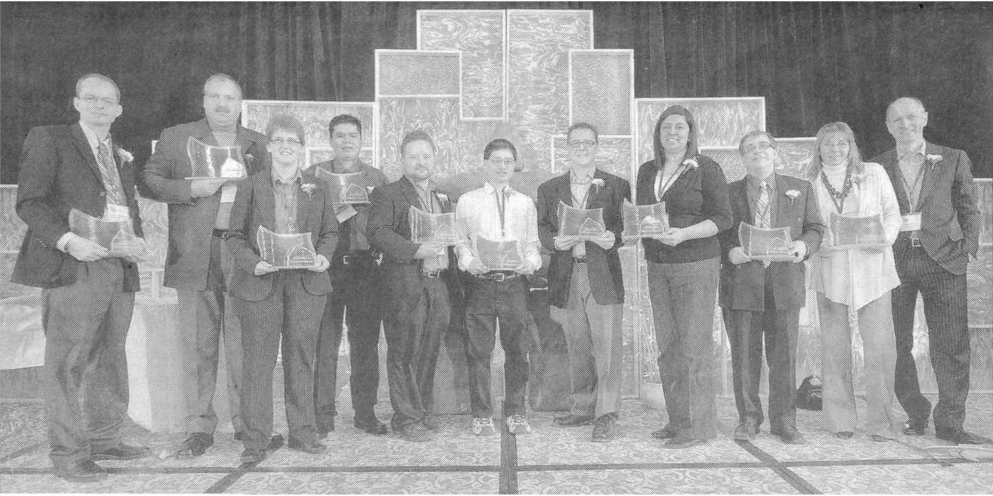


Mr. Winnipeg



G'day. Hey, here's something worth knowing. Got an e-mail from **Vicki V.** Monday describing a new way to help out Winnipeg Harvest. Vicki tells me she donated her engagement ring in support of their latest donation drive.

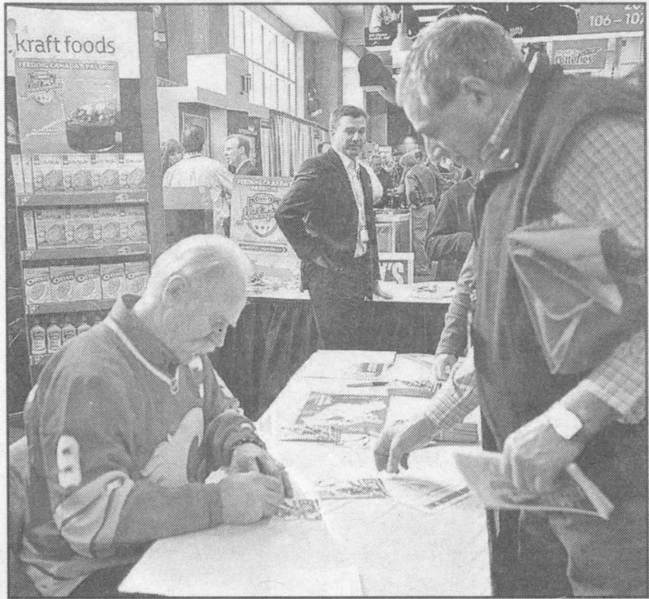
"I didn't realize you could even do this (donate jewelry) to Harvest (me neither V), so I was happy to learn that they will take the ring and issue a tax receipt for the appraised amount. I think of it as 'carats for carrots!'" Cute.

Vicki adds that since she's no longer with the person she was engaged to, "the diamond ring will do a heck of a lot more good for Harvest than it will sitting in my desk drawer."

True. Thanks for sharing Vicki, both the ring, and the info.

NORTH WEST COMPANY PARTIES IN 'PEG

Don't know how long they've been meeting here in Winnipeg, but The North West Company's recent "Wintering Partners Conference" held here Feb. 1-5, has been "a tradition of the company since the



HANDOUT

1700s" says Company creative services guru **Chris Brabant.**

Winnipeg is home to the company's corporate offices; the annual conference bringing together store managers from the northern Canadian retail operations for an idea exchange and vendor sponsored trade show, this year held at MTS Centre.

They also take the opportunity to acknowledge excellence on awards night; and I'm told also particularly enjoyed the 2011 featured guest speaker, NHL legend, **Lanny McDonald.** No surprise there. Best wishes for continued success here in Winnipeg and Canada NWC. Partner on!