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"We are always looking for effective treatments to enhance the beauty and relaxation of our clientele," says Price.

The company has also, throughout the years, looked at the needs of the community as a whole and has continued to be a big booster of many local charities through regular donations and fundraisers. Royal Victoria Hospital and Gilda's Club Barrie are just a few of the many local groups that have benefited. With this kind of mix between exceptional service and community awareness, it's not hard to see why Skinsational has been the winner of Barrie's Best since the award was first handed out. See for yourself what Skinsational has to offer. Located at 65 Cedar Pointe Dr., Unit 801 in Barrie, the company is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and by appointment on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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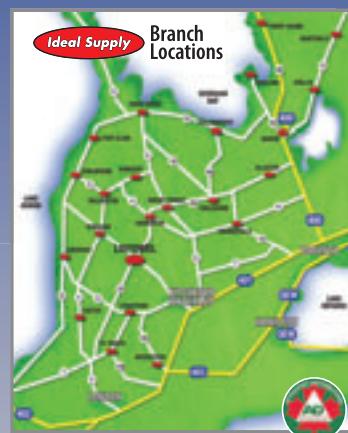
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But not only does the company, which now employs 10 people, offer quality service, they offer it 24 hours a day in the event of an emergency. Now that's service!

They take their customers' concerns very seriously and guarantee a response to any worries within 24 hours. It's an approach which has clearly not gone unnoticed. The White Glove Treatment was honoured to be nominated for a Business Achievement Award in the Econology category by the Oro-Medonte Chamber of Commerce and received letters of recognition from two local MPPs.

The awards haven't stopped there. *"We are honoured to have been voted Barrie's Best Commercial Cleaner,"* says Phillips. *"Thank you, Barrie."*

The White Glove Treatment, also a member of the Greater Barrie Chamber of Commerce, is located at 21 Greenwood Forest Rd. in Oro Station, an ideal location for serving their customers in both Barrie & Orillia. For information, call 715-3115, email patti@whiteglovetreatment.ca, or visit www.whiteglovetreatment.ca.

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The staff at Doc Malone's have stayed active in community causes such as The RVH Cancer Unit, The Brandon Crisp Endowment, Easter Seals and the Barrie Food Bank, and they wont be stopping anytime soon.

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The conservatory looks to provide its students with every possible opportunity to succeed and looks to professionally trained dancers and choreographers to help inspire students. An example of this is Ms. Tamina Pollack-Paris who has recently been added to the staff as the hip-hop teacher. Paris is notable for her top 16 finish on the TV program 'So You Think You Can Dance'.

In addition, the BDC seeks also to perform as often in public as possible and has student appearances at community events such as Celebrate Barrie and for local seniors homes during the holidays.

The conservatory's hard work and determination have helped them to be nominated as Barrie's best business in the Dance Studio category. "We were surprised and thrilled to be selected as Barrie's Best Dance Studio. I would personally like to thank all the students, parents and staff for their dedication and commitment to building such a great school." adds Bradley. The BDC is located at 40 Bell Farm Rd, Unit 11. For information call 720-2929, or go online to www.barridance.com.

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It has been a pleasure for Samson's Salon & Spa to help with local charities and community services. Since the beginning, Doug and Valerie have been actively participating in the YMCA, Rotary Club, Business Improvement Board, AIDS awareness, Rain Forest issues and the Woman and Children's Crisis Centre. All staff members participate in a minimum of one charity a year.

Following the destruction of the fire at downtown's Five Points the salon organized a Cut-a-thon with all the proceeds going to the victims of the fire. Samson's Salon & Spa is located at 44 Dunlop St. E, and is open Mon 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tues 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Wed 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thurs 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Fri 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat 9 a.m. 3 p.m.

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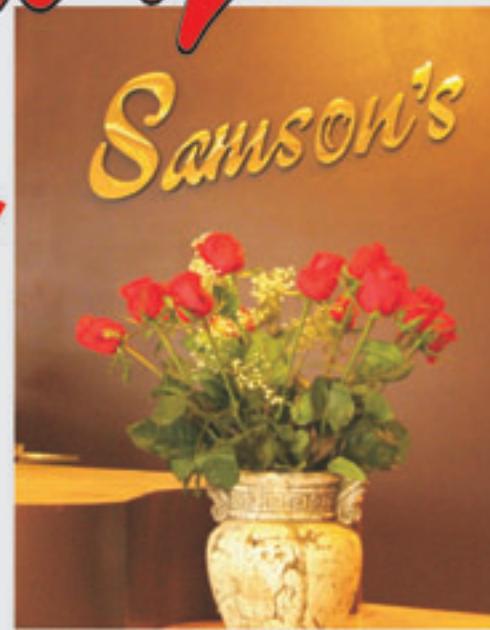
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Dr. Lechten, Dr. Paul Neilan, Dr. Anne Paquette, Dr. Bonnie Wesley and Dr. Janyk Laferriere and a staff of 25, offer years of experience and a modern up to date diagnostic facility to serve every medical need. Dr. Lechten is a member of AAHA and regularly appears on "Animal House Calls" on City-TV. The hospital is a proud supporter of the Canadian Golden Rescue, OSPCA, Furry Friends and Street Cats Animal Rescue and has initiated a junior vet program for the summer months.

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Her Denture Clinic offers a free consultation and a wide variety of services from complete and partial dentures, implant retained dentures, repairs, relines, adjustments, natural tooth whitening, mouth guards, and much more. At the completion of treatment clients receive a home care package to assist in proper maintenance.

Charissa belongs to the Denturist Association of Ontario, is a member of the Denturist Implant Study Club, and has contributed to, and been involved in Barrie's community through donations and participation for both the MS and ALS foundations, as well as Barrie's AAA hockey.

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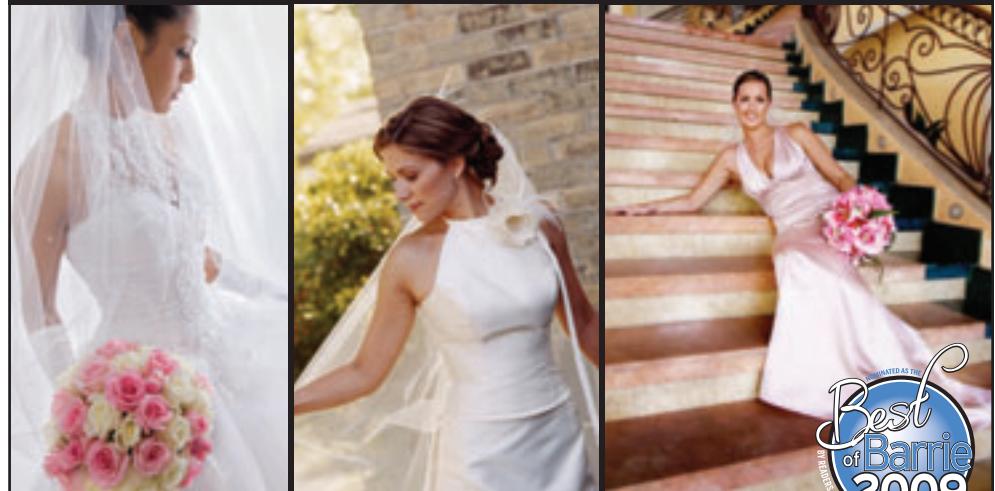
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In the five years, the salons opened, the industry has become increasingly popular, says Mitchell allowing us to serve you better with two locations 157 Bayfield St. S. and 389 Bayfield St N. and its newest location opening November of this year in Barrie's South End.

But it's more about feeling good just as much as looking good. "A lot of people come to us to help their psoriasis and to treat S.A.D.S. - seasonal affective disorder," according to Mitchell. "One gentleman comes to us because it's a lot less expensive than going through his doctor for exactly the same results."

Others come as direct referrals from dermatologists for UV therapy. The salons feature 20 traditional tanning beds. Each offers an absolutely private experience to allow the option of nude treatments to avoid tan lines. For best results, Mitchell suggests a visit to the infrared sauna to open pores prior to tanning in order to maximize results.

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"We continually strive to offer the utmost quality care and service to our customers and are extremely excited that the community has chosen us as Barrie's Best," says Tamara Schaly. "We sincerely appreciate everyone who nominated us, and we will continue to provide the best services possible in the years to come," adds Rick Schaly.

Clinic manager Denyse Beaumont, office manager Rachel Pugliese, operations manager Nichole Cote and controller Luanne Rockarts help guide clients through involvement in programs like Mind to Mind post rehabilitation/conditioning program, Fast Track orthopedic services, and sports medicine consultations with a doctor.

The rehabilitation centre is the official clinic for the Barrie Colts, Lakeshores Lacrosse, Oro 77's, Barrie Soccer Club and Mariposa Skating Club. The centre also supplies its staff to local high school rugby and football games, is a major sponsor of Thursday Night Lights Football and supporter of the Mariposa and RVH Golf Tournaments.

Barrie Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Centres have three locations, at 411 Huronia Rd, Barrie #5, 734-3340, at 121 Wellington St. W. #103, 722-9981, and at 199 Mill St. in Angus, 424-7135.



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"We believe our history is what sets us apart from our competitors," says Chris Irvine.

Founded by G. Ernest Irvine in 1960 as a Benjamin Moore paint and wallpaper retailer, the original store was located on Clapperton Street just north of Dunlop Street. The store expanded within the year adding a full line of decorating products and set a tradition for growth.

In 1972, disaster struck when fire gutted the Decorating Centre, but this did not deter its momentum, and the business continued to evolve. Today the Irvine name is synonymous with an easy, discriminating and hassle free shopping experience provided by sales professionals and colour and design consultants who are trained to be the most knowledgeable in the business.

To meet the growing needs of the community, Irvine operates two Decorating Centres. One in the North end at 514 Bayfield Street and the other in the South end at 551 Bryne Drive. *"From our humble beginnings to our current status as the region's largest full service Decorating Centres, we would like to thank all of the customers who have supported us over the years, especially those who nominated us as Barrie's Best Business in the Paint/Wallpaper and Carpet Supplier categories."* adds Chris Irvine.

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Zenetec Collision Centre is located at 247 Tiffin Street, call 737-1988 or visit www.zenetec.com for more information.

And Barrie's Best Businesses Are...

In the Spring we petitioned our readers, to nominate businesses which they deemed deserved special recognition as the best of Barrie. This publication announces their nominees /winners. Only those businesses nominated were contacted to advertise.

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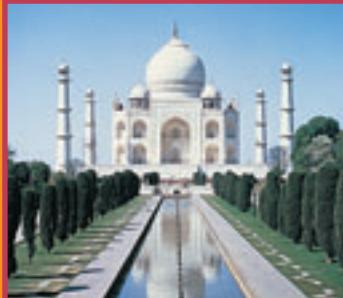


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Beauty Supply	Beauty Supply		Fish Bowl	Furniture Retailer	Johnny's	Motorcycle Shop	Barrie Harley Davidson
	Samson's Salon		Ruanne's		M & M's	Mover	Move N Save
	Shoppers	Coffee	Tim Horton's	Garage Doors	Bad Boys	Movie Rental	Blockbuster
Bedding Store	Bed and Bath	Collision Repair	Zenetec Collison	Garden Centre	AAA Door Guys	Muffler Shop	Midas
	Sears		Future Shop		Bradford Greenhouses	Music Lessons	Huronia Arts
Bicycle Store	Bike Land	Electronic Store	The Source	Treasure House	Pinecove Gallery	Naturopathic Doctor	Julie Thurstin
			Centre for Dermatology		Tangle Creek		
Book Store	Chapters	Courier	The UPS Store	Golf Course	Gorilla Golf		
	Kerry's			Golf Store			
	Treasure House	Dance Studio	Huronia Dance				

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Building a Business and a Reputation

Forward in to 2009

Georgian Pontiac Buick GMC has evolved into a dynamic dealership with over 131 employees. Still conveniently located at 65 Barrieville Drive, south Barrie has been developing around the dealership. With the construction of the Power Centre and Home Depot, the area in and around Mapleview and Barrieville Drive has become one of the busiest retail zones in all of the city.

Georgian Pontiac Buick GMC has kept right along with this tremendous growing trend becoming the #1 New & Used Sales Volume GM Dealer in Canada. With all the other major manufacturers in the automobile industry finding their way just down the road on Mapleview, Georgian Pontiac planted its roots in south Barrie, marking itself as one of the first developments in this very influential section of the city.

To commend Georgian on their continuing success in sales and their incredible commitment to servicing their customers, General Motors recently awarded them with the prestigious President's Triple Crown Award in 2006, 2007 and again in 2008 for excellence in Customer Satisfaction, Vehicle Sales Volume and Business Management.

With their continued priority of service being paramount, Georgian's customer base has grown to 65,000 service and vehicle purchase customers. Warren Wilkey has been a member of the Georgian Pontiac sales team since October 1975 and has seen



the incredible growth first hand. With two other GM technicians, Wayne McCracken and Nelson Adams, also having been employed by Georgian Pontiac for over 25 years, Georgian's commitment to their employees and their ties to the community are evident.

Georgian Pontiac Buick GMC continues to take part in local sponsorships and community events. With Jamie Massie at the helm, the team at Georgian is driving into 2010 in the fastest growing city in Canada, with as much pride and determination as ever to reinforce their role as a valued and trusted member of this community.

Today, despite the challenges faced with the global recession and the ever changing car market continues to demonstrate sales leadership. Georgian Pontiac Buick GMC was voted Barrie's Best New Car Dealer, by readers of the Barrie Examiner. A true testament to the "Georgian" brand and the excellent service and products provided to the City of Barrie and its residents by the Georgian team.

LOOKING BACK to 1993



Georgian Pontiac Buick GMC never utilizes the hard sell approach. Instead, the car dealership has been like the turtle in a race against a hundred hares. Quiet, consistent and efficient service has been Georgian's trade mark since the Massie family took over the Pontiac dealership in 1981.

Jim Massie, a man with more than

40 years experience in the automobile industry was well

acquainted with the history of the Pontiac dealership in Barrie.

Working as a National Business Manager for General Motors

Canada in Oshawa, Jim Massie

knew a great deal about virtually every Pontiac, Buick and Oldsmobile dealership.

Jim and his son, Jamie, purchased

Georgian Pontiac Buick GMC in

September, 1981, with the hopes

and dreams of turning the dealership into a well-run, long lasting family business. The Massie

family was determined to lay the foundation for a business that not

only would provide its customers with a full service facility, but

become an active and vital cog in

the community.

The need to offer more and better

services led the Massies in the late

1980's to consider a new, larger

Georgian Pontiac Buick GMC

facility. Quite simply, the business

had outgrown its downtown Barrie

property and needed more space to

expand and update its service

department, plus offer its clientele

the most modern and attractive

showroom and car lots available.

A new property was secured in the

south end of Barrie, just off Molson

Park Drive next to Highway 400,

and the Massies were thrilled and

determined to provide this region

with a sparkling new facility.

The original dealership, located on

Bradford Street in Barrie, had been

battling some tough times during

the early 1980's recession when the

Massies came north to visit the

dealership in June, 1981. There

was a great deal of work required

to bring the business back into top

shape and get the 30 or so

employees working like a well-oiled

machine. The facility also needed

extensive renovations and a great deal of effort, but the Massies and their employees were determined to succeed.

Since 1981, Georgian has evolved into one of the best Pontiac dealerships in the province. The Massie philosophy of full customer service and community involvement

has certainly made the name 'Georgian Pontiac' one of the best known business names in the area.

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Despite the recession that was

second guessing going on at

Georgian, Jamie Massie wanted to

complete the new building and offer

all his customers a full service,

splendid dealership. The Massies

pushed forward with the

development of the new facility and

soon the building became a reality.

And what a building. Open for business in the fall of 1990, Georgian Pontiac Buick GMC is a splendid example of what a car dealership can be. Modern, clean, efficient and spacious, Georgian Pontiac Buick GMC is truly one of the grandest and most appealing facilities in Ontario.

The history of the Massie family and its commitment to making Georgian Pontiac a respected, successful business that is involved in the community is an example of what can be done by determined minds.

The Massies dream of creating a solid family business that supports its customers and its community has certainly been realized.



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New Car Dealer	Georgian GM
Home Builder	Pratt
Night Club	Zancor
Nursery School	Roxx
Nutrition Centre	Discovery Childcare
	Nature's Best
	Nutrition Plus
	Popeye's
	Katherine Olmstead
Office Furniture	Staples
Optical	Costco
Orthodontist	Dr Hazlett
Overall Restaurant	The Keg
Paint / Wallpaper	Colour Your World
	Irvine's Decorating
	Toy & Party Depot
Party Supplier	Walmart
Patio Furniture	Pet Smart
Pet Grooming	Pet Smart
Pet Store	Shoppers
Pharmacy	Walmart
Photo Studio	Barnett

Physiotherapist	Barrie Sports Medicine
Picture Framing	Michael's
Pilate's / Yoga	Yoga Hall
Pizza	Pizza Pizza
Pizza Delivery	Pizza People & Sub
Play Place	McDonalds
Pool Company	KoHo
Pool Hall	Dunlop Billiards
Private School	Kempfent Bay School
Property Maint.	HG Property Maintenance
	Midhurst Landscaping
	O.P.P.
Pub	Doc Malone's
Racquet Club	Barrie Racquet Club
Rec Facility	YMCA
Restaurant Patio	National Training Rinks
Retirement Community	Jack Astor's
Retirement Residence	The Waterford
	Roberta Place
	Roberta Place
	The Barrington
Ribs	The Keg

Romantic Rest.	Fishbowl
	Keg
Roofing Co.	Bill's Roofing
Scrapbook	Michael's
Seafood Rest.	Red Lobster
Sewing Supply	John's Sewing Centre
	L.A. Sewing
Shoe Store	Foot Locker
Shopping Centre	Georgian Mall
Sporting Goods	Garner Sports
Sport's Bar	Tiffs
	The Keg
Storage	Alliance Self Storage
Sub/Sandwich	Mr. Sub
	Quizno's
Summer Camp	Tim Horton's
	Camp Cherith
Tailor	Fix It
Take Out	CK Chinese
Tanning Salon	Extreme Tanning
	Beverly Hills Tanning
Tax Preparation	H & R Block

Taxi Service	Barrie Taxi
Thai Restaurant	Royal Thai
Tile Store	Tile Master
Tire Retailer	The Tire Guys
Hobby Shop	Ideal Hobbies
Toy Retailer	Toys R Us
Transmission Shop	Mr. Transmission
Truck (Make & Model)	Ford F150
TV Sales & Service	2001 Audio Video
	Jerry's TV
Used Car Dealer	Schmidt & Shaw
Used CD Store	Hock Shop
Vacuum Sales & Service	Georgian Vacuum
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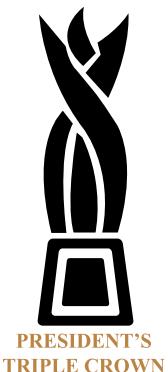
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