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Feb Fest to Present 2nd Annual “Phil Quattrocchi Hall of Cheer Award”

Nobody ever worked harder or with more energy than Phil Quattrocchi in terms of a winter carnival in Kingston! If you ever had the opportunity to attend Winterfest in the 1970s or early 80s, you would not be able to avoid this high energy, raccoon coat, long scarf and toque-wearing guy in charge. His positive energy was infectious and led to a sizeable event that included snow sculptures, snowshoe races, bobsledding on Fort Henry Hill, horse drawn sleigh rides, and of course the Historic Hockey Series – with its square pucks as souvenirs.

Last year, to honour the memory of Mr. Quattrocchi, Feb Fest organizers instituted “The Phil Quattrocchi Hall of Cheer Award.” The award ‘will be presented to a key volunteer, or contributor, to Feb Fest, whose enthusiasm, determination and hard work has had a positive effect on the success and the “fun-ness” of Feb Fest.’

Bryon Springer, Chair of Feb Fest 2008 and current Chairman of the BIA, says, “this award is an opportunity for the Feb Fest Committee & the community to remember Mr. Quattrocchi’s tireless efforts in building a winter festival in Kingston. This year’s recipient is former Commissioner of Public Works of the City of Kingston, Mark Segsworth. His commitment to Feb Fest over the past four years and his contribution to the Market Square restorations exemplifies these qualities.”

Mr. Segsworth has been both a Feb Fest Executive committee member since the event's inception as well as a participant in the Limestone Classic for the past 3 years. As chair of logistics for Feb Fest, he has found it interesting and challenging that each Feb Fest has been presented in "changing space". For the first year of Feb Fest, Market Square was still a parking lot. That year, organizers brought in a portable, artificial ice surface to use as the focal point of activities. In year two, the permanent ice rink had been built - but the space around it was still completely unfinished - keeping gravel & stone dust off the ice was a big challenge. Feb Fest 2007 took place in a much more finished space - but with completely new dimensions from previous years. Mark Segsworth was also the Project manager responsible for the renovations at Market Square - and as such, has been a tremendous Feb Fest booster and tireless supporter. Mr. Segsworth is now the new Public Works Manager for the Township of South Frontenac.

The award will be presented at the Opening Ceremonies of Feb Fest on Wednesday, February 6, at 10am in Market Square. Members of the Quattrocchi family plan to be in attendance for the award presentation as well as last year's recipient, Jibin Joseph.



Feb Fest runs from February 6-10 in Historic Downtown Kingston. The event will feature Imagination on Ice figure skating spectacular, The Limestone Classic 4-on-4 shinny hockey tournament, an all-ages concert Market Square with one of Canada's hottest bands, State of Shock, and the Historical Hockey Series. A detailed schedule for the event can be found at www.visitkingston.ca or www.febfestkingston.com.

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