

# DUNCAN MCINTOSH

*Business / Community Service*



*Inducted: 2005  
Years at GCI & VS:  
1926 - 1930*

Duncan McIntosh was born on September 9, 1910 in Edinburgh, Scotland. When he was two years old he came with his parents to Galt, where he attended both elementary and secondary school. He was commander of the cadet corps and school captain during his time at Galt Collegiate; and as his membership on the Galt Terriers Ontario Junior Champion baseball team and his participation in golf and curling suggest, he was an athlete as well. Involvement in sports continued for him at Queen's University where he quarterbacked the Golden Gaels as he completed a degree in commerce by 1934. Duncan came back to Galt to work at Gore Mutual Insurance Company. He became general manager in 1944, managing director in 1951 and finally president in 1963 until his retirement in 1974. During World War II, Duncan was a member of the Highland Light Infantry Reserve, achieving the rank of captain.

Mr. McIntosh enjoyed a lifelong career with the Gore Mutual Insurance Company and was appointed the company's first employee president in 1963. Mr. McIntosh presided over the company in troublesome times of intense competition from huge American companies and the increase in automobile accidents. The Gore also experienced times of expansion during his tenure as president when it became one of the first companies in Canada to introduce computerized policy handling for automobile insurance. By the time he retired, the company's assets and surplus had both grown substantially. The insurance industry generally benefited from his service as president of the

Underwriters' Adjustment Bureau, president of the Independent Insurance Conference and vice president of the All-Canada Insurance Federation.

Support of the physical and social development of Galt was an abiding interest of Mr. McIntosh and he played a leading role in many worthwhile community organizations. In his youth, he was a great user of the YMCA and always supported it in any way he could. He was the chair of the building committee for South Waterloo Memorial Hospital (Cambridge Memorial Hospital). As well, Mr. McIntosh served terms as chair of the Family Service Bureau, trustee of the Galt Board of Education, member of the management board of Knox Presbyterian Church and volunteer for the United Appeal. As chair of the 1967 Centennial Committee, Duncan coordinated all the celebration activities of Galt, Preston and Hespeler. The Gore itself donated a fountain to the city of Galt in the shape of the Centennial Maple Leaf and it was erected in Queen's Square.

In recognition of his involvement in and commitment to his community, Duncan McIntosh was selected as Galt's Citizen of the Year by the Civic Service Club in 1961 and Duncan McIntosh Centre in Churchill Park was named in his honour in 1971. He was inducted into the Waterloo Region Hall of Fame in 1988 and the Cambridge Hall of Fame in 2005.

