



2014

VILLAGE REUNION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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2013 AWARD WINNERS



VILLAGER AWARD
TONY LOFARO
(Presented by Richard Zito)



**COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION
AWARD**
BOB SCAINI

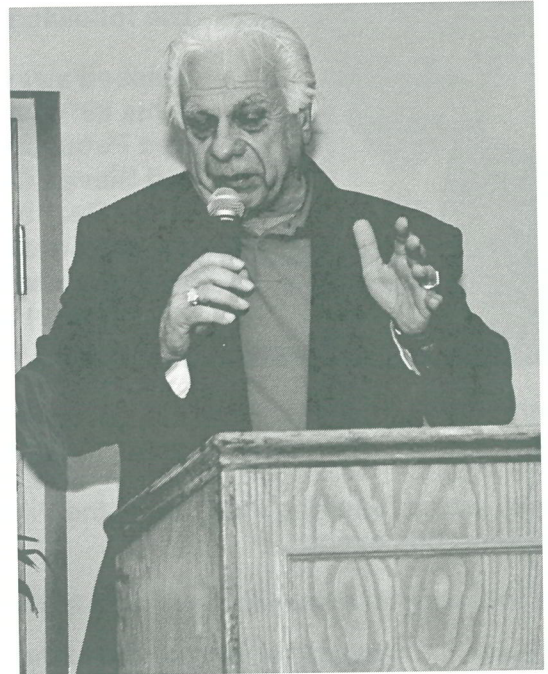


SPORTSMAN AWARD
BOB ABELSON
(Presented by Richard Calagoure)

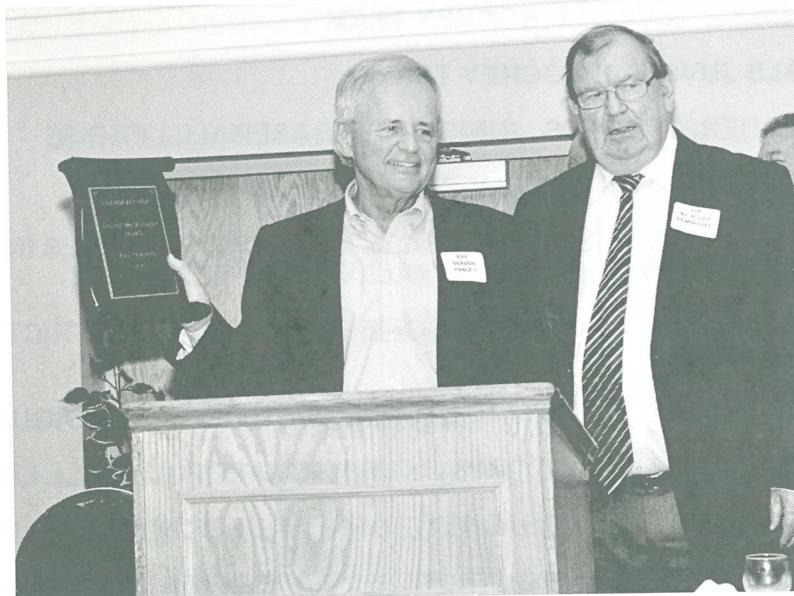
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VILLAGE ATHLETIC AWARD
KEN EVRAIRE
(Presented by Wray King)



2013 GUEST SPEAKER
GARY MICHAELS



SPECIAL PRESENTATION AWARD
RAY VERDON
(Presented by Jim McAuley)

WILFRED (SONNY) CALAGOURE

(Owner – Carastan Carpet)

The following appeared in the *Ottawa Citizen* on July 5, 2014:



“Passed away, with family by his side, on Thursday, June 26, 2014, in his 88th year. Beloved husband of the late Sue Pierrette (nee Paquette) 2004. Loved dad of Kim (Guy Riopelle), Glenn and Steve. Cherished Grandpa Sonny of Natalie, Lisa, Todd and Tyler. Dear brother of Karl (Doris), Richard (Margot) and brother-in-law of Darquise Diane Way. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews and friends. Predeceased by his parents, Wilfred and Rose (nee Girotte) and his sister, Kay “Nice Girl”. A sincere thank you to all who took care of our Dad the past year.”

Sonny Calagoure was much more than A Villager. He epitomized A Villager. He was a successful businessman. He was an athlete. He was proud of his heritage. He was proud of his community.

Sonny was a founding member of the Village Reunion organizing committee. He is missed by all attending this event.

The following is a snapshot of his athletic career.

- 1939-40 DANTE ACADEMY, SENIOR SEPARATE SCHOOL HOCKEY LEAGUE WEST END FINALISTS.
- 1940-41 HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE BANTAM BASKETBALL TEAM
- 1941-42 HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE GYMNASIIC TEAM
HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE MIDGET BASKETBALL TEAM
- 1943-44 HOLLANDERS JUVENILE HOCKEY TEAM
- 1944-45 IMPERIALS JUVENILE HOCKEY TEAM
- 1946 LEFT FIELDER, TROJANS, JUNIOR CITY BASEBALL LEAGUE
- 1947-48 LAKESIDE BOMBERS INTERMEDIATE HOCKEY TEAM
JUNE 3, 1948 REFEREE FOR A SERIES OF BOXING MATCHES IN SMITHS FALLS BETWEEN OTTAWA AND SMITHS FALLS SCRAPPERS.
- 1948-49 PLAYING MANAGER, LAKESIDE BOMBERS, CITY AND DISTRICT INTERMEDIATE HOCKEY CHAMPIONS
- 1949-40 ALMONTE BOMBERS, RIDEAU INTERMEDIATE HOCKEY LEAGUE.
- 1950 HALFBACK, WEST END, OTTAWA INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL LEAGUE
- 1950-51 ALMONTE BOMBERS, RIDEAU INTERMEDIATE HOCKEY LEAGUE
- 1951-52 TOLEDO MERCURYS AND DETROIT HETTICHE, INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE. TEAMMATES AT TOLEDO INCLUDED EARL (PUGGY) O'BRIEN, BILLY LYNN, TOBY DEFALCO AND BOB BAILEY. AT DETROIT, CARL LISCOMBE AND ART SKOV.
- 1952-53 BROCKVILLE MAGEDOMAS, NEW YORK-ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
CARLETON PLACE, INTERMEDIATE VALLEY HOCKEY LEAGUE

- 1953 ROLLED MEN'S HIGH CROSS (736) AND SINGLE (393) IN NEIGHBORHOOD BOWLING LEAGUE.
- 1953-54 SMITHS FALLS RIDEAUS, NEW YORK-ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
ST. ANTHONY'S, ODHA INTERMEDIATE B PLAYDOWNS
- 1954-55 MC AULIFFE GRIMES, IRA HOCKEY LEAGUE, ODHA INTERMEDIATE PLAYDOWNS
- 1955-56 MC AULIFFE-GRIMES, IRA HOCKEY LEAGUE. SCORING CHAMPION AND LEAGUE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER. SCORED 15 GOALS AND 14 ASSISTS IN NINE GAMES.
ST. ANTHONY'S INTERMEDIATES. OTTAWA AND DISTRICT HOCKEY PLAYDOWNS.
- 1956-57 VILLAGE SPORTS CLUB, AYLMER-OTTAWA INTERMEDIATE HOCKEY LEAGUE
- 1957 VICE-PRESIDENT, VILLAGE SPORTS CLUB
- 1957-58 VILLAGE SPORTS CLUB, AYLMER-OTTAWA INTERMEDIATE HOCKEY LEAGUE.
- 1958 BALL SWEEPS WINNER, CLASS C, CHAUDIERE GOLF CLUB.
- 1958-59 COACH, AYLMER SAINTS, AYLMER INTERMEDIATE HOCKEY LEAGUE
- 1959 AT CHAUDIERE GOLF CLUB, TOOK "C" CLASS HONOURS.
- 1963 AT CHAUDIERE GOLF CLUB, 'B' CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS
- 1965 AT CHAUDIERE GOLF CLUB, TOOK "C" CLASS HONOURS.
- 1966 AT CHAUDIERE GOLF CLUB, TOOK "C" CLASS HONOURS
- 1967 VILLAGE SPORTS CLUB ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AT RIDEAU GLEN GOLF CLUB, TOURNAMENT CONVENOR.
- 1968 AMONG QUALIFIERS FOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP AT CEDAR HILL GOLF CLUB
- 1969 AMONG QUALIFIERS AT CEDAR HILL GOLF CLUB, CLASS "B"
- 1972 SECOND NET HONORS "B" CLASS GOLF TOURNAMENT, CEDAR HILL GOLF CLUB.
- 1977 AT CEDAR HILL GOLF CLUB, IN A "HONEY POT" TOURNAMENT, SECOND LOW GROSS WITH JIM OLIVER.



From The Ottawa Journal

Tuesday, May 2, 1950

What You See On the Preston Car Line

Contributed to The Journal by Fred Swayze.

Preston cars have personality. Only streetcars with character roll along Preston Street. Even the venerable rolling stock sent out for the five o'clock rush, old wooden cars trembling in every limb and creaking in every joint, have a certain distinction, if only as curiosities and antiques.

"The Peanut Line" they used to call us in the old days when Preston Street was tough. Rough and tough were the kids who sat at the back of the car, feet stuck out in the aisles, cigarettes dribbling from their lips. Street gangs pulled the trolley off the wire so often that circling the loop at Carling Avenue was an obstacle race. Motormen asked to be transferred to the peace and quiet of the Bank Street run. As the "peanut run", Preston cars were famous, but the rough and tough boys grew up and went away to war.

"The Farmers Special" they call us now. Carleton Heights buses meet all the trams. Preston and Carling is the only corner in the city where the buses make a determined effort to get their passengers transferred to the streetcars. Carleton Heights buses will chase a Preston car two blocks to make a connection that will get civil servants into offices before the books are taken away.

Reveille comes early at Carleton Heights. "She woke us up at half-past five this morning," a young father speaks proudly of his daughter's accomplishments. The sun does, probably, shine on Carleton Heights half an hour before it looks down on Ottawa sleeping in the mists on the flats.

The crowds on the Preston car in the mornings are good-natured. Raincoats and muddy shoes mark the commuters from out on the Prescott Highway. Soldiers riding as far as the Ordnance Depot add a half-forgotten touch of war-time Ottawa. Stenographers, immaculate to the tips of their lacquered fingernails, sway rhythmically as the cars jolt to a sudden stop, and the seated men tuck their feet under the seat for safety. Schoolboys put on their morning faces and clutch paper bags of lunch. Coats flying, men race down Young Street and crowd on the car, panting in triumph. Louis, the best barber in Ottawa, sprints four blocks and comes aboard beaming and composed. We are a reasonably pleasant crowd for so early in the morning.

Going home at night is a different matter. Strangers of all sorts get on down in the city. They all hold transfers delicately, crooking their little fingers nicely to show that they are going to transfer at Somerset. The outlanders, destined for what the architects call the "dormitory suburbs," always get off at Somerset and Preston; they head west for Britannia and intermediate points. Then the Preston cars jolt across the Somerset Street intersection, brushing their hands and saying, "There, that's that!" From Somerset to Carling the Preston cars are themselves again, and the denizens of Preston Street open out their Journals with a flourish of contentment.

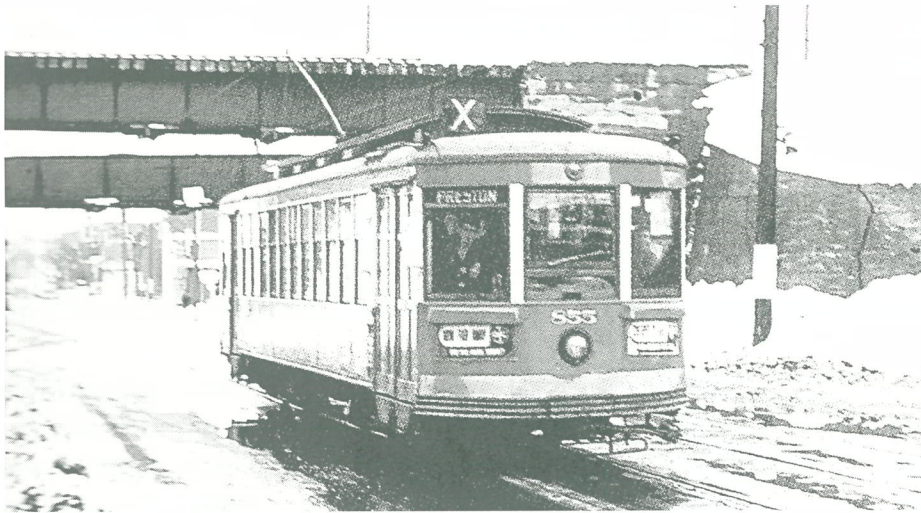
And another thing. I like to think that it is civic pride in a city-owned system, rather than shrewd motormen. Fewer people get on by the back door these days. In wartime, it was a game to beat the motorman and let passengers on for a free ride. There are still people who tap on the back door to be let in, and there are still jokers who jump on the treadle to let them in. When the door does open, the stowaways put on a great act of being cold, or of having waited a long time. They are very self-conscious. It is no longer a game; too many hitch-hikers mean higher fares.

There are Winter nights when, from 6.30 to 7, few cars nose their way up Preston Street. When a car does come, it is labelled "Champagne Barn." Those are the times when the shivering little group of the forsaken devoutly wish that Mr. Gill and the commissioners rode the Preston line. Then we would get service.

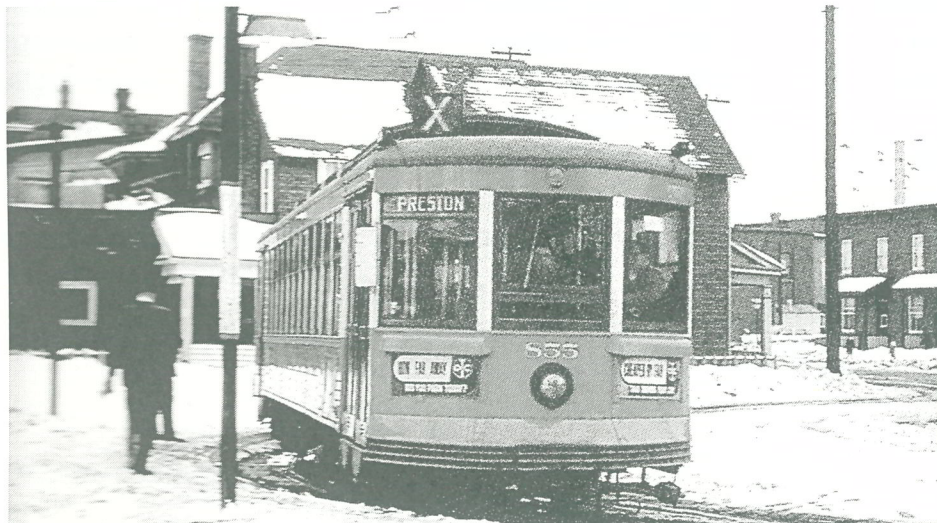
In the early evening the Preston cars are enlivened by a noisy group of cheerful citizens just turned out of a last-chance pub which has its two front windows lettered "Gents' Room." The gents help each other aboard and carol their way down to Somerset Street. The theatre-going crowd try to ignore them or smile dimly at the gabby guys with the red faces.

In the late evening the Preston cars carry quiet couples to their homes. Tomorrow's stenographers yawn behind lady-like hands. Men get off and vanish, coats flying, up Young Street. The last survivors get off at the Carling loop, and look anxiously up and down for a bus. There are no Carleton Heights passengers. They have been home for hours, supper over, lawns raked, gardens in, babies put to bed, evening papers read, dogs walked, front doors locked, and lights out. Reveille comes early at Carleton Heights.

Preston cars travel under the pseudonym of the letter "R", which apparently refers to Rockcliffe. Rockcliffe, I am told, is at the other end of the Preston line.



Preston, south of bridges



Loop at Preston and Sydney

ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION AWARD

Awarded to an individual or group in recognition of his/their dedication to the growth and development of our community.

1979	Hugh Riopelle Sr.	1989	Joe Sandulo	2001	Garry Guzzo
1979	Sam Macli	1990	Roy Lafleur	2002	Nello Bortolotti
1980	Charles Ladas	1991	Jim McAuley	2003	Max Keeping
1980	Walter Strelbisky	1992	Ottawa-Nepean Canadians Sports Club	2004	Ed Champagne
1981	Ed Daugherty	1993	John Denofrio	2005	Al Albania
1981	Ev Tremblay	1994	Chris Finnerty	2006	Glen Richardson
1982	Les Newman	1995	Howard Darwin	2007	Tom Cavanagh
1984	Ernie Leighton	1996	Keith Brown	2008	Dave Smith
1986	Tom Coughlan	1997	Italo Tiezzi	2009	Joe Cama
1986	Jack Snow	1998	Jim Durrell	2010	Ken Grant
1987	John Mangione	1999	George Drummond	2011	Moe Atallah
1988	George Maxwell	2000	Ottawa St. Anthony Italia Soccer Club	2012	Mario Giannetti
				2013	Bob Scaini

VILLAGER AWARD

Awarded to an individual in recognition of his participation in the history of The Village.

1979	Sam Palef	1989	Alex Cameron	2001	Oliver Medaglia
1980	Aggie Lafleur	1990	Joe Pilon	2002	Joe Guzzo
1981	Frank Concordia	1991	Andy Lombardo	2003	Ron Gervais
1982	Bill Chinkiwsky	1992	Peter Andrusek	2004	Ken Burrows
1982	Skipper Disipio	1993	Joe Pugliese	2005	John Mastrangelo
1983	Jimmy MacMillan	1994	Alex Lafleur	2006	Dominic Delle Palme
1984	Mike Andrusek	1995	Joe Adamo	2007	Saro Panuccio
1984	Ralph Cameron	1996	Spike Girotte	2008	Sam Pugliese
1985	Alex Sauv�	1997	Red Gorman	2009	Joe Bozzi
1986	Len Concordia	1998	Red Wellington	2010	Jim McConnery
1987	Frank Costantini	1999	John Licari	2011	Joe Cotroneo
1988	Chappie Carmanico	2000	Don Romani	2012	Len Cregan
				2013	Tony Lofaro

SPORTSMAN AWARD

Awarded to an individual in recognition of his outstanding athletic excellence.

1981	Patsy Guzzo	1993	Billy Watson	2003	Bobby Copp
1984	Tony Licari	1994	Jake Dunlap	2004	Billy Russell
1986	Bill Cowley	1995	Ed Hatoum	2005	Cliff Neill
1987	Howard Riopelle	1996	Larry Regan	2006	John Fripp
1988	Conny Brown	1997	Eddie MacCabe	2007	Marcel Legris
1989	Bill Dineen	1998	Hugh Riopelle, Jr.	2008	Greg Fagan
1990	Lorne Watters	1999	Lude Check	2009	Brian Kilrea
1990	Frank Chiarelli	2000	Ab Renaud	2010	Clayton Kenny
1991	Lally Lalonde	2001	Don Holtby	2011	Denis Potvin
1992	Bob Simpson	2002	Darcy Boucher	2012	Jim Chiarelli
				2013	Bob Abelson

SPECIAL PRESENTATION AWARD

Awarded to an individual, or group, in recognition of his/their achievements and leadership.

1979	Ierullo Family	1991	Earl Stinson	2003	Mike Leclair
1981	Fred (Pinky) Mitchell	1992	Licari Family	2004	Ron Barbaro
1982	Gale Kerwin	1993	Gervais Family	2005	Luigi Mion
1983	Prescott Hotel	1994	Patafie Family	2006	Johnson (Welding) Family
1984	Clint Jourdain	1995	Timpson Family	2007	Galla Family
1984	St. Anthony's Church	1996	Sal Pantalone	2008	Bill Tomlinson
1985	Provost Family	1997	Leclair Family	2009	Paul Casagrande
1986	Chiarelli Brothers	1998	Phil Murray	2010	Peter Chiarelli
1987	Purcell Brothers	1999	Mangione Family	2011	Peter Lesaux
1988	Zito Family	2000	Lorne Kelly	2012	Joe Calabro
1989	Charles Strang	2001	Martin Defalco	2013	Ray Verdon
1990	Joe Imbesi	2002	Bob Chiarelli		

VILLAGE ATHLETIC AWARD

Awarded to an individual from The Village in recognition of his athletic achievement and high Village ideals.

1982	Edgar Blondin	1993	Paul Ventura	2004	Bobby Ransom
1983	Nooky Pilon	1994	Wally Swords	2005	Joe (JoJo) Licari
1983	Toby Dinardo	1995	Gord Pantalone	2006	Dom Disipio
1985	Andy Nezan	1996	Santo Imbesi	2007	Eddie Rose
1986	Fred Hughes	1997	Roydon Kealey	2008	George House
1987	Joe Asquini	1998	Art Dinardo	2009	Conrad Kozak
1988	Leo Blondin	1999	Ed Nicholson	2010	Roger Hunter
1989	Les Pilon	2000	Hubie Garneau	2011	Danny Monk
1990	John Kozak	2001	Gord Ventura	2012	Roger Provost
1991	Harvey Creppin	2002	Fred (Pinky) Mitchell	2013	Ken Evraire
1992	Rudy Costantini	2003	Wayne Hughes		

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MEMORIAM TO A VILLAGER

By Ron Menchini



2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the first World War (WWI).

It is very important that we not forget the sacrifices of those who served in that war and especially those who gave their lives. Many from the Village served in both World Wars.

This is a memoriam to Alfredo Menchini (an original Villager) who was killed in France on November 1, 1916 while serving with the 38th Canadian Infantry battalion from Ottawa. While training with the 77th, they helped Ottawa firemen fight the fires of the Parliament Buildings and saved many valuable paintings and precious volumes from the library.

Alfredo was born in Bagni di Lucca, Tuscany, in 1879 and immigrated to Ottawa in 1906. He lived at 631 Rochester Street with his wife Rosina and seven children. He helped establish St. Anthony's Church and the marble for the altar was later provided by Guido Menchini and Sons of Lucca, Italy.

As a result of his death, Rosina lost the house. The youngest were put in St. Patrick's Orphanage and the oldest went to work. A baby died in the influenza epidemic of 1918.

It would have been easy for the family to fall apart, but they stayed together in the Village and looked to St. Anthony's Church for spiritual guidance.

In addition to Alfredo's sacrifice, his wife and children contributed to Ottawa and Canada in many ways.

Rosina cooked for the church and assisted many new Italians with translation.

Tony, the oldest, supported the family and became a successful contractor. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus (KC Fourth Degree).

Harry was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was also a Golden Gloves champion and is a member of the Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame. He trained many in the Village and was a trainer for the Ottawa Senators Hockey Club.

Maude was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary. She was in the Canadian Legion for 60 years and helped at St. Anthony's Church.

Margaret was a successful business woman.

Eleanor helped establish the St. Anthony's Ladies Aid and was the first President.

Joe was a member of the Sons of Italy. He boxed and wrestled in the Village. He served in the Governor General's Foot Guards during WWII and was a member of the Ottawa Rough Riders for 40 years. He also cooked for St. Anthony's Church.

As you enter St. Anthony's Church, look to the first stained-glass window on your left. It depicts the sacrifices of our soldiers in both World Wars, all of them Villagers. The soldier's Guardian Angel is arrayed as a warrior of the Roman Legion holding in his arms the body of Alfredo Menchini. The inscription below lists the names of 21 young men of the parish who gave their lives for their country in WWII.

From Alfredo's enlistment papers, it states he had a tattoo on his inner forearm of clasped hands that states, "Don't Forget Me." Grandfather, we will never forget you.

FRIENDSHIP IN THE VILLAGE

By Ron Menchini and Ciiff Pantalone

The Village has always been a great place for families and friendships.

This is the story of a friendship that lasted from childhood to the grave and would be appreciated by those who grew up in the Village.

Joe Menchini was born in 1912 on Rochester Street and Sam Pantalone was born in 1916 on Pamilla Street. Both of these men were sons of original Villagers and lost a parent while they were very young. Joe lost his father in WWI and Sam lost his mother to illness.

During their early years they attended Dante Academy and played many sports, but boxing and wrestling was their preference. Joe won the city championship in boxing and Sam won it in wrestling. Long before the Ottawa Marathon, they ran in long-distance races.

During the Depression, they both worked cleaning out horse stalls, picking produce on the farms and working by pick and shovel on the roads in Ottawa. Later they worked at the Chateau Laurier as cooks for over 35 years and also at Jasper Park Lodge in the summer.

When WWII broke out, they both joined the Governor General's Foot Guards and served from 1940 to 1946. Their infantry battalion was involved in liberating Normandy, Belgium and Holland and was involved in many bloody battles (Falaise, Bulge) on their way to Germany.

When Joe died at the Veterans' Home, an old war buddy came in and asked to say a prayer. After the prayer, he stated that Joe and Sam put on a wrestling show while crossing the English Channel during the invasion of Normandy to take the troops minds off the impending battle. Buddy said, "We all thought they were killing each other and then Joe and Sam got up shaking hands and laughing." He also said that Joe and Sam always made sure the boys got a good hot meal, even in the trenches while the fighting was going on.

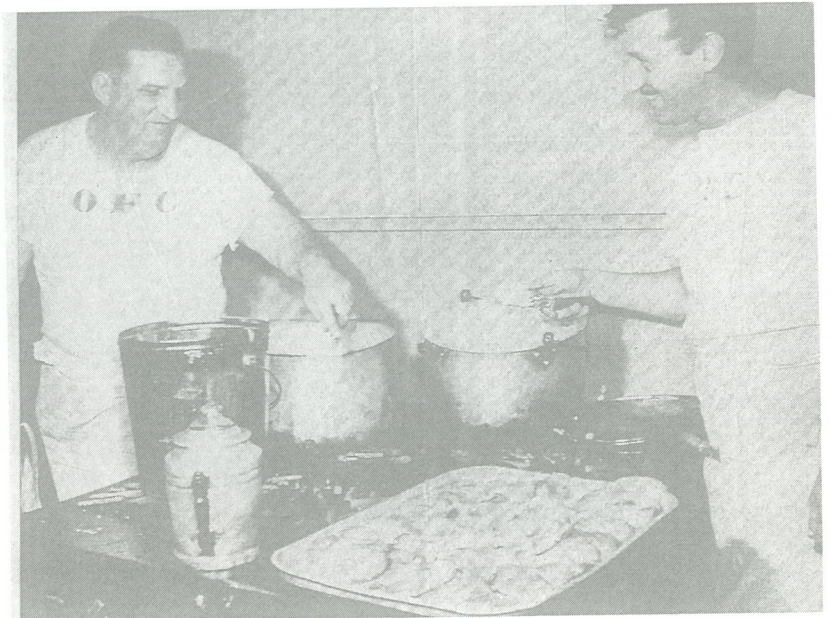
After the war, Joe and Sam returned to the Chateau Laurier as cooks in 1946 and joined the Ottawa Rough Riders Football Club to feed the ball players. At that time the kitchen was in the stables at Lansdowne Park (behind the scoreboard at the east end). They remained at the club for almost 40 years (longer than any owner, manager, coach, player or staff.)

In 1949 Joe married a girl from Italy, Antonietta. Joe spoke no Italian and she spoke no English. Sam married her sister, Maria, and the sons remain close friends to this day. They stayed in the Village.

All through the years these two guys helped each other out and their families. They both operated with the values and ethics that the Village taught them. Work hard, have a good time and know the meaning of true friendship.

Sam took ill and passed on November 17, 1998. When Joe was informed, he stated, "Not Sam. I have no friends left." Joe passed on two months later on January 19, 1999.

You have to know that they are having a good time in the Village in the sky.



The Village in the 50s.



Gladstone and Preston looking north



Louisa and Lebreton



Balsam and Preston



Rochester and Louisa looking east



Lebreton and Arlington



Rochester and Gladstone looking south



Gladstone and Booth looking north



Gladstone and Rochester looking west

**THE COMMITTEE IS ALWAYS EAGER TO HEAR
YOUR COMPLIMENTS OR DISAPPOINTMENTS.**

**IF YOU HAVE HAD A CHANGE OF ADDRESS,
OR ARE NEW TO OUR GATHERING,
PLEASE LET A COMMITTEE MEMBER KNOW OF YOUR
NEW LOCATION OR ADDRESS.**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
www.villagereunion.com**

**SEE YOU ONE YEAR FROM NOW ON
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2015**

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