

Photographer is tops

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Fred Loek has added another major award to a long list of honours in a career that now stretches beyond 40 years at *The Mississauga News*.

Loek was named the Photographer of the Year on Friday night at the Ontario Community Newspaper Awards celebration held at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

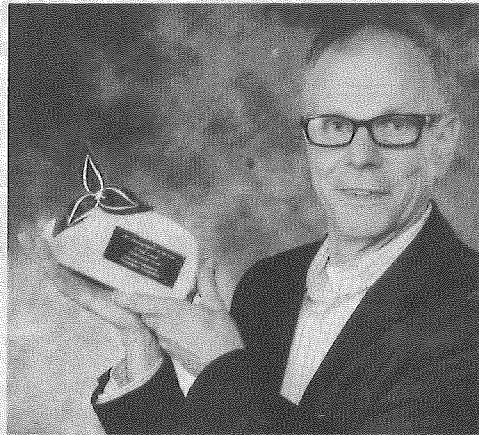
"I'm really pleased to have won," the 63-year-old Clarkson resident said. "I'm fortunate enough to have won awards in different phases throughout my career but it's particularly nice now, when I'm in the final bit of my years at *The News*."

Loek, who began his career as a copy boy at *The Toronto Telegram*, marvelled at the changes in technology he's seen through the years.

Those have brought new challenges, and new rewards.

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shooting a community event and then posting the photos to the newspaper's website (mississauga.com), "it's more fun to head out to the job and know your work is going to see the light of day right away. The immediacy of the work is really good. You have a ready-made platform."

The three photographers from across the province who were named finalists for the award were judged on a variety of submitted photos that demonstrated ability to shoot hard news, sports and community features.

Among the entries shot by Loek was a front-page feature photo of

students at a local elementary school stroking a python and a dramatic photo of an accident on the Queen Elizabeth Way, near Cawthra Rd. It showed the chaos that occurred after a man drove his car through the sound barriers from a sidestreet and out onto the highway, striking several other vehicles.

Crime reporter Louie Rosella also won a first-place OCNA award on Friday for Best News Story, for his coverage of a baby who was shaken to death at a Mississauga home daycare centre. Meanwhile, mississauga.com won third place for Best Community Newspaper Website.