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27TH ANNUAL
**Sport Volunteer
Appreciation Banquet**

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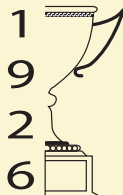


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MAYOR OF HAMILTON

GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR OF HAMILTON

Welcome to the 27th 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 27th 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 would not be possible without the dedication of volunteers, coaches, officials, and administrators.

Tonight, the City of Hamilton reflects on this past year of sport and honours the many volunteers who gave tirelessly of their time and energy to their community.

We also recognize the "Hero Banner" recipient, David Hart, who has proudly represented our City at International events and continues to give back to our community. His accomplishments have demonstrated how vitally important the role of the volunteer has been in helping him 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.

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

Sincerely,

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 27th 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 & Emergency 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 & Emergency Services Department





Helen Downey, Sport Hamilton
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Welcome to the 27th Annual Hamilton Sport Volunteer Appreciation Awards. This evening we will have the opportunity to recognize the tremendous efforts of many outstanding people from the Hamilton community who give their heart and soul for the benefit of others, because of their genuine love for sport.

SportHamilton in partnership with the City of Hamilton, Community and Emergency Services, Recreation Division, is proud to be part of this annual event. Each year, hundreds of volunteers in the Hamilton sport community make a positive and invaluable difference as convenors, coaches, trainers, athletes and officials, among other roles. This year the caliber of sport volunteer nominees from the various clubs and organizations has been outstanding. All are worthy of applause.

It is an honour to have our guest speaker, paralympian, world champion, cancer survivor, and entrepreneur, Jeff Adams grace us with his presence and message. His focus and determination as an athlete and as an individual of character will hopefully inspire us all to live our dreams.

SportHamilton would like to congratulate our Past President Dr. John Byl, Professor of Physical Education at Redeemer University, who this year was awarded a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for "his significant contribution to making physical activity a priority within his community and within Canada."

Please join us as we extend our sincere congratulations to all of this evening's award recipients. SportHamilton in partnership with the City of Hamilton, Community and Emergency Services, Recreation Division hope you continue to be a factor in the success of our athletes in the years to come.

Helen Downey
President, SportHamilton

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PROGRAMME

GREETINGS

Welcome by Al Craig - Master of Ceremonies

Greetings from Joe-Anne Priel, General Manager
of Community & Emergency Services

NATIONAL ANTHEM

AWARDS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Distinguished Youth Sport Volunteer Award

Ray Lewis Community Service Award

Dr. Gene Sutton Club Excellence Award

Ron Foxcroft Fair Play Award

Dr. Ray Johnson Coach of the Year Award

Keynote Address – Jeff Adams, Paralympic Medalist

Hamilton Hero Banner Induction

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.

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

TOM BEREZA

*St. Jean de Brebeuf CSS, Burlington
Legion Track, Monte Cristo Track,*

ROSE BIVIENS

Stoney Creek Athletics

DON CLOWES

Glanbrook Soccer Club

MEIGHAN COLTERJOHN

Hamilton Waterpolo Aquatic Club

NIKKI COULSON

Dundas Girls Softball

GLEN DAVIES

Hamilton Sparta Soccer Club

JOHN DUDZIC

*Hamilton Olde Sports
Slo Pitch Association*

DARREN FAIRFIELD

*Hamilton Girls Hockey Association
Intermediate A*

THERESA GILES

Rosedale Baseball Council

MATT HODGSON

Hamilton Olympic Club

MARGARET HUNTER

Hamilton Women's Hockey League

GARY KAY

*Parkdale Hockey Coaches
Association*

MIKE LEWIS

*Hamilton Girls Hockey Association
Intermediate A*

GEORGE MAHLER

*Hamilton Girls Hockey Association
Intermediate A*

PAT MANCINI

*Hamilton Girls Hockey Association
Intermediate A*

JOHN MYERS

Scott Park Baseball

FRED THOMPSON

*Hamilton Girls Hockey Association
Intermediate A*

DAYLES KNOWLES

Golden Horseshoe Aquatic Club

GEORGE MAURICIO

*St. Lawrence Catholic
Elementary School*

SHIRLEY MCGUIRE

Hamilton Ironmen Football Club

RICK MORTON

*Hamilton Wildcats
Basketball Club, Canusa*

IVAN PASALIC

Hamilton Croatia Soccer Club

RHONA TROTT

Hamilton Olympic Club

JULIA WAGNER

Hamilton Women's Hockey League

ROBERT WILCOX

Steeltown Boxing Club

FLOYD WINDECKER

Hamilton Cyclones



KEYNOTE SPEAKER: JEFF ADAMS



Jeff Adams is no stranger to overcoming challenges.

After surviving cancer in infancy, Jeff faced another obstacle when at just nine years old, the radiation treatment that had ultimately saved his life was found to

have permanently damaged his spinal cord. Jeff found himself having to adapt to a wheelchair, and all of the obstacles that entailed.

Thankfully, Jeff's zest for life along with unwavering support from family and friends, combined to help him through this transition and ensure that Jeff could still participate in the life -- and the sports -- he loved so much prior to his injury.

Jeff competed for Canada in the 1500m wheelchair race from 1988 until his retirement in 2008, competing hundreds of times for the Canadian National Team, as well as on the professional circuit.

Jeff is a two time Commonwealth Games Champion, a three-time Olympian, and a six-time World Champion. Over the course of his career he won 13 Paralympic medals and broke the world record in the 1500m 3 separate times.

Jeff has appeared in television commercials, acted as a global spokesperson for multinational corporations, an adviser to the Minister of Citizenship on accessibility issues, and regularly works as a journalist and commentator.





2013 HAMILTON HERO BANNER INDUCTEE: DAVID HART



David Hart has been an integral part of water polo in Canada since the late 1960s and has contributed to the sport as a club coach, national team coach, referee, volunteer, technical director, NCCP program developer, and mentor coach to many of the sports prominent national team coaches.

David represented Canada at four Olympic Games – in 1972 and 1976 as a player, in 1984 as an assistant coach with the men’s team, and in 2000 as an assistant coach with the women’s team. He is the only Canadian Water Polo personality to have coached with all 6 Canadian National Team programs (Senior Men and Women, Junior Men and Women, Youth Men and Women) and, the only Canadian to have coached a foreign National Team (Head Coach Brazil Women 2002-2003).

In 2000, David became the first and only 4-time Canadian Olympian in water polo during his appearance at the Sydney Games.

In 2001 David created the award-winning “I Love Water Polo (ILWP)” program which was developed to expand the grassroots presence of water polo. In 2009, David and Water Polo Canada expanded the program nationally. In 2011, David became a mentor coach with Water Polo Canada, helping to train the next generation of national team coaches, while also working as a talent ID scout – both domestically and internationally.

David has already been a recipient of many prestige awards including the 2012 Geoff Gowan Life Time Achievement Award presented by the Coaching Association of Canada for lifetime contribution to Coaching Development in Canada and in 2013 he received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal.





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

Melissa Tancredi

Leslie Taylor

Jimmy Thompson

Joe Young

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