

**Clr. Russ Powers' column for the Feb 27th, 2009
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I, along with Trish and Scott wish to thank all of you for your wonderful expressions of sympathy through cards, emails, flowers, donations and personal attendance at the visitation and/or funeral in the recent passing of my wife and their mother, Linda. She fought a courageous battle against her breast cancer over six months and ultimately succumbed to complications associated with the disease.

The Dundas Rotary Skating Rink in the Dundas Driving Park was officially opened on February 7th to a standing-room only crowd (that's because there weren't any chairs). The facility is well used by all ages and thanks are again extended to the Dundas Valley Sunrise Rotary Club for their initiative.

They say that the warm weather is just around the corner (I hope!). Now is the opportunity to register for numerous City of Hamilton Spring recreational courses, camps and lessons. Copies of the "Recreation Guide" are available at all municipal facilities or go online to www.hamilton.ca/rec to get program information. Once you have decided then have four ways to register, namely, register online at www.hamilton.ca/rec, drop-off the form(s) at your local recreation centre, mail it in to the City of Hamilton Recreation Division, P.O. Box 2040, LCD1, Hamilton, ON L8R 2K3 or register in person at the Dundas Lions Memorial Community Centre or the Dundas Community Pool on Tues, March 3rd starting at **6:00 AM**. For further info, call 905.540.5616.

On February 18th, I had the pleasure of hosting the 2nd Annual Hamilton Heritage Recognition Awards in the auditorium of the Dundas Town Hall. The event was extremely well attended with Clare & Shirley Crozier's residence at 36 Melville St and the Richard Hatt Blacksmith Shoppe at 2 Hatt St (an art gallery owned/operated by Andrew Galbreath) being honoured for excellence in heritage preservation.

You have until the end of today to submit your nomination for the "Royal Bank 2008 Citizen of the Year" and/or the "Dundas Valley Collision 2008 Youth Volunteer of the Year" Awards. Further information or nomination forms can be accessed online at www.hamiltonchamber.on.ca. The banquet, hosted by the Dundas Division of the Hamilton Chamber and the Dundas Star News will take place on the evening of Friday, April 24th at the Dundas Valley Golf & Curling Club.

The next Dundas Community Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18th at 7 pm in the Council Chambers of the Dundas Municipal Service Centre, 60 Main St, Dundas.