

What Goes Around, Comes Around

An interesting thing happens when you decide to clean up to make room for other boxes of stuff that you will certainly accumulate in your house over a short time span. As you move from room to room and rummage around for bags and shoe boxes full of memories long since forgotten, you find yourself being drawn into a past that for some reason now seems more important and grandeur than it did while it was the present. As piles are sorted and stacked into dates, or alphanumerical filing systems, and garbage bags begin to fill up, we are often left in awe as to the items we kept for what we thought was intrinsic value. A Popsicle Pete poster, a ticket stub from the David Bowie concert, a balloon boat from Shreddies. What was I thinking?

Another document box gets pulled from under the bed. Report cards, newsletters that had mentioned my name and awards and certificates that I had once been so proud to display now sit, rather unceremoniously preserved in obscurity, in discoloured envelopes and buff file folders. A certain folder catches my eye. I open it to reveal a news clipping from the Daily Times Newspaper. I know what it is, at least I though I did. A picture of me accepting an

award that I was fortunate enough to receive, for Achievement in Business Studies at Sheridan College in 1983. I begin to read the description under the picture and I chuckled to myself. Twenty-one years had past, and so had the memory of whom I had received this award from. It was The Brampton Board of Trade.

Now as an active member of the BOT and the EMTS, I realize that it is true, what goes around, comes around. The Brampton Board of Trade has been a recognizable face to the Brampton Business community ever since I can remember. My father was a member as owner of Bowman T.V. more than 30 years ago, and now I proudly display the BBOT

plaque in my office. Community involvement is the key to a successful business organization, and now I realize that in some way the Brampton Board of Trade helped to shape the person I would become. This old creased and yellowing news article has reinforced the image that the Brampton Board of Trade has worked hard to cultivate for many years, a group of professional business people who care about giving something back to the City. Thanks again, after more than twenty years, for the award and the bursary that I received as a student.

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