

# Jarvis: Here's to you



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There are many fine people in Windsor and Essex County, many smart people, many inspiring people. They make this community better. Lucky me — I get to write about them. Here's a toast to an eclectic group from 2015.

## Lorraine Goddard

Twenty disadvantaged kids in Leamington are more likely to succeed because of the United Way and CEO Lorraine Goddard.

The kids, who struggle with school attendance and grades, have begun a remarkable, intensive, multi-faceted, long-term program to help them not only graduate from high school but start an apprenticeship, college or university. It's about much more than classes; it's about everything these kids need to succeed, including expectations. And it's about investing in the community



CEO Lorraine Goddard for United Way-Centraide Windsor-Essex County. TYLER BROWNBIDGE / WINDSOR STAR

## Vincent Georgie

Georgie's Windsor International Film Festival sold a record 17,000 tickets this year. People lined up around the corner on opening night and packed the theatres on closing night. Ninety films, 137 screenings — some of the best and boldest films from around the world. And it's all run by volunteers. WIFF is the fourth largest non-profit, volunteer-run film festival

in Canada. It's everything Windsor needs in a city trying to change its image, draw people and resurrect its downtown.



**WIFF executive director Vincent Georgie.** TYLER BROWNBRIDGE / WINDSOR STAR

### **Nancy Pancheshan**

A regular teacher and mother of two, Pancheshan stood up to the city, the Ontario government and a multimillion-dollar company to save a small but rich patchwork of land full of threatened and endangered species: the Ojibway Prairie Complex. Save Ojibway may have lost the epic, eight-year battle before the Ontario Municipal Board over the proposed shopping centre, but Pancheshan taught us what we have and why it's important and rallied us to defend it. And she's not done.



**Nancy Pancheshan is shown along Matchettte Road in Windsor, Ont. on Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014.** DAN

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### **Matt Marchand**

Deputy premier Deb Matthews arrived for lunch with Unifor and met Matt Marchand, CEO of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber president? At a labour lunch?

Everyone is talking about collaboration. The chamber does it. It has joined with Unifor to sponsor election debates, lobby for an auto policy and single-sports betting and host forums on the economy. It even collaborated with anti-poverty group Pathway to Potential to promote the Living Wage.



**Matt Marchand is pictured in this 2014 file photo.** TYLER BROWNBRIDGE / WINDSOR STAR

### **Daniel Wells**

Nothing explodes Windsor's lunch bucket image like having a publisher with three books nominated for the prestigious Scotiabank Giller Prize. None of the books won this year, but Wells, owner of Biblioasis, did something few small, independent publishers do. Three of his books made the long list for the Giller this year, and two made the short list. Biblioasis publishes great books regularly. One of its titles has been nominated for the Giller three of the previous five years.



**Daniel Wells at Windsor publishing house and used bookstore Biblioasis with copies of the books that have been nominated for the Giller Prize. Photographed Sept. 9, 2015.**

**Friends of Atkinson Park and Pool**

This group of mostly grandmothers — the oldest is 76 — have subsidized swimming lessons for hundreds of low-income kids, built the skateboard park, playground and paths and hosted skateboard contests and summer fairs. They've raised more than half a million dollars to improve the historic park on the vulnerable west side.

Every time the city tries to close the pool, the grandmas defend it. "The little park that could," member Jane Sparrow calls it. They make the city better.



Members of the Friends of Atkinson, from left, Jo-Anne Ouellette, Jane Sparrow, Lyn Burns, Marilyn Woodison, and Gail Clark, are pictured outside the pool at Atkinson Park in this February 2013 file photo. DAX

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### **Gregg Ward**

He has called for a new bridge for just short of forever. But when the Gordie Howe International Bridge is built, it will probably put Ward, whose family owns the Detroit-Windsor Truck Ferry, out of business. Canada has treated him poorly. We used to make him pay the \$50,000 salary of his customs officer, and we're still trying to charge him \$25,000 a year for icebreaking even though the U.S. Coast Guard does it for free. Yet he has been a principled and steadfast friend.



Truck ferry owner Gregg Ward at the Windsor dock where trucks of all shapes and sizes are transported across the international border and the Detroit River to Detroit, Mich. NICK BRANCACCIO / WINDSOR STAR

### **Lee-Anne Setterington**

If it hadn't been for a wave of opposition, women in Leamington would be praying they don't have to stop at the side of the road as they rush to Windsor to deliver their babies. Setterington led the fight to keep obstetrics at Leamington District Memorial Hospital. It wasn't just for women; it was for the town's future. Closing obstetrics would have been like telling young families they're not welcome. Thousands signed the petition. Hundreds packed the public meeting. Councils passed resolutions.



Lee-Anne Setterington, centre, is cheered for her work in saving the OB unit at Leamington District Memorial Hospital September 17, 2015. Cheryl Deter, right, Chief Nursing Executive at Leamington District Memorial Hospital and other supporters applaud. NICK BRANCACCIO / WINDSOR STAR

### **Carol Derbyshire**

As Canada wrestles with assisted suicide, The Hospice, led by executive director Carol Derbyshire, is getting two more beds in Windsor and opening a \$6-million, 10-bed hospice in Leamington.

"If people know their pain will be managed, their families will be cared for, people don't ask to die," Derbyshire, the longtime face of The Hospice, told The Windsor Star's Brian Cross.

The widely respected hospice remains a beacon for compassionate care for those facing a life-altering illness.



**Carol Derbyshire, executive director for Hospice, gives opening remarks at the 18th annual LifeWalk for Hospice at the Riverside Sportsmen Club, Saturday, May 10, 2014. DAX MELMER / WINDSOR STAR**

### **Mary Lambros**

First, she brought back the Olde Walkerville Theatre, a “ghastly eyesore” next to her restaurant on Wyandotte Street East. She was going to turn it into a parking lot — until she saw the vaulted arch over the stage of the grand, 95-year-old theatre. Since then, Lambros has spent a fortune restoring it. And she has filled it with the arts. Now it’s the shuttered Monarch Mattress, which she’s transforming into the Garage Door Theatre. And she’s bringing the Fringe Festival back to Windsor next May.