



From Behind the Service Counter

Thanks for stopping by.

For those who know me, I have multiple lives beyond computers and my long love of the Gloucester Fair has now come to an exciting end. I've been on the Fair Board for the last 35 years and it is as much a part of me as anything else in my life.

I started there with my Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream business that I operated for over 20 years (oof, I'm starting to feel long in the tooth!) wanting to promote my business and I fell in love. The Fair offered experiences one normally doesn't get to enjoy so after dealing with rock bands, TV and radio stations, rural folk and City officials, politicians and the special needs community, Rideau Carleton Raceway people, sponsors from all walks of life and some just really nice people, I can claim to have learned more about our community than most, all on account of the Fair.

So don't be surprised if you stop by and I'm in the back office which is now the official office of the *new* Capital Fair. Oh, did I mention that we changed the dates from the end of May to a ten day event in mid-August? And that we changed the name?

Response has been so positive and everyone so helpful as the Fair is rededicating itself to our community. This year we've invited Ottawa's not-for-profit groups, charitable causes, service clubs and community groups to participate for free. The Fair runs from Friday, August 15th to Sunday, August 24th at Rideau Carleton Entertainment Center. And admission is FREE, courtesy of VLN Technologies! Please stop by the Fair and support the charities or just say hello. This will be a great way for families to discover their community and its needs. And as we put together this inaugural version of the Capital Fair, we're confirming what we always knew... that it's fun to give back!

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