



COUNTY OF BRANT  
**SPORTS HALL OF FAME**

**2018**

# Earl Gaukel

## Community Builder



**Hometown: St. George Year of Birth: 1928**

- Earl and his wife, Helen, raised five children in St. George.
- With children in sports, he saw the need for kids to play locally after elementary school and was instrumental in organizing bantam, midget & juvenile teams to play at the Ayr Arena.
- St. George Minor Hockey Association was born, albeit playing in Ayr.
- Earl became involved on the Executive of the Grand Valley Hockey League to ensure there were future hockey opportunities for St. George youth.
- It soon became evident that the community would need its own arena to ice their teams and fundraising began.
- Earl became the first President of St. George & District Minor Hockey which is a thriving organization that has benefited thousands of boys and girls over the years.
- In the summer months, when his three sons played softball, he was involved in coaching and participated on the Executive.
- He was also President of Brant - Wentworth Minor Softball League for several years.
- His fundraising with minor hockey for the arena led him to a construction job building the South Dumfries Community Centre. Soon after, he was hired as the Arena Manager and held the position for 22 years.
- Earl received lifetime memberships in St. George Minor Hockey & the Grand Valley Minor Hockey association.
- In 1987, he received the Ontario Government Certificate of Recognition for his contribution to Amateur Sports in the Community.