

John Davidson remembered

Councillor, businessman, Rotarian and friend

By Richard Whitehead

He came into our lives quietly with determination, poise, and confidence. He left us with dignity, courage, and grace.

I knew John Davidson for more than 30 years as a businessman, Rotarian, councillor, family man, and most importantly as a friend.

My first memories of John were in his hardware store in downtown Bolton.

Kate was about four at the time and she used to

quietly steer me into the store to look at the Cabbage Patch dolls. She would wait patiently for "Mr. Davidson" to come along and show her the newest arrival. They would share a few moments together in her world and she knew that he really cared. Kate has always called John "Mr. Davidson" as a sign of her respect for him.

A few weeks ago, John phoned the house and told Ruthe, in his halting and

weak voice, that he had just come back from Headwaters Hospital being treated for a sprained ankle. He was sitting there waiting and along came the emergency doctor who said to him quietly, "Well Mr. Davidson what have you done to yourself?" There they were again sharing a few moments in Kate's world just like the old days in the store.

With all his pain and with all his struggle with A.L.S., he still took the time to tell Ruthe how thrilled he was to have Kate as his doctor.

This was John Davidson in every way. He cared about others. He cared about his community. He cared about his family and he cared enough to make a difference.

Through the years, I

frequently found John at my side. If there was a job to be done, John would be there. If there was somebody to be helped, John would be there. He was the quiet voice and the quiet leader. His relaxed and laid-back style disguised the man of constant energy and strong commitment.

John and I served six years together as councillors in Caledon for Albion and Caledon East. He worked many hours at his job and then would spend the evenings serving his constituents. He never complained, never lost his temper, and never failed to give good advice.

John and Ann always worked together. See one and you would see the other. Their love and partnership was an inspiration to us all.

I can still see John whenever we would reach a turning in the road of our life journey. He would stand there with his head tilted to one side, his hands spread apart a little, and with that calm little smile on his face saying, "Well that's it then. Where do we go from here?"

Well, that's it John.

We will have to go on

without you now but you'll still be there. Your spirit, your drive, and your leadership will be our inspiration and our guide. When it doesn't quite work out, we will still be able to see you standing over to one side with your head tilted to

one side, your hands spread apart, and that little smile that means, "Pick up the pieces and try again. It will work out the next time."

Good bye John, old friend. We'll see you around the next corner.

Volunteers sought in April

Every April during Daffodil Month, the Canadian Cancer Society relies on tens of thousands of volunteers to canvass their neighbourhoods to help raise money in the fight against cancer. To make this year's door-to-door campaign a success, we're challenging the residents of Caledon and Bolton to walk their block and join the Canadian Cancer Society as volunteer canvassers.

It's estimated that 2 out of 5 Canadians will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. But, by donating just a few hours of time, residents of Caledon and Bolton can help change this statistic and bring hope to people living with cancer in our community. Canvassing is also a great way to build our community's spirit, get re-acquainted with old neighbours and meet new ones.

The money raised during Daffodil Month helps the Canadian Cancer Society assist people affected with cancer in our community by:

- * Providing more than 8,600 trips to cancer treatments.
- * Offering community support services to people living with cancer, their family members and friends.
- * Helping the Canadian Cancer Society fund leading-edge Canadian Cancer research.
- * Providing extensive and reliable information on all types of cancer.

To become a volunteer door-to-door canvasser, please call Sherry Teeter at 1 866 711-0111 ext. 28. You can be a face in the fight against cancer.

ASSOCIATED GOSPEL CHURCHES

ALBION HILLS BIBLE CHURCH
17243 The Gore Road, Palgrave

Sunday Services
9:45 am Bible study
11 am Worship

Member of the AGC
Associated Gospel Churches

905-880-8683
www.albionhillsbiblechurch.org

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ANGLICAN

CHRIST CHURCH BOLTON
Rev. Canon Gregory Symmes
22 Nancy Street, 905-857-0433

Sunday worship, 8 & 10 a.m.

Church school & nursery 10 a.m.

MONO PARISH
Rev. Barbara Hammond
St. John's, Mono Mills 10:30 a.m.
St. James, Hockley 9:00 a.m.

BAPTIST

CALEDON HILLS FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
16591 Airport Rd. in Caledon East

Meeting at our new building north of Caledon East across from the Caledon Inn

Sunday: Worship & KidsChurch 10:30 a.m.

Weekly: Home Bible Studies, Ladies' Coffee Hour, Youth Group (Gr. 9 & up)

Tuesday Nights: AWANA (kids program ages 3-11 6:45 p.m.-8:15 p.m.)

For more information please phone
Pastor Bill Henderson
905-584-9525
Website: www.chfbc.ca

*We're on Mount Wolfe Rd.
1 km south of Hwy. #9
2 km north of Old Church Rd.*

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer 7:30 p.m.
(Call for location)

Pastor Marino Vereecke
905-936-3786

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

Bolton Alliance Church
Meeting at Rotary Place (Caledon Seniors Centre)
7 Rotarian Way, Bolton

Sunday Services at 10:30 AM

Sunday Morning Children's Program

Weekday Home Groups

"Devoted to Christ and Making Him Known One Person at a Time"

Call 905-951-1051
Visit: www.boltonalliancechurch.org

2007 Soccer Camp: July 9-13
2007 Arts Camp: August 7-10

Call or visit our website for info and registration forms

NEW COVENANT

THE JESUS PEOPLE
Acts 2 Verse 37-38
EVERY SUNDAY 11 a.m.
15 King St. E.

HOLY SPIRIT MINISTRIES

PENTECOSTAL

BOLTON PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
at the Albion Bolton Community Centre (upstairs)

Celebration Service
10:30 a.m.
Join us for our morning service and a cup of coffee

Nursery & Children's Programs

Visitors always welcome!

Tuesday Family Night 7:30 p.m.
Kids' Club (Kind. - Gr. 5)
Jr. High & Youth
Adult Life Group

Wednesday 1:00 - 2:00
Free "New Moms Group", open to any new moms with babies 6 to 12 months of age.
Please call 905-533-0105 to register.

For more information call
Pastor Kevin Parks
905-857-7424

"A church in the heart of the community with the community at heart."

Church Directory

PRESBYTERIAN

CAVEN CHURCH
110 King St. W., Bolton
Rev. Jeremy Lowther
Church: 905-857-2419

Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Nursery

The Friendly Church with A Mission
www.caven-life.org

UNITED

BOLTON UNITED CHURCH
8 Nancy Street, Bolton
905-857-2615
Rev. Donald White
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Fellowship time
Church School & Nursery
All Welcome!
www.boltonunitedchurch.com

ROMAN CATHOLIC

ST. CORNELIUS CHURCH
Kennedy Road (north of the Grange)
Caledon

Mass: Sunday 8:30 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH ALBION
16066 Gore Road (north of Old Church Road)
Albion

Masses: Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:15 a.m.
11:45 a.m.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

A directory of what is happening in the community

THIS COLUMN IS PROVIDED AS A FREE PUBLIC SERVICE TO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO ANNOUNCE UPCOMING EVENTS. PLEASE CONTACT BETH EARLY-REA AT CALEDON COMMUNITY SERVICES AT 905-584-9460 IF YOU WISH TO HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT PUBLISHED. THE DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

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Meeting of the Caledon Environmental Advisory Committee, 7 pm, at the Caledon Administration Centre, Caledon East. Anyone interested in Town-wide environmental issues is welcome. Call Todd Salter 905-584-2272.

Tops (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter #ON1381 meets every Wed, 7-8 pm, Caledon Central School (Kennedy & Charleston, Caledon Village). This non-profit weight loss group meets to learn about nutrition & exercise. Call Teresa 519-927-3233 or www.tops.org.

Bus Trip to Stage West "Guys and Dolls". Lunch & show. Bus leaves Caledon Seniors Centre, 10 am. \$57/person. For tickets, call 905-951-6114.

Meeting of the Caledon East & District Historical Society, 7:30 pm, in St James Anglican Church Hall (6025 Old Church Rd, Caledon East). Speaker: Karen Lewis will bring "Tales from the Bowles Century Farm". Everyone welcome.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29
"Learn to Run/Walk Clinic" fundraiser to support EWAG Community Services in Erin. For more info, call 519-833-9696 ext 230.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30
"Rave On" 50s & 60s Memories Dance, 8 pm at the Orangeville Fairgrounds. Proceeds to Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County. Tickets \$25/person. For ticket information, call 519-941-1221.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31
Womens Self Defence Workshop, 11:15 am-1:45 pm, at the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness. \$30/person. To register, call 905-857-3313 or 1-800-621-1287.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1
Cheltenham Baptist Church Special Sunday School feature, 9:30 am. Blair Watson, a Christian Magician performs. Call 905-838-3122.

Palm Sunday Service, 10:30 am, at Claude Presbyterian Church (Hwy 10, N of Victoria). Everyone welcome. Call 905-838-3512.

MONDAY, APRIL 2
Bolton Laughter Club meets Mondays, 7-8 pm, in the CCS Classroom, Upper Level Royal Courtyards (18 King St E, Bolton.) Laugh with others for no reason. No fee. No pre-registration. Everyone welcome.

Play Bridge every Monday, 7 pm, at St James Anglican Church, Caledon East. All players from beginners to longtime are welcome to come out and enjoy a friendly game for a "twoonie". Call 905-857-1855.

APRIL 2-8
Two for One Week at Chez Thrift (new location at 301 Queen St S, Bolton). Call 905-857-8121.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4
1st Bolton Scouts Group Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm, at Multivans (40 Nixon Rd, Bolton). All parents welcome. Call 905-857-3188.

Caledon East Seniors Club #588 meet every Wednesday, 1:15 pm, at the Caledon Community Complex, Caledon East. Everyone welcome for an afternoon of friendly euchre and lunch. Call Marjorie 905-584-2691.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5
Ballinafad United Church (14369 Trafalgar Rd) presents "The Gospel According to Saint Mark", 7 pm. A one-man drama which brings the text alive. Everyone welcome. Free-will offering received. Call 905-877-4743.

Maudy Thursday Communion Service, 7:30 pm, at Claude Presbyterian Church (Hwy 10, N of Victoria). Everyone welcome. Call 905-838-3512.

Bolton Banter Toastmasters meet every 1st, 3rd & 5th Thursday at the Albion Bolton Community Centre, Rm E, 7-9 pm. Lose your fear of public speaking and build leadership skills. Everyone welcome. Visit www.boltonbanter.org.

Meeting of the Bolton & District Horticultural Society, 7:15 pm, at the Caledon Centre for Recreation & Wellness, Bolton. Topic: "Container Gardening". Members free; \$3/non-members or \$2/members of other horticultural societies. Call 905-857-1460.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6
Good Friday Service, 10:30 am, at Claude Presbyterian Church (Hwy 10, N of Victoria). Everyone welcome. Call 905-838-3512.

Erin Village Alliance Church Good Friday Service, 10 am, in Erin District High School Gym. Then Youth Rally, 12 noon-11 pm. Bus leaves Erin Centre 2000. Call 519-833-7114.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8
Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 6:45 am, at the Badlands, followed by a Pancake Breakfast at Claude Church, then followed by worship service at 9 am. Everyone welcome. Call 905-838-3512.