

ACHIEVEMENTS OF NOMINEE

Earl (2013) and wife Helen (1974) raised five children in St. George. Earl wanted to ensure his children had sports opportunities in their home community of St. George. Coaching and driving kids to School Boy Hockey in Lynden to play on natural ice was the beginning of a commitment to hockey for many years to come. With no opportunities for kids to play locally after elementary school, Earl was instrumental in organizing bantam, midget & juvenile teams to play at the Ayr Arena. St. George Minor Hockey Association was born, albeit playing in Ayr.

He became involved on the executive of the Grand Valley Hockey League to ensure the future of hockey opportunities for St. George youth. However, it soon became evident that the community would need its own arena to ice their teams, and fund raising began. Earl became the first President of St. George & District Minor Hockey, a thriving organization that continues today, benefiting thousands of boys and girls over the years.

In the summer months, when his three sons played softball, he was involved coaching and on the executive. He was also President of Brant - Wentworth Minor Softball League for several years.

Ironically, his involvement with the arena fund raising and minor hockey led to a construction job building South Dumfries Community Centre and soon after was hired as Arena manager, a position which he held for 22 years.

Earl received lifetime memberships in St. George Minor Hockey & the Grand Valley Minor Hockey association. In 1987 he received the Ontario Government Certificate of Recognition for his contribution to Amateur Sports in the Community.

Respectively submitted,

The Gaukel Family