



RON LENYK — A 30-YEAR LEGACY

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Community leadership crucial role for publisher

After 30 years in the publishing industry, more than 20 of them spent in the publisher's office on Wolfedale Rd., Ron Lenyk has lost none of the enthusiasm that has become his trademark.

Since his first day as a reporter, when he waded into the chilly, oil-slicked depths of Lake Ontario to retrieve one of dozens of ducks maimed by an oil spill, Lenyk has attacked any story, any community project, any business endeavor with a zeal that far outweighs his diminutive stature.

Unafraid to roll up his sleeves — or his pantlegs — to tackle any task, he has poured his heart and soul into achieving his goals and those of *The Mississauga News* and the community at large.

Nowhere has his commitment to Mississauga been more evident than in his tireless devotion to community efforts.

Through the years, dozens of organizations — and tens of thousands of individuals — in



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others.

"Ron has always seen involvement in the community as an integral role for himself and *The News*," said Director of Editorial Judy Imerson. "He sets an example that's hard to live up to, but harder to ignore."

Mississauga have benefited from his expertise and support. His contributions have assisted such groups as the Mississauga Board of Trade, Credit Valley Hospital, Community Living Mississauga, United Way of Peel Region, Mississauga Clean City Campaign, Junior Achievement of Peel, Christmas Bureau Fund and Mississauga Sports Council, among

His work on behalf of the community has brought him significant recognition; he's been named a Junior Citizen of the Year, and been nominated for an Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship, Vanier Award for Outstanding Canadian and Mississauga Citizen of the Year.

Mississauga West MP Steve Mahoney added his accolades. "Ron Lenyk has been publisher during a very stressful time when newspapers had to be downsized and the industry was changing," he says.

"Through it all, he has kept *The Mississauga News* a cornerstone of the community and it remains an integral part of the Mississauga by providing leadership on a number of issues over those 30 years. He worked tirelessly on any job if it is meant helping Mississauga."

"I should add he has done this in spite of being a lousy tennis player...I couldn't let the



Lenyk was recognized by the Board of Trade for role as a founder of the organization.

opportunity go by to slip that one in," Mahoney adds with a chuckle. "But in all honesty, I have to say Ronnie has done the city proud."

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Mississauga planner and consultant John Rogers says he's, "known Ron through those 30 years and have enjoyed working with him on a number of committees, groups and agencies that have helped build Mississauga.

"By getting involved personally with the community, he has been one of the building blocks of our community," says Rogers.

Dave Gordon, senior executive manager of the Mississauga Board of Trade, recalls Lenyk was one of the founders of the board.

"Ron was there at the beginning and helped start the Board. He has contributed all along the way in assisting the Mississauga Board of Trade reach the position of recognition that it enjoys across the country today," Gordon says.

Nance MacDonald, general manager of Square One Shopping Centre, has known Lenyk for 25 years.

"He's a great guy to work with and always a lot of fun," she says.

"I've sat with Ron on a number of committees and agencies over the years and he was dedicated to seeing each one succeed.

"In many ways he is the heart and soul of the community."