



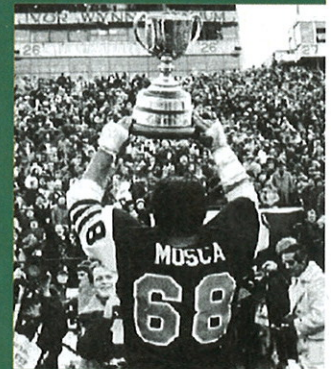
Hamilton

23rd Annual

# City of Hamilton Sport Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Wednesday, June 17, 2009  
Hamilton Convention Centre  
Wentworth Room

*History  
worth  
repeating*



Reuniting the 1972 Grey Cup  
Champion Hamilton Tiger-Cats



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Special Guest, the Legendary  
Jack Lengyel "We Are Marshall"

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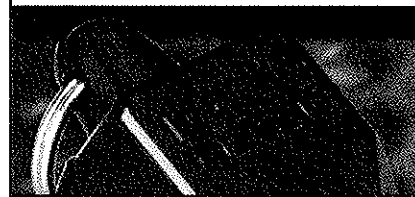


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Fox 40 congratulates each sport volunteer for making a difference in Hamilton sport, especially our dedicated officials who instill the values of fair play and true sportsmanship.

*"Thanks to one and all!"*



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and recognition  
of community  
sport volunteers**

MAYOR FRED EISENBERGER



CITY OF HAMILTON

GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR OF HAMILTON

Welcome to the 23rd Annual  
Volunteer Appreciation Sports Dinner!

The success of our sports program could not be accomplished without all of you who give so generously of your time in coaching, officiating and administering amateur sport programs in our community. It is because of your commitment that so many of Hamilton's youth have the opportunity to participate in sport and to develop as athletes and as individuals, learning skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.

I sincerely appreciate the giving of your time and skills. Your efforts make a difference in the lives of Hamiltonians.

We in the City of Hamilton commend and Thank You!

Sincerely,

Fred Eisenberger  
Mayor

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June 17, 2009

Dear Valued Volunteers:

Tonight is your special night as we celebrate and recognize your achievements and contributions to community sport in the City of Hamilton. Hamilton has been described as the volunteer capital of Canada. This year's sports dinner is very special as we will pay tribute to approximately one thousand community sport volunteers and will also recognize and reunite the 1972 Grey Cup Champion Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

This event is the largest sport volunteer appreciation dinner in all of Canada and exemplifies the dedication and passion that you, as community volunteers, demonstrate each and every day. This year marks the 23rd Annual Sports Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and over that period the City of Hamilton has recognized over 25,000 sport volunteers. Close to one thousand individuals have received distinguished 10 years of service awards for their contributions. I would like to extend our thanks to each and every one of you!

Your volunteerism make this city a great place to live, work and play and as the General Manager of Community Services I look forward to working with you to ensure city facilities and staff support your fine work in the community.

Congratulations to all!

Sincerely,

Joe-Anne Priel,  
General Manager  
Community Services Department





June 17, 2009

This evening's event is a celebration of sport in our community and a recognition of Hamilton's sport volunteers. SportHamilton enthusiastically supports the theme of this year's Sport Volunteer Dinner — "Volunteers Build Champions". The calibre of sport programs in our city is a reflection of thousands of volunteers who provide quality sport experiences for our athletes, coaches and officials. The increasing number of local athletes who qualify each year to attend SportHamilton's Breakfast of Champions demonstrates the excellence achieved by those athletes under your volunteer leadership.

An exciting part of this evening's program is the celebration of our Hamilton Tiger-Cats 1972 Grey Cup Championship Team. This truly is "History Worth Repeating". Congratulations to the members of the 1972 Tiger-Cats who are joining us tonight and thank you for sharing your memories with us.

SportHamilton would like to acknowledge the support we receive for our sport programs and events from the City of Hamilton. A special thank you to Pearson-Dunn Insurance, the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, T. Litzen Sports, the Sheraton Downtown Hotel and Tobacco Free Sports for their ongoing support.

SportHamilton has recently launched a Sport Parent Education on line program in answer to a need identified by many of our local sport organizations. For information on how to enrol your parents in this program at no cost to your organization, please go to our website at [www.sporthamilton.ca](http://www.sporthamilton.ca).

On the evening of Saturday, December 19, 2009 the Canada-wide Olympic Torch Relay will stop at Dundurn Castle for a Hamilton community celebration on the way to Vancouver. This is an opportunity for all Hamiltonians to become a part of the 2010 Olympic Winter Games and to celebrate our rich sport history. SportHamilton encourages you and your families to join us at this very special event.

SportHamilton is pleased to play the lead role in the selection of the Sport Volunteer Awards. We are proud of the impressive list of nominations received this year and extend our congratulations to tonight's award recipients.

Gene Sutton  
President  
SportHamilton

***Sport for all***

# PROGRAMME

## WELCOME AND NATIONAL ANTHEM

### GREETINGS

Mayor Fred Eisenberger, City of Hamilton  
Diane LaPointe-Kay, Director of Recreation, Community Services

### THE PRAYER

### DINNER

Garden Salad, Penne Arrabiata  
Roast Beef, Mediterranean Chicken  
Roasted Potatoes, P.E.I. Mixed Vegetables  
Assorted Rolls, Butter  
Dessert, Coffee, Tea

### MAJOR AWARDS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Presentation of Hamilton Hero Banner and  
Ray Lewis Community Service Award  
Dr. Gene Sutton

### CELEBRITY SPEAKERS:

Angelo Mosca, Bob Krouse, Chuck Ealey

Ron Foxcroft Fair Play Award

Investor's Group Dr. Ray Johnson Coach of the Year Award

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Jack Lengyel

Pearson-Dunn Insurance & Financial Services Inc.  
Most Outstanding Sport Volunteer Awards

United Trophy Volunteer of the Year Award

Tribute to Tonight's Winners

# MAJOR AWARDS

## **RAY LEWIS ATHLETE 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.

## **THE "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.

## **INVESTORS GROUP**

### **RAY JOHNSON COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Newly named after Ray, the award is presented to an individual who best exemplifies the attributes that contribute to quality coaching.

## **PEARSON-DUNN INSURANCE & FINANCIAL SERVICES INC. MOST OUTSTANDING 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.

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### **CITY OF HAMILTON**

Sport Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Event Managers  
Greg Maychak, Supervisor of Sport Development  
Mike Hammond, Sport Liaison  
Amanda Foey, Sport Development

### **SPORTHAMILTON AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Dr. Gene Sutton, President  
Helen Downey, Executive Member



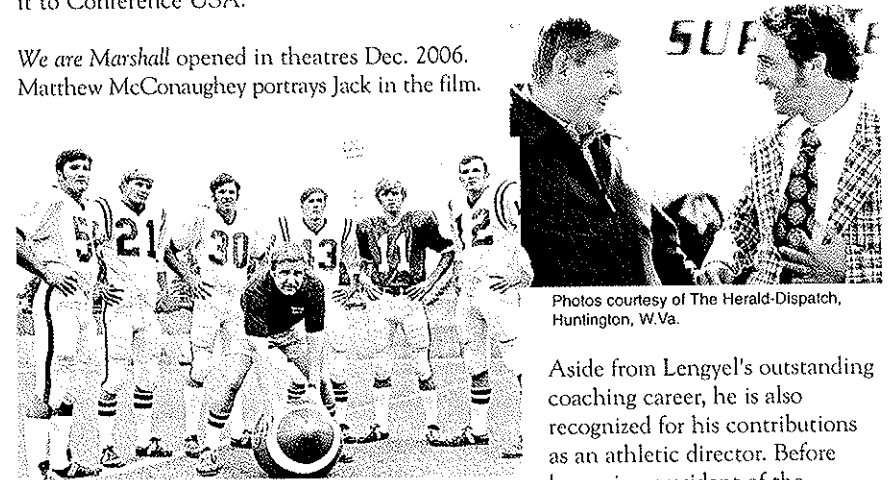
# KEYNOTE SPEAKER

## JACK LENGYEL

On November 14, 1970, an airplane carrying the Marshall University football team and some of the top leaders of Huntington, West Virginia, crashed into the side of a hill killing everyone on board. It is still considered the worst sports accident in U.S. history.

Jack Lengyel was hired as head coach in March the following year. He not only rebuilt a program, he helped a community heal. The Young Thundering Herd, as Lengyel called the team, won the home opener that year. Some called it a miracle. It was one of two victories that season. Lengyel stayed three more trying seasons before resigning. Starting in 1984, the Herd started winning. Marshall went on to dominate the Southern Conference, Mid-American Conference and in 2006 made it to Conference USA.

*We are Marshall* opened in theatres Dec. 2006.  
Matthew McConaughey portrays Jack in the film.



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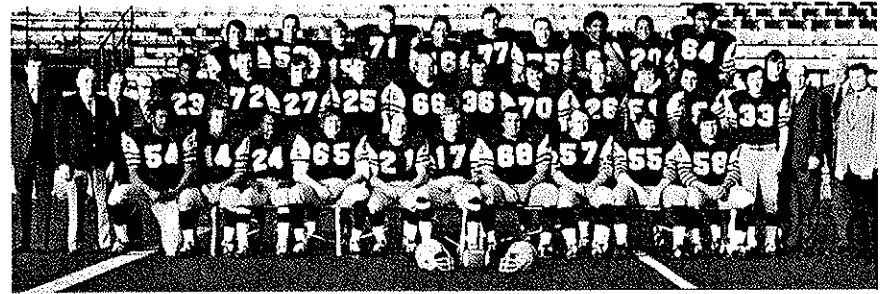
Aside from Lengyel's outstanding coaching career, he is also recognized for his contributions as an athletic director. Before becoming president of the

National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) in 1989, Lengyel served as Director of Athletics for the University of Louisville, University of Missouri, and Fresno State. From 1988 to 2001, Lengyel was athletic director at the United States Naval Academy and currently serves on the Foundation Board of Trustees. The National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame recognized his exceptional athletic director career when they presented him with the prestigious John L. Toner Award in 2005 and the 1997 Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Athletics Award. He also received the Homer Rice and James J. Corbett Awards for a distinguished career and outstanding contributions to intercollegiate athletics.

After his retirement from the U.S. Naval Academy, Lengyel became a consultant for university athletic departments, providing strategic consulting for Towson State University, Texas State University and Northern Arizona State University. Lengyel is currently vice president of business development for XOS Technologies. A graduate of Akron University, he also received a master of education from Kent State University.

# 1972 GREY CUP CHAMPIONS

## HAMILTON TIGER-CATS



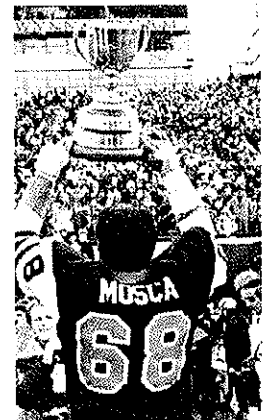
The last time the Ticats won the Grey Cup Championship at home was December 3, 1972. They played in front of one of the largest Grey Cup crowds at Ivor Wynne Stadium. The game was a defensive battle between two outstanding teams: the Hamilton Tiger-Cats and the Saskatchewan Roughriders. Ron Lancaster led the offence for the green Riders while rookie sensation Chuck Ealey led Hamilton.

The Ticats jumped out to a 10-0 lead in the opening quarter. Hamilton's Al Brenner intercepted a pass, setting up Chuck Ealey's 16-yard touchdown pass to Dave Fleming. Later in the quarter, Bob Krouse blocked a Bob Pearce punt to help set up a 27-yard field goal by Ian Sunter. Krouse would partially block another punt later in the game.

The final series of the game was the most dramatic as the Ticats, with less than four minutes on the clock, completed four passes—a clutch catch by CFL Hall of Famer Garney Henley and three by outstanding Canadian Tony Gabriel putting Hamilton in field-goal position. With 51 seconds remaining, Ian Sunter, a 19-year-old rookie place kicker, dramatically concluded the Grey Cup classic in a field goal that split the uprights from 34 yards and led the home team to a 13-10 victory.

The game is considered the single most important game ever played at Ivor Wynne Stadium. The presentation of the Grey Cup included the announcement that #68 Angelo Mosca would retire and the ceremony concluded with Ang and Garney Henley hoisting the Cup celebrating the most memorable game in CFL history in the City of Hamilton. Tonight we celebrate and remember this outstanding achievement and a historic time in our sporting city.

Venue: Ivor Wynne Stadium, Hamilton, Ontario  
Attendance: 33,993  
Winning Coach: Jerry Williams  
Most Valuable Player: Chuck Ealey, QB, Hamilton  
Most Valuable Canadian: Ian Sunter, K, Hamilton





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providing "Sport for All"**



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