Sport Volunteer Award

Pearson-Dunn Insurance Inc. Distinguished Sport Volunteer Awards

United Trophy Volunteer of the Year Award

MAJOR AWARDS

RAY LEWIS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Presented in the adult category to an outstanding Hamilton athlete who has excelled in sport and has also made a significant contribution to the Hamilton community.

DR. GENE SUTTON CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Dr. Gene Sutton Club Excellence Award was established by the City of Hamilton in 2010 to recognize a model sports or recreation organization that provides quality youth programming, promotes healthy living, exemplifies respect for sport and fair play, and is a role model for youth in the Hamilton community. The award is named after Dr. Gene Sutton who was dedicated to quality amateur sport in Hamilton. Dr. Sutton was an advocate for providing a safe, healthy, and fun environment for youth in sport and encouraged sportsmanship and fair play.

RON FOXCROFT FAIR PLAY AWARD

Presented to an official who has demonstrated tremendous dedication to the principles of fair play and played a leadership role in the development of sport officials.

DR. RAY JOHNSON COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

Presented to an individual who best exemplifies the attributes that contribute to quality coaching.

YOUTH SPORT VOLUNTEER AWARD

The future of our community lies in the hands of our youth. This award is presented to a youth who is involved in volunteering, coaching, officiating or organizing sporting opportunities in Hamilton. This individual displays good sportsmanship, promotes fair play, encourages participation, provides a fun experience for all and represents the Hamilton community with integrity and pride.

PEARSON-DUNN INSURANCE INC. DISTINGUISHED SPORT VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Presented to individuals nominated for a minimum of a 10-year contribution to sport in the community; can only win once; nominees are screened for potential as candidates for other awards.

UNITED TROPHY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Presented to an individual who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment as an active volunteer in amateur sport over an extended period of time; may be a previous winner of a distinguished sport volunteer award.

DISTINGUISHED SPORTS VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNERS

DAVE BALCOMB

*Hamilton Minor Football, Hamilton
Ironman, Glendale SS*

JOHN BERTLING

*Hamilton Hawks, Hamilton Hub,
Stoney Creek Girls Hockey*

ROBERT BORTOLOTTI

East Hamilton Slo-Pitch

SAM CARUSO

Flag Football, Basketball

NANCY CASTURA

*Mountain Athletic Club,
Mountain Volleyball Club*

TERRI CAYUGA

*Hamilton Olde Sports
Slo-Pitch Association*

PHIL COSTANTINI

*Steel City Football, Steel City
Patriots, HWDSB*

PAT DAVIDSON

*Hamilton Olde Sports
Slo-Pitch Association*

BRUCE DOIDGE

Ancaster Hockey

FRANK FALCONE

Football, Baseball, HWCD SB

TED FORDE

Track and Field

KEVIN GONCI

91st Highlanders Athletic Association

JOHN HAEFELE

*Hamilton Minor Football,
Rosedale Hockey, OBA,
Hamilton Wildcats Basketball*

JOANNE HALEY

Scott Park Softball Association

PENNY LEFEBOUR

Mount Hamilton Soccer, HWSL

JAMIE LEWIS

*Dundas Little League,
Dundas Minor Hockey*

LINDA LISTER

Special Olympics, Curling, 5Pin Bowling

ANTHONY MACALUSO

*Saltfleet Soccer, Hamilton Ironmen,
Hamilton Hurricanes,
Cardinal Newman SS Hockey*

TERRY MORGAN

*Ancaster Avalanche Hockey,
Dundas Little League Baseball,
Hamilton Hub*

LINDA MUDIE

*Hamilton Olde
Slo-Pitch Association,
Glanbrook Little League*

NOEL JONES

*Coronation Minor Hockey,
West Hamilton Soccer*

GEORGE PALIOS

Sparta Soccer

DAVE PUSKAS

Ancaster Ladies 3 Pitch

ROSS RANSOM

*Scott Park Minor Hockey
Scott Park Baseball Association*

JOHN TALLACH

Hamilton Veterans Dart League

GEORGE WALLACE

Stoney Creek Minor Hockey

SCOTT WELDON

*Lawfield Minor Hockey,
Mount Hamilton Youth Soccer*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: JOHN HERDMAN



John Herdman, Visionary Coach
Coach: Canadian Women's Soccer
Hometown: Consett, England

Career Highlights:

2012 Olympic Bronze Medal
Coach, Canadian Women's Team

2011 Pan Am Games Gold Medal
Coach, Canadian Women's Team

2011 and 2007 FIFA World Cups
Coach, New Zealand Women's Team

John Herdman took a team once called a “struggling squad” to one that captured the hearts and minds of Canadians when they won the bronze medal at the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London and was a nominee for the 2012 FIFA Coach of the Year Award.

Under Herdman's leadership, the Canadian Woman's team also took a gold medal at the 2011 Pan Am Games in Mexico - the first Pan Am gold in Canadian soccer history.

Prior to working with the Canadian team, Herdman served as head coach of the New Zealand Women's National Football team. Herdman coached that team at the FIFA Women's World Cup in 2007 and 2011, and at the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing. Herdman also held the position of New Zealand's Director of Football Development.



2014 HAMILTON HERO BANNER INDUCTEES

BOBBY CROFT

Bobby Croft, "the Gentle Giant" was a local basketball legend in the Hamilton community. Bobby was standout basketball player and the key to the Hill Park School OFSAA gold in 1965 and a member of the Canadian Men's National team while in high school. He was the first Canadian basketball player to earn a scholarship to an American University, the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, where he was a member of the "Big Orange". At 6'10" and 200 lbs he was the big man with the soft hands who could shoot the lights out. He was drafted by the Boston Celtics in 1970, however chose to play in the American Basketball Association with the Kentucky Colonels and later traded to the Texas Chaparrals.

Bobby was an incredible role model to many young basketball players in Hamilton. He coached for many years at Academie Catholique Mere Terese (ACMT), Blessed Sacrament Basketball Club, helped organize the annual Silver Fox Basketball tournament and most recently was an assistant coach at Redeemer University with the Men's Basketball team. Bobby loved the game of basketball and enjoyed giving back to the game by helping develop young players.

Bobby passed away March 23, 2014 at the age of 68 and will be greatly missed by the Hamilton community.

AL CRAIG

Although Al was born in and raised in Toronto and resides in Grimsby, Hamilton is a home to Al since he has contributed to so much in promoting all sports in the City of Hamilton in the last thirty five years. As the Sports Director at CHML for twenty-three years and the voice of the Hamilton Bulldogs Hockey team for the past twelve years, he is the one of the most recognized personalities when it comes to sports in the Hamilton community.

Al has long volunteered in the sports community promoting both amateur and professional sports. Al has been a member of the Golden Horseshoe Athlete of the Year Committee for the past fourteen years, served on the SportHamilton Board of Directors since 2003 and has been a member of the Hamilton Sports Hall of Fame for the past five years.

Al has tremendous knowledge and experience from all of his various jobs that have taken him many places, from Toronto to Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Timmins, Pembroke and eventually Hamilton where we have been so fortunate to know and appreciate him. His leadership and mentorship is greatly appreciated by all whom work and volunteer with Al.

HAMILTON HERO PAST BANNER RECIPIENTS

Dave Andreychuk

David Braley

Barb Bunkowsky

Dr. John Byl

Cecelia Carter-Smith

Bernie Custis

Gordon Dickson

Ron Foxcroft

Chelsea Gotell

David Hart

Frank Hayden

Garney Henley

*Violet (Smith) Histed

Harry Howell

Cindy Ishoy

Russ Jackson

Don Knight

Bob Krouse

Mel LaForme

George Larson

"Rapid Ray" Lewis

Joanne Malar

Bev Mallory

Irene McDonald

*Audrey (Dearnly) McLaughlan

Steve Mitruk

Al Morrow

Angelo Mosca

Sue Palmer-Komar

Jack Pelech

Russ Prior

Therese Quigley

Pat Quinn

M.M. Robinson

Vinnie Ryan

Paula Schnurr

*Betty (White) Stanley

Dr. Gene Sutton

Melissa Tancredi

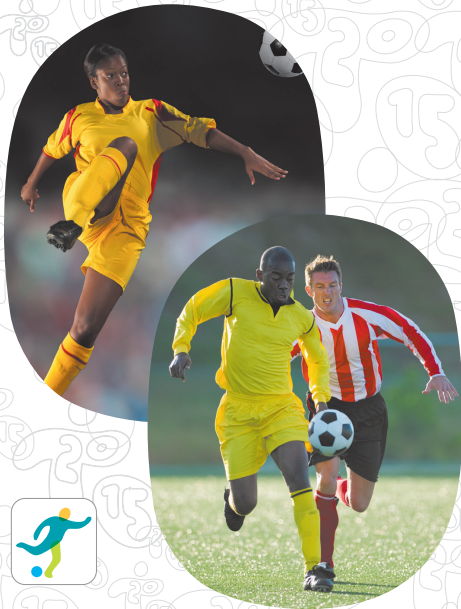
Leslie Taylor

Jimmy Thompson

Joe Young

**Same Banner*

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