

## **Clr. Russ Powers' column for June 27 edition of Dundas Star News**

Best wishes and eternal thanks are extended to Mrs. Dorothy Laird on her retirement as President of the Dundas Senior Citizens Club at their recent AGM. Dorothy served as President for sixteen years and built its membership up to 300+. She was recognized for her efforts with presentation of the Canada 125 Medal and being named as the Hamilton Senior Citizen of the Year. Her legacy will live on through her commitment to the establishment of the Rotary Cattel Seniors Centre. Incoming President, Ken Sheppard and his new executive have assumed the reins.

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Our community recently lost two penultimate volunteers with the recent passing of Jack Pelech, a local lawyer who was the guiding force behind the Canada Games and helped to bring the '03 World Cycling Championships to Hamilton. He was Hamilton's Citizen of the Year in 1987 and received the Order of Canada in 2006 and Agnes Tassie, a journalist and reporter for Dundas newspapers over the years. Miss Tassie had a frequent presence at and involvement with the Dundas Museum & Archives and a passion for Dundas.

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Rejuvenation of the Old Dundas Town Hall continues with completion expected by early August (weather permitting). Work in the Dundas Driving Park is on schedule with construction of the Dundas Sunrise Rotary Club's Skating Rink planned to start in September with skating planned for this December (all donations are welcome).

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Celebrate July 1<sup>st</sup> - Canada Day by bringing your family and reconnect with friends and acquaintances at the Rotary Club of Dundas' Annual Pancake Breakfast from 8:30 – 11am in the Dundas Driving Park. Cost is \$7/adult, \$4/child and \$20 for an entire family. When you're finished in the DDP, then head up to Webster's Falls Park for the Greensville Optimist Club's Canada Day Picnic from 10am – 4pm for more family fun.

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Don't be surprised if you hear Dundas' bells tolling at 11am on Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Community of Dundas will join numerous others in celebrating the arrival of Samuel de Champlain in Lower Canada in 1608 and marking the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of Quebec City. During that day, the Downtown Dundas BIA is planning a number of activities and presenting culinary delights with a French twist in tribute to our neighbours to the east of us.

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Dundas Community Council meetings are now officially in summer recess until Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> however special meetings are contemplated to respond to the planned closure of the Dundas Star News (Oct '08), the Dundas Post Office (July '09) and the proposed closure of the adult Emergency Department at MUMC.