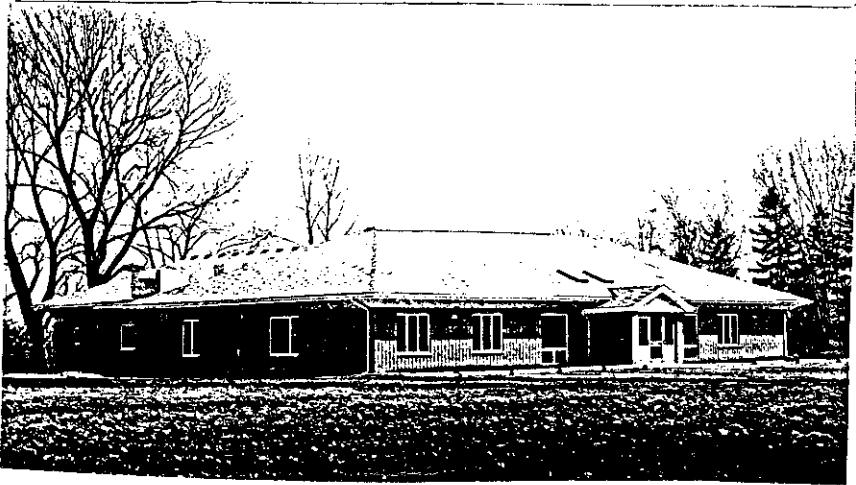


THE LIONS CLUB OF FORT ERIE

WELCOMES YOU TO THE

O F F I C I A L O P E N I N G

OF THE



LIONS

DOUGLAS HEIGHTS

SENIORS CENTRE



SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 1989

THE LIONS DOUGLAS HEIGHTS SENIORS CENTRE

The Lions Club of Fort Erie first began discussions on a major project for this town back in 1982. As a result of the Race Track bingos, through the courtesy of the Ontario Jockey Club, we felt that we were now ready to finance something that would be both needed and a credit to the community. Many different ideas were proposed and it was finalized in the Centre which you see today.

In 1984 the Douglas School and its property became available and, by working with Mayor Hummel and his Council, the property was purchased and the project was on its way.

A special committee of Lions members had been set up and now included two seniors, Mrs. Staddon and Mr. Baxter. Mr. Doug Rapelje's advice was solicited and our architect, Mr. Stan Butcherd, was hired in the latter part of 1984. Input from government agencies, Town officials, Seniors and Lions resulted in many changes but the final result is a community asset of which we can all be very proud.

In order to build the Centre, a new corporation, entirely separate from the Lions Club, had to be formed. It was called the Fort Erie Lions Senior Citizens Complex Incorporated, Ontario Corporation Number 671647 dated September 5, 1986. Letters Patent were received on January 13, 1988 and final approval of by-laws etc. by Club members was given on February 25, 1988. It was necessary for us to obtain legal approval from Lions International headquarters in order to use the name "Lions" in this corporate title.

During 1985 and 1986 all avenues of grants and funding were explored. In this endeavor, we gratefully acknowledge the help of Mr. Ray Haggerty, Mr. Girve Fretz and Mr. Heinz Hummel. The final result, following a meeting with Ms Susan Crocker and Mr. Robert Pond of the Ministry of Community and Social Services (Honourable John Sweeney, Minister) was a decision that the costs of the project be split as follows: 30% for the Ministry, 20% for the Town of Fort Erie and 50% for the Lions Club of Fort Erie. Town approval was received in February 1987 and the Ministry agreed on July 2, 1987. These three, along with a number of local contributors, have covered the costs which now appear to have reached \$804,232.

In the meantime, tenders for construction were called and opened on March 10, 1988. Aldor Builders Limited of Thorold at \$636,950 were accepted as the lowest of six bidders. Final Lions Club approval was given on March 10, 1988 and the ground breaking ceremony was held on April 9, 1988.

The building was completed on November 17, 1988 and opened for the use by the senior citizens groups of Greater Fort Erie. It is owned by the Fort Erie Lions Senior Citizens Complex, Incorporated and administered by a Board of Management made up of Lions and Seniors who, in turn, report to the Corporation's Board of Directors.

We are pleased to have been able to make this fine facility available for the use of the Senior Citizens Clubs of Greater Fort Erie.

T H E P R O G R A M

THE FLAG CEREMONY BY THE 96ers CONCERT CLUB

OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE STORY OF THIS PROJECT

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Mayor John M. Teal

Mr. Ray Haggerty, MPP

Mr. Girve Fretz, MP

Dr. Arthur King, Lions President

Mr. Douglas Detenbeck, Lions Governor

Mr. Alex Mansfield, USCO President

Mrs. M. Goulding, President of 96ers Club

Mrs. A. Staddon, President, Happy Hour Club

Mr. Stan H. Butcherd, Architect

Mr. Frank Schoonings, Aldor Builders Limited

MUSIC BY THE 96ers CONCERT CLUB

THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

THE BLESSING OF THE CENTRE

AN INVITATION TO TOUR THE CENTRE

REFRESHMENTS

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THE LIONS CLUB OF FORT ERIE

Bob Allen	Donald Glenmy	Bill Palmer
Harold Angles	Donald Hall	Bill Pasowysty
Ted Backshall	Bill Harlow	Angus Pegg
Joe Barker	Tom Hazelton	Jack Pickard
Ernie Billau	Dick Helm	Don Powell
Fred Bolton *	Bob Honey	Colin Robertson
Sam Brown	Kelly Jackson	Walt Roessler
John Candeloro *	Reg Julie	Dick Russell
Al Chevalier	Arthur King	Claude Sauder
Jeff Chue	Bob Mann	Bill Shaw
Gordon Colcleugh	Wayne Mills	Bill Smith
Fred DeBruyne	Jim Moore	Des Smith
Doug Detenbeck	Bill Neal	Doug Thorne
Lup Doornekamp	Peter O'Brien	Steve Utvich
Jeff Eggleton		Bruce Warren

* no longer active

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THE LIONS CLUB OF FORT ERIE

AND

THE FORT ERIE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUBS

WISH TO EXPRESS

THEIR VERY SINCERE GRATITUDE

FOR THE MANY ACTS OF KINDNESS

AND THE GENEROUS DONATIONS

THAT HAVE DONE SO MUCH

TO MAKE THE

LIONS DOUGLAS HEIGHTS SENIORS CENTRE

SUCH A PLEASANT SUCCESS.

YOUR GENEROSITY IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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