

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MANDATE OF THE HONOURABLE HILARY M. WESTON

26th LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO

The Hon. Hilary M. Weston was installed as Ontario's Lieutenant Governor on January 24, 1997. At her installation, Mrs. Weston made a commitment to focus on celebrating **volunteers, youth and women**. Mrs. Weston continually explored new ways of making the role more **contemporary, accessible** and **relevant** to Ontarians. As part of this effort she undertook several new initiatives including:

• DROP IN VISITS

Mrs. Weston made informal visits without protocol to organizations that assist others in need, with the aim of seeing volunteers, youth and women in the places they worked, volunteered or were helped. These visits allowed her to draw attention to their efforts through the spontaneous presentation of **The Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award**, a new award she started in Sudbury in 1998.

• FOCUS ON YOUTH

Mrs. Weston established **The Hilary M. Weston Foundation for Youth** which was the principal sponsor of **First Connection**, a career development program which provided a bursary and summer internship for **88** Grade 12 students from across the province. In the year 2000 she announced the **Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award for Students** to recognize an exemplary volunteer in each of Ontario's approximately 1,100 secondary schools, starting with the graduating class of 2000.

• GREATER ACCESSIBILITY

Mrs. Weston increased access to the Office by hosting the New Year's Levee, Canada Day and Remembrance Day events in locations around the province, launching a website (www.lt.gov.on.ca) and welcoming more than **80,000** visitors on guided tours to the Lieutenant Governor's Suite at Queen's Park, who were able to enjoy the work of **53** Ontario artists at **4** contemporary art exhibits installed during her tenure.

• EVENTS

The Lieutenant Governor attended **1,342** events; the majority in the community but **608** at Queen's Park, at which **37,264** guests were hosted. She delivered a total of **628** prepared speeches. Her Honour travelled extensively in the province visiting **87** communities from **Sioux Lookout** to **Leamington**, and **Kenora** to **Cornwall**, where she celebrated special occasions, noteworthy citizens, and municipal milestones. Mrs. Weston invested **454** individuals for their contributions to their communities at **40** Provincial investitures. In addition to The Queen and several members of the Royal Family, Her Honour welcomed the Heads of State of ten countries to the province including: South Africa, Ireland, Portugal, Romania, and the People's Republic of China. Her Honour also received visiting Ambassadors, High Commissioners, and newly arrived Consuls General.

• CELEBRATING WITH ONTARIANS

On August 4, 2000, the Lieutenant Governor hosted a birthday party to celebrate the **Queen Mother's 100th birthday** which was attended by **3,000** people. Congratulatory letters were sent to **22,177** Ontarians celebrating birthdays of 90 years and over, or to those celebrating golden wedding anniversaries and beyond.

• TIMES OF MOURNING

Her Honour presided at a ceremony on the **National Day of Mourning** to remember the victims of **September 11, 2001**; attended a church service in **Walkerton** following the tragedy in 2000; toured the communities of **Brockville**, **Kingston**, and **Long Sault** devastated during the **ice storm** of January 1998; presided over the dedication of the **Ontario Police Memorial**; and opened condolence books, signed by many Ontarians, for the **Diana, Princess of Wales**, the Right Hon. **Pierre Trudeau**, the Hon. **Pauline McGibbon**, and HRH **The Princess Margaret**.

• REPRESENTING THE CROWN

Mrs. Weston read **four Speeches from the Throne** and **dissolved the Assembly** for an election in 1999. **Royal Assent** was granted to **186 bills**. Since 1997, **15,665 Orders-in-Council** have been enacted. Mrs. Weston approved more than **43,971 appointments** of Notaries and Commissioners for taking affidavits or grants of Crown Land.

A more complete document with additional details of Mrs. Weston's mandate is available on request
from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Activities of the Mandate of the Honourable Hilary M. Weston 26th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

The Honourable Hilary M. Weston was installed as Lieutenant Governor of Ontario on January 24, 1997. Prime Minister Jean Chrétien announced her appointment on December 12, 1996. Prior to serving in public office, Mrs. Weston was Deputy Chair of Holt Renfrew (1986-1996) and participated in the charitable activities of the W. Garfield Weston Foundation; founded the Ireland Fund of Canada; and was coauthor of two books entitled, *In a Canadian Garden* and *At Home in Canada*. Born in Ireland, Mrs. Weston immigrated to Canada in 1972.

Hilary Weston served as Ontario=s 40th Lieutenant Governor since John Graves Simcoe arrived in 1792. Only the second woman appointed to the vice-regal role in the province, Mrs. Weston served during an unprecedented time when the Governor General and seven Lieutenant Governors in Canada were female. Her Honour completed five years and forty-one days in Office until 7 March 2002, when her successor, the Honourable James K. Bartleman was installed.

At her installation, the Lieutenant Governor made a commitment to focus on celebrating volunteers, youth and women. As Her Honour=s mandate coincided with a new

Millennium, the Lieutenant Governor continually explored new ways of making the role more contemporary, accessible and relevant to Ontarians. As part of this effort she instigated several new initiatives.

The Drop-in

An innovation of Her Honour=s mandate was the drop-in visit. Through the proactive planning of her schedule, Mrs. Weston was able to make informal visits to organizations that focused on her themes. The Lieutenant Governor=s aim was to see volunteers, youth, and women in the places in which they worked, volunteered or were helped. These visits were conducted with limited protocol and no formal speeches were delivered. The Lieutenant Governor was simply able to interact, chat and understand the challenges and successes of those who serve their communities.

Her Honour dropped in on many youth and women=s shelters, hospices and volunteer organizations. In June 1999, Her Honour participated in AMeet the Street@ and experienced the issues related to the homeless and street people in Toronto. Mrs. Weston took a walking tour led by organizations who work to assist the homeless underneath the Gardiner Expressway, in back alleys and on street corners.

Focus on Youth

The Hilary M. Weston Foundation for Youth

(www.hilaryweston.org)

Mrs. Weston established this Foundation shortly after her installation, to which she donated her gross, federally paid salary. The Foundation created and was the principal sponsor of First Connection and also funded other projects

including Yonge Street Mission=s Evergreen, for a job mentoring and coaching program, and Eva=s Phoenix, which ran a landscape training program for youth.

First Connection (www.first-connection.org)

First Connection, an intensive career development

initiative for young people, was launched in May 1998. During its four years, it provided a bursary and internship to **88 Grade 12 students** from across the province over four summers, in some of Ontario's most successful companies including: Bell Canada, CIBC, Hudson's Bay, Loblaws, Nestlé Canada, Rogers@Home, Royal Bank Financial Group, Dupont Canada, President's Choice Financial, Environics Research, Dare Foods, Hydro One, and Kodak Canada.

The participants had opportunities rarely available to high school students. They reported that the experience was extremely valuable in helping them gain knowledge, experience and contacts. Several have continued to work for their host companies on a part-time basis and may join them again for future summer jobs. Other students said their experience influenced their education and career choices for the future.

Events for Youth

Her Honour participated in **266 events¹ for youth**, visiting many schools throughout Ontario and also at events ranging from an Aboriginal Youth Conference to dropping in on programs like the Students Assisting Seniors in North Toronto. Mrs. Weston also attended events such as the Covenant House Vigil for Street Youth, Youth Net, a mental health program in Ottawa and ATThe Ark@ Youth Shelter in Oshawa. She presided at four Ontario Community Newspaper Associations= Junior Citizen of the Year presentations; the opening of Yonge Street Mission=s AHopeworks@, visited the Youth Assisting Youth Program and met student Legislative Pages and Interns at Queen=s Park.

Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award for Students

As a millennium initiative, Mrs. Weston established this award to recognize one student in each of Ontario=s approximately 1,100 secondary schools, starting with the graduating class of 2000. The award recognizes an exemplary volunteer in the community among graduating students. The award was announced at Emery Collegiate in Toronto in March 2000, and is supported by the Ontario Ministries of Citizenship and of Education.

Recognizing and bringing profile to volunteers

During many of the Lieutenant Governor=s visits to communities across Ontario, she was able to drop-in on youth centres, women=s shelters, hospices and other organizations. In total, she attended or hosted **224 events related to voluntarism**, including such groups as Abrigo, the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, the Vita Community Living Toronto Day Volunteer Program and the Bloorview MacMillian Centre. During visits to organizations supported by volunteers, Mrs. Weston spontaneously presented **The Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award** to **50** people. Her Honour announced this new award during a visit to Sudbury in 1998, to recognize Ontario volunteers for outstanding contributions to their communities. The award was initiated by Her Honour to leave something behind in the many

¹ Statistics shown in this report are actual to March 6, 2002.

organizations she visited informally. Mrs. Weston noted that volunteers do not participate to receive such

recognition and so it was appropriate to honour them by surprise. The award honours volunteers

who serve as the backbone for not-for-profit organizations and who have a direct impact on the people the organization serves. A unique award, the presentations were made to unsuspecting recipients and accounted for many memorable and emotional moments during Mrs. Weston=s informal visits to community groups.

In 1998, the Province created the Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers to recognize the outstanding achievements of young volunteers. Since its creation, the Lieutenant Governor has presided at three investitures recognizing 31 young people. The **last document she signed as Lieutenant Governor** was a certificate for a recipient of the Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers.

Women's Issues

Nearly all of the Lieutenant Governor=s community visits included drop-ins to women=s shelters. Her Honour participated in **84 events highlighting women's issues** including the dedication ceremony for the Canadian Women=s Army Corps Memorial in Kitchener, as well as celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Women in the Ontario Provincial Police in 1999, and an event marking the 1st Canadian all female building project for Habitat for Humanity in Waterloo. Her Honour has also spoken out publicly about issues and the stories and experiences she has heard from women all around Ontario.

Increasing Access to the Office

Throughout her term, Mrs. Weston focused on increasing Ontarian=s access to the Office.

Hosting traditional events throughout the province

The New Year's Levee

The Lieutenant Governor held the annual New Year=s Levee in **Kingston, Ontario in 1999**, marking the first time since Confederation that the Levee had taken place outside Toronto. Now held in odd-numbered years outside Toronto, the Levee took place in **London, Ontario in 2001**. Moving the Levee has given people in different areas of the province the opportunity to attend this traditional event. **6,557 guests** attended Her Honour=s five Levees.

Canada Day

July 1, 2000 marked the first time a Lieutenant Governor had hosted a Canada Day event outside the provincial capital. On the first Canada Day of the new millennium, the Westons arrived by canoe at Old Fort William in **Thunder Bay**. There they were greeted by **10,000 people** for an afternoon of events and honours to local residents. Her Honour celebrated Canada Day 2001 in **Sudbury**, and in 1998, celebrated in **Stratford**. The years 1997 and 1999 found her at events in **Markham** and **Toronto**.

Remembrance Day

Her Honour commemorated Remembrance Day in **Guelph** in 1998, the birthplace of John McCrae, to whom we owe our most compelling image of the Great War - *In Flanders Fields*.@ Remembrance Day was commemorated in **Sarnia** in 1999 and in **Brampton** in 2000, with Veterans of the Korean War at their National Wall of Remembrance, to mark the 50th anniversary of the start of that conflict. Commemorations in 1997 and 2001 were marked at Old City Hall in **Toronto**.

Contemporary art at Queen's Park

What better way to engage a large cross section of people, particularly young people, in the visual art of today?@ It was with this question that the Lieutenant Governor, in November 1999, launched the first in a series of contemporary art exhibits in her suite at Queen=s Park.

The inaugural exhibit was presented by the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts. Installations followed by: The Ontario Society of Artists, The Ontario College of Art and Design and Visual Arts Ontario. These exhibitions, which showcased the work of **53 artists**, were launched with great enthusiasm by Ontario=s art community, and enjoyed by visitors and guests to the Lieutenant Governor=s suite.

Mrs. Weston ensured that the Lieutenant Governor=s Suite was made accessible to visitors to Queen's Park. **80,252 visitors** toured the Suite, including those who visited during open houses on Canada Day and for Doors Open Toronto.

Launching a website www.Lt.gov.on.ca

In 1997, the Lieutenant Governor launched a website to provide access to both current and historical information. One of the largest websites of its type in Canada, it included: biographical information, speeches, a photo gallery, frequently asked questions and links to related websites.

In addition to these initiatives, Hilary Weston brought her own style to the usual roles and duties of the Office:

1342 Events

During her tenure, **Mrs. Weston attended or hosted 1342 events**.

Speeches

Speaking about Ontario, its history, its culture and heritage is a key duty of Lieutenant Governors. Her Honour delivered **628 prepared speeches**, in addition to informal remarks on many impromptu occasions. Mrs. Weston spoke to the Canadian Club of Toronto in 1998 with the title "**His Honour is a Woman**" and a University of Toronto Convocation in a 2000 speech entitled "**Where Will You Find Honour?**". In addition, she gave the Keynote address to four Hospice Association of Ontario Annual Conferences, and spoke on other occasions such as the Annual Sudbury Persons' Day Breakfast. She also addressed various speakers clubs in communities around Ontario, making her final major address at a Canadian Club of Toronto luncheon on 10 December 2001.

Community Visits

Her Honour traveled extensively in Ontario and participated in events organized by various community, educational, volunteer, corporate and other groups. Her Honour=s itinerary reflected the diversity of the province and sought to encourage volunteers and others whose contributions add to the quality of life in the province. Her Honour **attended 433 events in Toronto.**

Her Honour visited **87 different communities** in Ontario - 61 of which were visited again on another occasion. She made **61 day-long community visits** in which she participated in **279 events**. The Lieutenant Governor visited communities as far north as **Sioux Lookout**, to **Leamington**, one of Canada=s southernmost municipalities, and from **Kenora** in the west to **Cornwall** on the Quebec border.

The first event Mrs. Weston attended was in **Gravenhurst** on February 1, 1997, when she attended ASnowarama@ hosted by the Easter Seal Society of Ontario. The Lieutenant Governor marked Chinese New Year later that same evening in Toronto. Her **last official function** was the **3rd Leacock Debate**, in Toronto, on 27 February 2002.

During her first year, Mrs. Weston also completed a **week long tour of Northern Ontario**, during which she visited eight cities over five days including: **Timmins, Kirkland Lake, Blind River, Manitoulin, Fort Frances, Thunder Bay, Quetico Provincial Park** and **Kenora**. Other northern Ontario communities visited included: **Geraldton, Hearst, Kapuskasing, Iroquois Falls, North Bay, Sudbury, Dryden and Sault Ste. Marie.**

December 31, 1999 found the Lieutenant Governor at three events: greeting volunteers and residents at a Red Cross homeless shelter, celebrating with families at Toronto=s *First Night* and attending a millennial opera gala at Roy Thomson Hall. The following day, Her Honour hosted the traditional levee, accompanied by her four living predecessors, with appearances by Simcoe and Mowat.

Multiculturalism

Her Honour attended many events reflecting the multi-ethnic diversity of Ontario ranging from the Harry Jerome Awards, a Canadian Arab Federation Walkathon, the International Dragon Boat Festival, the Canadian Tamil Youth Development Centre=s Awards of Excellence and a celebration of the Vietnamese Lunar New Year. She attended important religious gatherings including the Opening of the World Jaina Convention in 1997, the 7th Day Adventist Conference in 2000, and the United Church of Canada=s 75th Anniversary.

Municipalities Celebrated

Several municipal milestones were celebrated by Her Honour such as visiting Newmarket during its 200th anniversary year in 2001, and attending the swearing-in of the Mayor and Councillors of the amalgamated City of Toronto, the City of Oshawa=s 75th Anniversary Council Meeting and the Town of Caledon=s 25th Anniversary.

The Aboriginal Peoples

In 1998, Her Honour attended the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards, when it was last held in Toronto. That same year, she participated in a round table discussion with

members of the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation. She also presided at the opening of the Native Pre-Law Program at the University of Sudbury and visited St. Paul=s Her Majesty=s Chapel of the Mohawks on Six Nations near Brantford and Building Strong Spirits Aboriginal Kids Program in Scarborough.

The Arts

Her Honour attended many events **celebrating Canadian culture** including the Opening of the Alron Road@ Opera; premiere performances by the Canadian Opera Company, including the all Canadian AThe Golden Ass,@ and performances by most of the major national companies. In addition, she presented the Lieutenant Governor=s Awards for the Arts each year.

The Canadian Forces

In addition to being the Honorary Colonel of 437 Transport Squadron at 8 Wing **Trenton**, and of the Princess of Wales= Own Regiment in **Kingston**, the Lieutenant Governor participated in a variety of events with the Canadian Forces, including attending a 1999 Armed Forces Day celebration and presiding at the rededication ceremony of the memorial gates, both at CFB Trenton. Mrs. Weston also had the opportunity to view on field exercises at EX Wolf Bastion 2000, at CFB **Petawawa**, and toured NORAD facilities at CFB **North Bay**. In addition, Her Honour attended various Regimental and other social occasions.

Sports

Her Honour attended the final hockey game at Maple Leaf Gardens, the 50th Anniversary National Hockey League All Star Game, the 2000 Gold Medal Game of the Women=s World Hockey Championships in Mississauga, won by Canada, openings of the Ontario Winter and Summer Games and the annual Lieutenant Governor=s Invitational Games at Variety Village, for young people with disabilities.

Events Hosted at Queen's Park

The Lieutenant Governor acts as a host for events in the life of the people of Ontario, particularly those that are held at Queen's Park. Her Honour **hosted 608 events attended by 37,264 guests** including: receptions and award ceremonies for charitable groups, courtesy calls for visiting dignitaries, meetings with members of charitable organizations, luncheons and dinners for State visitors, and media interviews. The **first event she hosted** in the Lieutenant Governor=s Suite was a reception for **Big Sisters of Toronto**, on February 25, 1997 to mark Big Sisters Month. Receptions hosted by Her Honour ranged from an event in honour of social workers who work with the homeless to a celebration of Red Cross Volunteers who assisted Kosovo Refugees. Her Honour also hosted a welcome ceremony and dinner for Adrienne Clarkson on her first Official Visit as Governor General to the province in December 1999 and a reception celebrating the elevation of Cardinal Aloysius Ambrozic by the Pope. The **last event she hosted at Queen's Park** was a ceremony to invest (on behalf of The Queen), the retiring Chief Steward to four Lieutenant Governors, Mr Ernie Dennis, with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

Times of Mourning

The past five years have included too many occasions when Ontarians mourned the loss of their fellow citizens in the world community as well as world and Canadian leaders.

The most significant of these were those of **September 11, 2001**. Mrs. Weston presided over the observance of three minutes of silence on the **National Day of Mourning** at Queen=s Park and spoke at an ecumenical church service on the Sunday following the tragic events. Subsequently, Mrs. Weston attended the Foundation ceremony for a Mosque to show support for the Muslim Community.

Her Honour attended a church service in **Walkerton** following the tragedy in 2000, and toured several devastated communities during January 1998's **ice storm** including **Brockville, Kingston and Long Sault**.

In May 2000, Her Honour presided over the dedication of the **Ontario Police Memorial** that now lists the names of 211 police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty in Ontario. Mrs. Weston had the sad duty of attending funeral services for three of eight officers from Police Services who gave their lives while she was in Office.

The Lieutenant Governor opened public books of condolence which many Ontarians signed for **Diana, The Princess of Wales (1997)**, the Rt. Hon. Pierre Elliott **Trudeau (2000)**, the Hon. **Pauline M. McGibbon (2001)**, and **HRH The Princess Margaret (2002)**. She attended the funerals of both Mrs. **McGibbon** and Mr. **Trudeau**, and a memorial service for both **The Princess of Wales** and **Mrs. McGibbon**. In 1999, The Lieutenant Governor and Mr. Weston also attended a private funeral for **Yvonne Alexander**, the spouse of former Lieutenant Governor, the Hon. Lincoln Alexander.

Celebrating with Ontarians

On August 4, 2000, the Lieutenant Governor hosted a birthday party to celebrate The Queen Mother=s **100th birthday** at Queen=s Park, which was attended by **3,000 people**.

Mrs. Weston had the happy duty to congratulate more than **22,177** Ontarians celebrating a **birthday** of 90 years or more, or couples who celebrated their **golden wedding anniversaries** and beyond. Her Honour sent **2,498** congratulatory letters to Ontario recipients of special honours and awards, such as recipients of Bravery decorations, Citations for Citizenship and Olympic Medallists, and **902 messages** for special events and conferences.

International Events

The Lieutenant Governor and Mr. Weston undertook international trips representing Ontario abroad, such as the Toronto Olympic Bid Presentation in **Moscow**, where Mrs. Weston was invited as an Honorary Patron of the Bid Committee and to represent the Bid to several IOC delegates. The Lieutenant Governor and Mr. Weston were invited to the **Vatican** by the organizers of World Youth Day to attend ceremonies marking the Passing of the Cross from Rome to Toronto on Palm Sunday 2001. Her Honour also made a [Ahomecoming@](#) visit to **Ireland** in June 2001. Their Honours attended the

opening of the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa. In 2001, Her Honour represented Ontario in **22 international events**.

Presenting Honours and Awards

The Lieutenant Governor presents Orders, Decorations, Medals and Awards to outstanding Ontarians such as the Order of Ontario, the Ontario Medals for Good Citizenship, Police Bravery, Firefighter Bravery, for Young Volunteers, the Lincoln M. Alexander Award as well as the Senior Achievement and Community Action Awards. **454 individuals** were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the province and their communities at **40 investitures** in the past five years.

Her Honour regularly hosted a number of award ceremonies for many organizations that have had a longstanding association with the Lieutenant Governor such as the Boy Scouts, the Canada Day Poster Challenge and the Lifesaving Society.

The Lieutenant Governor also presented national honours on the request of the Governor General to infirm and terminally ill people who were not able to attend their investiture.

Welcoming Official Visitors

The Lieutenant Governor welcomes The Queen and members of the Royal Family, world leaders and their diplomatic representatives and acts as their official host in Ontario. The Lieutenant Governor greeted The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh on their arrival in 1997 for a Royal Visit to Ontario. Their Honours organized a private evening in April 2001, hosted by The Prince of Wales, at historic Gooderham and Worts, to celebrate the works of Canadian artists. There were several more informal visits by members of the Royal Family during her term.

The Lieutenant Governor was granted a traditional audience with The Queen at Windsor Castle in April 1997. Their Honours also were present at other special Royal occasions including the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Her Majesty The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh in November 1997; the wedding of the Earl and Countess of Wessex, on 19 June 1999; an 80th Birthday Party for the Duke of Edinburgh on 10 June 2001; and for the Royal Funeral of Princess Margaret in February 2002.

The Lieutenant Governor received **51 Heads of Mission** and **35 Consuls General** for diplomatic courtesy calls, and also welcomed the following international dignitaries to the province:

Heads of State

- Nelson Mandela, President of the Republic of South Africa
- Mary McAleese, President of Ireland
- Jiang Zemin, President of the People's Republic of China
- Alberto Joao Jardim, President of the Regional Government of Madeira
- Fernando Branco de Sampaio, President of Portuguese Republic
- Constantinos Stephanopoulos, President of The Hellenic Republic (Greece)
- Fidel V. Ramos, President of the Republic of the Philippines
- Vaira Vike-Freiberga President of the Republic of Latvia
- Emil Constantinescu, President of Romania
- Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of Algeria
- United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan

Royalty

- His Royal Highness Crown Prince Philippe of Belgium

Prime Ministers

- Giuliano Amato, Prime Minister of the Italian Republic
- The Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern (Prime Minister of Ireland)

Other Dignitaries

- D. Maria Jose Ritta, First Lady of Portugal
- Miguel Aleman Velazco, Governor of the State of Veracruz, Mexico
- Mary Robinson, UN Commissioner for Human Rights
- James Francis Cardinal Stafford, President, Pontifical Council for Laity
- Mar Boutros Nasrallah Cardinal Sfeir, Patriarch of Antioch and The Entire East (Lebanon);
- The Hon. Madame Justice Louise Arbour, Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunals for the Former Yugoslavia and Rwanda.

Celebrated People

Noteworthy persons were guests of honour at several events attended by the Lieutenant Governor such as then South African President **Nelson Mandela**, who spoke of peace to a Skydome full of school children and **Stephen Hawking** who equally enthralled students during a lecture at the University of Toronto. Her Honour was photographed by Canadian rocker **Bryan Adams**, for his book, *AMade in Canada*,@ proceeds from which were donated in support of breast cancer research. Her Honour also attended events where **Bishop Desmond Tutu**, **Mikhail Baryshnikov**, **Frank Gehry**, **Germaine Greer**, **Peter Jennings**, **Norman Jewison**, **General John de Chastelain**, **Ted Turner** and **Jane Fonda** were celebrated.

Representing the Crown in our Constitution

The Lieutenant Governor ensures that the unwritten conventions of responsible parliamentary democracy are respected by performing various roles. During her tenure, Mrs. Weston read **four Speeches from the Throne** and prorogued the House once in person and three times by proclamation. **The last official document signed** by Her Honour, was a proclamation proroguing the Assembly effective 1 March 2002. Royal Assent was granted to **186 bills**. On the request of the Premier, Her Honour dissolved the Assembly on May 5, 1999, resulting in the 37th provincial election on June 3, 1999.

The Lieutenant Governor is also responsible for appointing a Premier and officiating at the swearing-in of Cabinet Ministers and other officials nominated by the Premier. The Government was returned following the 1999 election and Mrs. Weston presided at the swearing-in of Cabinet on June 17, 1999. She also officiated at major cabinet shuffles on October 10, 1997 and February 8, 2001, in addition to presiding on occasions when individual Ministers took their Oaths.

The Lieutenant Governor approves decisions of the Cabinet and appointments to give them the force of law, thus signifying the end of a process started in Government Ministries. In so doing, the Lieutenant Governor acts on the advice of elected officials but can exercise the right to be consulted, to encourage and to warn. Since 1997, **15,665 Orders-in-Council** have been enacted. Her Honour approved more than **43,971 appointments** of Notaries and Commissioners for taking affidavits or **grants** of Crown Land.

These constitutional duties were supported by the Chief or Associate Chief Justices of Ontario, who serve as Administrators of the Government in case the Lieutenant Governor is unavailable.

FAREWELL EVENTS

In the final months of Her Honour's service in office a number of events were organized in farewell, including:

- A farewell Levee at Queen's Park attended by 1500 members of the public;
- A reception for members of the various organizations including patronage groups that Her Honour visited during her five years in office, who particularly championed the cause of voluntarism;
- Receptions for MPPs, the Consular Corps inter and intra-govermental officials,, and media; and
- Presentation of **vice-regal commendations** to 8 Aides de Camp and two staff members, and the **Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award** to 16 long-serving volunteers to the office.

In addition, a farewell dinner was hosted by the Premier for Her Honour on behalf of the Government. A reception to bid farewell was hosted by the Loyal Societies. Her Honour granted a number of interviews to local and national media, and attended a luncheon organized by the Toronto Star which was attended by representatives of various media.

Her Honour made her final address to the Legislative Assembly on 12 December. She officially departed Queen's Park for the last time on 1 March 2002.

Honours and Awards Received by Mrs. Weston

In December 2001, Mrs. Weston became the **first Chancellor** of the **Order of Ontario** as well as a **member of the Order of Ontario**, as a result of a change in the constitution of the Order. She had earlier been invested as a **Dame of Justice** in the **Order of St. John**.

Mrs. Weston received **honorary doctorates** from the **University of Toronto**, the **University of Western Ontario**, the **University of St. Michael's College** and from the **University College of Cape Breton**. She received an **Honorary Diploma** from **Loyalist College** in Belleville.

Her Honour was granted a **Coat of Arms** by the Governor General which emphasized her family roots in Ireland, her two children, her love of equestrian sports and gardens and her motto: AGentle in Manner, Vigorous in Performance@.

She received the **T.A. Sweet Award** in 2000, from the Ontario Psychiatric Association for speaking out about the effects of schizophrenia in her family;

A **June Callwood Award** in 2001, from the Hospice Association of Ontario in recognition of her years of support to the hospice movement;

The "**Tammy Gutstein Humanitarian Award**" in 1999, from the Reena Foundation, a community-based award presented for exceptional contribution by volunteers to the community.

She was named a "**Paul Harris Fellow**", an honour bestowed by the Rotary Club of Toronto and was named a "**Woman of Distinction**" in 1997, by the Women's Auxiliary of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Her Honour is the 1st Female Honorary Colonel of 437 Transport Squadron at 8 Wing **Trenton**, and the 1st female Honorary Colonel of the Princess of Wales= Own Regiment in **Kingston**.

"**The Weston Medal**" named in her honour is awarded annually to the student achieving the highest academic standard in the Master of Social Work program at the Faculty of Social Work in the University of Toronto.

The Hilary M. Weston Scholarship - On 13 April 2002, the Government of Ontario announced the creation of the Hilary M. Weston Scholarship. Starting in the 2002 - 2003 academic year the Scholarship will be granted annually to two Ontario high-school students who plan to enrol in an Ontario college or university program for social work, and have demonstrated interest or commitment to mental health issues.

