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26TH ANNUAL
**Sport Volunteer
Appreciation Banquet**

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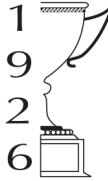


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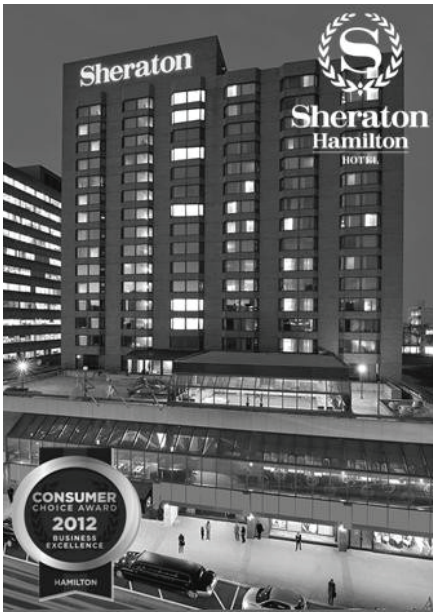
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MAYOR OF HAMILTON

GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR OF HAMILTON

Welcome to the 26th Annual Sport Volunteer Appreciation Banquet!

On behalf of the City of Hamilton, I would like to extend warm greetings to all those in attendance at the 26th Annual Sports Volunteer Appreciation Banquet. I am proud to be able to congratulate our worthy sport volunteers in our city who have devoted countless hours throughout the course of this year. Community sport is not possible without the dedication of volunteers, coaches, officials, and administrators.

Tonight, the City of Hamilton reflects on the year of sport that was and honours the many volunteers who have gave tirelessly of their time and energy to their communities.

We also recognize the accomplishments of those Hamilton athletes who recently competed for Canada at the recent Olympic and Paralympic Summer Games in London. Their participation in those Games have demonstrated how vitally important the role of the volunteer has been in helping them get to the highest levels of international competition.

With so much promise being shown by our young athletes, I call on the volunteers of Hamilton to continue to support and guide these individuals as they follow their dreams. As volunteers you are key in the development of athletes, teams and organizations that will represent the future of sport in Hamilton. This is a legacy that you can be justifiably proud to have left to your community.

Thank you again to all of you who do so much to make community sport in Hamilton what it is today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Bratina".

Robert Bratina
Mayor



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Dear Valued Sport Volunteers:

We are all here tonight to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of so many deserving sport volunteers. Tonight's banquet is the 26th annual event, which in itself is a wonderful accomplishment. This event demonstrates that the community values the contributions that are made, both on and off the field of play, by the many volunteers who often go unnoticed. As the General Manager of Community Services for the City of Hamilton, I am proud to welcome you all to this community event.

I applaud all of you who give up your own free time to help make someone else's sporting experience a positive one. So many times volunteers are overlooked when considering what makes a successful sporting experience. Your contributions are valuable, well appreciated and instrumental to sport and our community.

Tonight, we will be recognizing a number of worthy contributors to amateur sport in Hamilton. The quality of the sport volunteers in our great city gives us all confidence that sport is in good hands as we look forward to another successful sporting year.

Continued Success to all!

Sincerely,

Joe-Anne Priel
General Manager
Community Services Department



Helen Downey, Sport Hamilton
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Welcome to the 26th Annual Hamilton Sports Volunteer Awards. This evening is truly a celebration of sport and a recognition of sport volunteers in the Hamilton community. This years' theme "Volunteers Make a World of Difference" is so fitting, because it is due to the countless quality volunteers in our city who provide the opportunities for development and excellence in sport to happen. Thank you so much for everything you have done and continue to do to make Hamilton a better place!

The calibre of sports programs and experiences in our city are reflected in the many local athletes, coaches and officials who have participated in the recent London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Without a doubt many volunteers have contributed along the way and Hamilton was the humble beginnings of their incredible journey. SportHamilton would like to congratulate our local Olympians and Paralympians for their herculean dedication and outstanding achievements in sport and wish them continued success. We are also very honoured to have Canadian Olympic aerial skier Deidra Dionne be here with us this evening to share her amazing and inspiring experiences.

SportHamilton would also like to acknowledge the City of Hamilton, Community Services, Recreation Division for their continued support and partnership in the many programs and events that we are involved with. A special thank you to United Trophy, Pearson – Dunn Insurance, Sheraton Hotel, Cable 14, Investors Group and Hamilton Public Health Services for their on going support.

SportHamilton is pleased to be working with the Ontario Coaches Association in hosting 2013 Ontario Coaches Conference in Hamilton February 22-24. Please visit sportHamilton.ca for more details as the details are finalized.

Once again, SportHamilton has been part of the Selection Committee for this years' sport volunteers and we are very impressed with the quality of nominations received this year. We extend our congratulations to all of the 2012 award recipients. You certainly do make a world of difference to so many!

Helen Downey
President, SportHamilton

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PROGRAMME

GREETINGS

Welcome by Al Craig - Master of Ceremonies
Greetings from Mayor Bob Bratina
Greetings from Joe-Anne Priel, General Manager
of Community Services
National Anthem

DINNER

Garden Salad *with a balsamic vinaigrette dressing*
Penne Mediterranean *with tomato sauce*
Roast Top Sirloin of Beef
Herb Crusted Chicken Dijon
Roasted Potatoes
Fresh Vegetable Medley
Baked Apple Blossom *with vanilla custard sauce*
Assorted Rolls
Coffee & Tea

AWARDS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Keynote Address - Deidra Dionne, Olympic Bronze Medalist
Dr. Gene Sutton Club Excellence Award
Youth Sport Volunteer Award
Hamilton Olympic and Paralympic Athlete Acknowledgement
Hamilton Hero Banner Induction
Ron Foxcroft Fair Play Award
Investors Group Dr. Ray Johnson Coach of the Year Award
Pearson-Dunn Insurance Inc. Distinguished Sport Volunteer Awards
United Trophy Volunteer of the Year Award

MAJOR AWARDS

DR. GENE SUTTON CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Dr. Gene Sutton Club Excellence Award was established by the City of Hamilton in 2010 to recognize a model sports or recreation organization that provides quality youth programming, promotes healthy living, exemplifies respect for sport and fair play, and is a role model for youth in the Hamilton community. The award is named after Dr. Gene Sutton who was dedicated to quality amateur sport in Hamilton. Dr. Sutton was an advocate for providing a safe, healthy, and fun environment for youth in sport and encouraged sportsmanship and fair play.

RAY LEWIS 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.

YOUTH SPORT VOLUNTEER AWARD

The future of our community lies in the hands of our youth. This award is presented to a youth who is involved in volunteering, coaching, officiating or organizing sporting opportunities in Hamilton. This individual displays good sportsmanship, promotes fair play, encourages participation, provides a fun experience for all and represents the Hamilton community with integrity and pride.

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 DR. RAY JOHNSON COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

Presented to an individual who best exemplifies the attributes that contribute to quality coaching.

PEARSON-DUNN INSURANCE INC. DISTINGUISHED 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.

DISTINGUISHED SPORTS VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNERS

MIKE BAITON

*Hamilton Huskies and The Verve
Skating Academy of Hamilton*

LYNDA CHAPPLE

*Gourley Park Youth
Baseball Head Umpire*

DAN CLARK

*91st Highlanders Athletic
Association Director*

DOUGLAS DANIEL CONNON

*Woman's Fastpitch
Softball Coach*

BILL CURRAN

*Hamilton Ironmen Football and
Stoney Creek Girls Hockey*

LINDA ETTY

*Hamilton Girls Hockey
Association Coach*

SAM HART

*Swimming, Hockey, Cycling,
and Waterpolo Coach*

JEFF JOSEPH

*High School
Basketball Coach*

JOE LACKOVIC

*High School and Community
Volleyball Coach*

JAKE LOMBARDO

*Buchanan Park Minor Sports
Council Umpire and Coach*

MIKE LOSAK

*Mount Hamilton Youth
Soccer Coach*

DUDNIE LYNCH

*Stoney Creek Athletic Club
Volunteer and Official*

PATTI MOORE

*Hamilton Olympic
Club Coach*

TONY MOSCA

*Community Basketball
and Soccer Coach*

MICHAEL PARENTE

*Mount Hamilton
Youth Soccer Coach*

PHYLLIS & RICK REID

*Hamilton Olde Sports Slo-Pitch,
Entertainment Committee*

MIKE REPCHULL

*Hamilton Challenger Baseball
Coach and Board Member*

CHRIS RIDGEWELL

*Community Boys and Girls
Hockey Coach*

ANNE ROCCHI

*Ancaster Skating Club,
CanSkate Administrator*

GEORGE SARAKINIS

*Hamilton Sparta
Soccer Coach*

ANGELO SIMEONIDIS

*Regional Women's Referee
Association President*

BARRY TASKER

*Hamilton Olde Sports Slo-Pitch,
Executive Member*

JIM THORNTON

*Hamilton Wildcats
Basketball Academy Coach*

MARK WU

*Community Sports Clubs
Coach and Administrator*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DEIDRA DIONNE



Deidra spent ten years as a member of the Canadian Aerial Ski team. She burst onto the scene in 1999/2000 when she won World Cup medals in her first two starts and went on to be named the 1999 Freestyle Rookie of the Year and Alberta's Junior Athlete of the Year. Her many athletic achievements include two World Championship bronze medals and the 2002 Olympic

Bronze medal from Salt Lake City. Deidra retired from competitive skiing in October 2009 but will be remembered by her competitors for her tenacious and incredible return to Olympic competition after sustaining a broken neck 5 months prior to the 2006 Turino Olympic Games.

Deidra was raised in Red Deer, AB before finishing her high school at the National Sport School in Calgary. She continued her education and successfully juggled her



athletic training schedule while completing her Bachelor of Arts degree. She is currently enrolled in the common law program at the University of Ottawa.

2012 HAMILTON HERO BANNER INDUCTEE: MELISSA TANCREDI



This award is presented annually to an individual for their outstanding contribution to sport in the Hamilton community, nationally and internationally as an athlete, coach, official or builder. The recipient of this award is someone who through their efforts has highlighted the importance of sport for the City of Hamilton and inspires Hamiltonians to excel in their future sporting endeavors.

This year Canadian Olympian and national woman's soccer team member Melissa Tancredi is being recognized for her achievements. Melissa hails from Ancaster where she began playing soccer at the young age of four. After her time at Cathedral High School Melissa attended the University of Notre Dame where she competed from 2001-2004. Following an All-American season in 2003 with the Irish she became a regular with the Canadian National Team.

Her resume includes a silver medal with Canada at the 2006 CONCACAF Women's Gold Cup, a bronze medal with Canada at the XV Pan American Games Rio 2007, and most recently an Olympic bronze medal with Canada at the London 2012 Women's Olympic Football Tournament.

Melissa is a wonderful inspiration to both young soccer players and athletes from Hamilton. She should be extremely proud of everything she has accomplished during her decorated career. From her humble beginnings in Ancaster to one of Canada's most recognizable soccer figures, we are honoured to be adding Melissa Tancredi's name to the distinguished list of Hamilton Sport Hero Banner recipients.



HAMILTON HERO BANNER RECIPIENTS

Dave Andreychuk

David Braley

Barb Bunkowsky

Dr. John Byl

Cecelia Carter-Smith

Bernie Custis

Gordon Dickson

Ron Foxcroft

Chelsea Gotell

Frank Hayden

Garney Henley

*Violet Histed (Smith)

Harry Howell

Cindy Ishoy

Russ Jackson

Don Knight

Bob Krouse

Mel LaForme

George Larson

"Rapid Ray" Lewis

Joanne Malar

Irene McDonald

*Audrey McLaughlan
(Dearnly)

Al Morrow

Angelo Mosca

Sue Palmer-Komar

Jack Pelech

Russ Prior

Therese Quigley

Pat Quinn

M.M. Robinson

Vinnie Ryan

Paula Schnurr

*Betty Stanley (White)

Dr. Gene Sutton

Leslie Taylor

Jimmy Thompson

Joe Young

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