

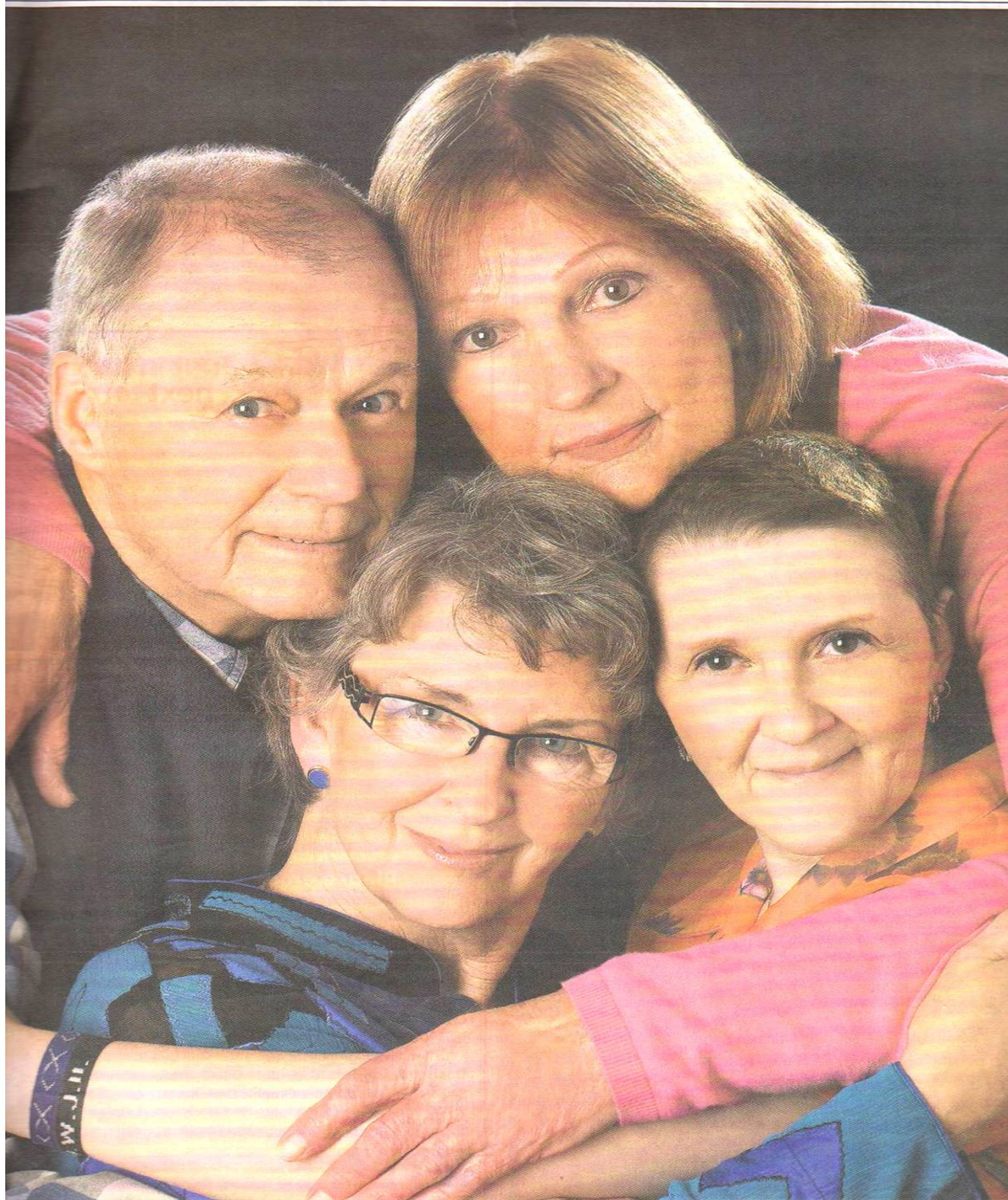
Around the Bay in words and pictures

# Georgian Life

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Meet Some of Our Hospice Georgian Triangle "Village Elders"

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## Who Are Our Cover Faces?

They give selflessly and tirelessly, with open arms, warm and compassionate hearts while inspiring confidence. They do what is needed to make a difficult journey as peaceful, fulfilling and as comfortable as possible. They lead the way with incredible grace and humility and represent the HGT's frontline volunteer team. Described as "village elders who know what to do, what to say. They are the "community" that raises the young ones and lets them know what's out there, what needs to be done." according to Sharon Brownrigg, Acting Exec. Director of Hospice Georgian Triangle (HGT).

We thank Sharon for providing such wonderful insights into what makes each of these individuals so important to HGT, their clients and our community. We also owe all the HGT volunteers a debt of gratitude for being there when our community needs them the most, so graciously and without question.

### *Please meet our HGT Elders.*

Roger (Bud) Christensen ... has never turned down a community client, he is one of the most giving individuals Hospice has ever had on our volunteer roster. Blessed with a very dynamic personality, it seems everyone in Simcoe County knows Bud....



Rusty MacDonald ... her red hair, freckles and friendly, outgoing personality make Rusty one of Hospice's instantly recognizable volunteers. Her most amazing skill is her ability to make everything seem easy and fun that people simply love to work alongside her. Rusty co-facilitates the children's grief program (Rainbows) and is so very valued there.

Nanci Rose Harvey ... while new to Hospice, Nanci has already had community clients and served those dying in hospital. A very active volunteer, her upcoming Adult Bereavement training will allow her to help support those grieving in community in a much deeper way.



"Teddi" (Kathleen) Murray ... the touchstone of HGT. One of the gentlest community volunteers HGT has, she is also one of our most valued instructors, having spoken many times at our Pain and Symptom Management seminars for new volunteers. With 12 years of RN palliative care experience, she is one of those volunteers who inspires confidence in her clients' and their families; providing many community clients end-of-life support and is SO appreciated in their homes. She has a wonderful give-and-take with new volunteers; and is another Hospice 'face' out there in community actively advocating for a residential Hospice in the Georgian Triangle area.

Although Rob & Sharie weren't able to join us for the cover shoot, they too are part of the Elder Team and are equally deserving of being mentioned.

Rob Fleming ... 2010 June Callwood Award recipient. Rob is one of our most popular volunteers and has worked in Hospice's respite suite supporting clients suffering life-threatening illnesses; currently working with grieving children in the Rainbows program.

Sharie Hawkins ... nominated in 2011 for the June Callwood Award, Sharie is a beautiful, vital woman, who supports community clients and is a major fundraiser for HGT. She is one of those integral people in society who see the need for funding, programming and support and just goes for it.

"We are so blessed to have all our volunteers who work with us, and we are especially thankful to these "village elders" who are helping lead the way forward."