



MUNICIPALITY OF CHESTER

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2020 Volunteer Nominee's

(PROVINCIAL VOLUNTEER) Patricia (Pat) Bates, Windsor Road <i>Nominated by:</i> Shoreham Village Senior Citizens Association	Cynthia Spraggs, Chester <i>Nominated by:</i> Chester Garden Club
Deanna Burns, Hubbards <i>Nominated by:</i> Hubbards & Area Lions Club	Betty Hughes & Paul Wheeler, Chester Basin (FAMILY) <i>Nominated by:</i> RCL Branch #88, Ladies Auxiliary, Chester Basin
Robert Gates, New Ross <i>Nominated by:</i> Forties Community Centre	Vernon & Brenda Keddy (FAMILY) <i>Nominated by:</i> New Ross Historical Society
Jacqueline Leppard, Hubbards <i>Nominated by:</i> Hubbards Barn Association	Dan & Wendy Moscovitch, Marriott's Cove (FAMILY) <i>Nominated by:</i> Aenon Baptist Church
Michael O'Connor, Chester <i>Nominated by:</i> Church Memorial Park	Aspotogan Heritage Trust Board (GROUP) <i>Nominated by:</i> Aspotogan Heritage Trust
William Rafuse, Gold River <i>Nominated by:</i> Lunenburg County Crime Prevention Association	

Did you know?

More than 410,000 Nova Scotians volunteer, contributing an average of 192 hours per year. That is almost 79 million hours of volunteering!

Provincial Volunteer Recipient



Patricia Bates

Nominated by:

Shoreham Village Senior Citizens Association

At Shoreham Village, we are very fortunate to have an amazing Spiritual team of clergy members, and Pat Bates is just one of these amazing people. Pat has a variety of roles at the home; she is a lay

reader for our church services, an organizer of our Remembrance and Christmas services, facilitates our celebrations of life, has a resident program named Spiritual hour consisting of singing and prayer throughout. Not to forget, the beautiful fur babies that she has brought in for some puppy snuggles with residents. Pat is, one of the most selfless people. She has provided healing and spiritual care to more people than I can mention. She has been a large part of her church, our home, and her surrounding community in so many ways. She is one that would drop whatever it was she was doing, to be there for someone else, no matter the struggles she may be facing. Pat has had an amazing impact on the home over the years and continues to be there for residents whenever asked. Residents of Shoreham are truly blessed to have her present in the home.



Pat brings so much talent, knowledge, and sincere kindness to not only the residents, but to everyone that has crossed her path at Shoreham: staff, family & fellow volunteers. Pat's kind demeanor brings a sense of peace and calmness to residents that in turn, has a positive impact on their overall personal health; both emotionally and spiritually. Thank you, Pat, for everything you do here at Shoreham Village and in your community.



Deanna Burns

Nominated by:

Hubbards Area Lion's Club

Deanna joined the Hubbards Area Lion's Club approximately 2 years ago. Since this time, Deanna has immersed herself in the Club.

She volunteers at all Club functions, and has volunteered to work on several committees, as well as became our Treasurer.

As our Treasurer and team member, she has worked within the financial constitutions to save our Club monies

with monthly fees & accounts. She works with government programs to apply for funding & grants to update our building thus allowing the Lion's Club to help our Community more. When Deanna joined us, she brought several community-oriented events, all of which brought the community together; one event is the Buddy Pack.

Every Friday children who are in need within the community are given food staples to take home for the weekend so they can ensure to have meals over the weekend.

Deanna has been a great addition to the Hubbards Area Lion's Club and is greatly appreciated for all that she does for us and the community.





Robert Gates

Nominated by: Forties Community Centre

It is with great pleasure, that we nominate Robert Gates for the Municipal Volunteer Recognition award. He has been a dedicated, volunteer for many years and serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Forties Community Centre. He also serves as a member of the New Ross Farmers Association and is invaluable to both organizations.

Robert has an easy-going personality, is a hard worker and is very knowledgeable when it comes to mechanical issues. He is often called upon for problem solving or making improvements. He has repaired and improved a multitude of items. Robert is always willing to pitch in no matter the task: whether he is helping to put up decorations or delivering a 12- foot Christmas tree, for the Forties Garden Club.



Robert often works in the kitchen helping prepare suppers. He stays after for cleanup, serves tea/coffee, puts tables and chairs away, helps set up for the next event or will fill in anywhere he is needed. His volunteer service is a long and diverse list of tasks. It cannot be left unsaid, that he has brought our mashed potatoes to a new level of excellence, they are the best!



Robert is a dedicated worker and we appreciate all he does for us. Robert has always taken his commitment seriously and really enjoys working with people. He is an ideal candidate for this award. Robert's a great guy, with a can-do attitude and as Chairman of the Board; for the Forties Community Centre, I am proud to nominate him for this award.



Jacqueline Leppard

Nominated by:

The Hubbards Barn Association

Jackie volunteers with the Hubbards Barn Association doing bookkeeping, Board Member, Volunteer of Market & Special Events. She also volunteers for

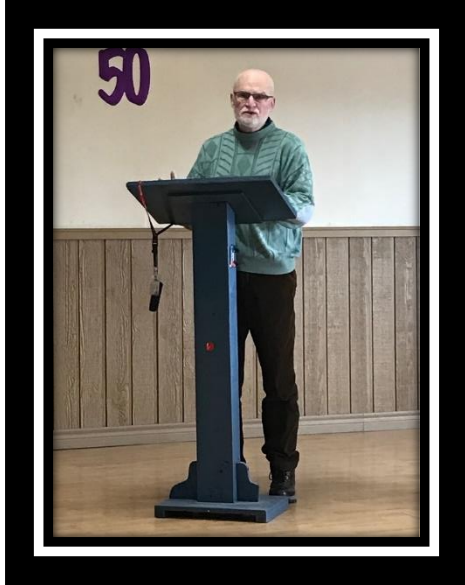
the Bay Treasure Chest – Volunteer Counter & Admin for community-based fundraising partnership.

Jackie is also involved with Zatoun – this is a non-profit organization established to support Palestinian Farming Communities by helping to market their product globally & improve their operations. Jackie sells and distributes their product across the Maritime's.

In addition to the hours put in above, Jackie is known to drive community members to appointments, bringing food boxes to those in need and personally donating to those in need. Her daughter says, “she really just sees herself in a position of relative privilege to help those in need and the responsibility in that”.

Thank you, Jackie, for all that you do our community.



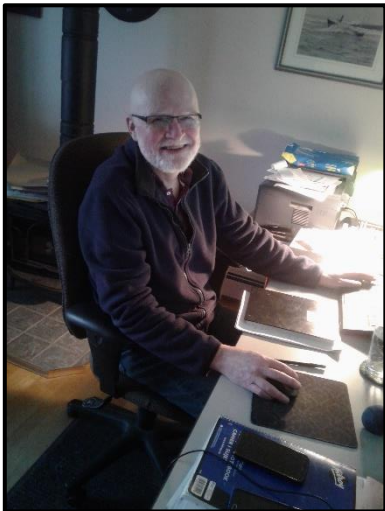


Michael O'Connor

Nominated by: Church Memorial Park

Michael moved to Chester in 1994, at that time he was still working full time outside of the community. As he settled into life in Chester, he started to volunteer, originally by serving on various committees and teaching catechism for St. Augustine's parish in Chester. Once he began working from his home based office, and started to play hockey with the Chester Oldies, his volunteer efforts ramped up a notch.

He currently is serving as treasurer for the volunteer board of the Charles E Church Memorial



Park in Chester. Wearing this hat he has been instrumental in many of the planning of the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Eleanor Pew Morris arena complex - stepping up as required whether it was making potato salad for a lobster supper, or drawing up funding and grant proposals, or



even building demonstration boxes for a community garden project. He volunteers because he likes to help others in the community. Thank you, Michael, for all that you do.





Cynthia Spraggs

Nominated by: Chester Garden Club

Cynthia joined the Chester Garden Club in 2010 as a new resident to Chester. She was new to gardening and looking for help and ideas for her new gardens. As we quickly came to learn, she was interested in volunteering her labour in helping to maintain our club gardens: The Cove Garden at the head of the Front Harbour and the Parade Square

Garden. This past summer she opened her gardens to a group tour – she has come a long way!

Cynthia has brought her organization and business skills to the Chester Garden Club by designing a brochure for new and perspective members, by helping design a new art deco logo for our club and setting up a Blog page. Currently, Cynthia is keeping our Facebook page current and teaching us all along the way so we can maintain these initiatives. Cynthia is a good team strategist and brings the best out in people.

Most notably Cynthia was the Chair of our annual Flower Show and Tea for 3 years. Under her guidance, we now have an ongoing planning guide and a solid computer file for our record keeping. Through her diligent work with sponsorships for the Flower Show, she put the Chester Garden Club on a good financial footing and enabled us to cover the ongoing costs of maintaining and improving our gardens and celebrating our 75th anniversary with many events open to the community.



Cynthia has brought a business model approach to her volunteering while still maintaining the spirit of the Chester Garden Club. She also works behind the scenes to support other community groups. The Chester Garden Club thanks her for her help and encouragement.



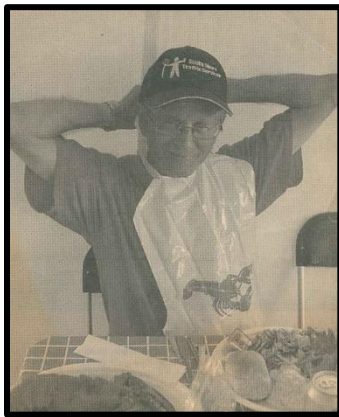
William Rafuse

Nominated by:

Lunenburg County Crime Prevention Association

Billy (William) is a pillar in our community first and foremost whom puts in countless hours to ensure that everyone feels safe and included in our community.

Billy is Vice-President of Lunenburg County Crime Prevention Association. Billy always makes a



difference in our community by keeping us safe from harm as well as not letting our Legion and all its members and vets go to the wayside. He continues to fight for what he believes in a community to where he is proud to live in.

Billy is a Past Member of Chester Municipality Crime Prevention Association and Past Member of Western Shore and Chester & Area Citizens on Patrol.



Billy is President, and Life Member, of the Western Shore Legion for the last 14 years. He helps every year with the Canada Day events and with card games every Monday at the Legion. Thank you, Billy, for all that you do in our Community.

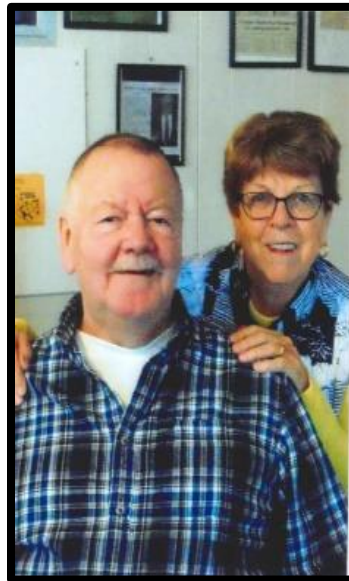


Betty Hughes & Paul Wheeler

Nominate by:

Ladies Auxiliary Br. #88, Chester Basin

This couple came to our Legion almost 9 years ago...Betty joined our Branch, while Paul was already a member of Branch 44. We (the Ladies Auxiliary) were in desperate need of a cook. Paul stepped up and for several years, was in charge of our catering.



He was forced to retire a couple years ago for health issues. However, he continues to help today whenever he can. Soon after joining, Betty became Secretary of our Branch. She has also been Membership Chairman, a member of the Ladies Auxiliary and holds the position of Vice President. She is always available to help with our monthly breakfasts, as well as our TGIF suppers every Friday night.



Whenever we need a helping hand with any event, Betty is always there. As a result of all Betty & Paul's volunteering over the past many years and still, we are very pleased to nominate both Betty & Paul for the volunteer award.



Vernon & Brenda Keddy

Nominated by:

New Ross Historical Society

Vernon & Brenda have been members of the New Ross Historical Society for 22 years. They have both held various positions within the Executive over the years.

Their most significant contribution is in the publication of various books, CD's & calendars.

CD: "Written in Stone" Monuments of New Ross.

Books: "The Scotsman & The English Lady" Keddy Genealogy.



The Brothers Huls" Hiltz Genealogy.

"New Ross Book of Remembrance" New Ross Military.

"100 Day Voyage to Freedom" Barkhouse Genealogy.

"History of New Ross 1816 – 2016" 200 years New Ross.

"New Ross Historical Calendar" 2005 – Present.

It is through the sale of these publications that the Historical Society remains viable and a valuable partner in the community at large.

Through the sale of publications, there has been tens of thousands of dollars channeled back to the community of New Ross. In partnership with organizations such as: Ross Farm Museum, New Ross Regional Development Society, New Ross Trail Society, School, Legion, New Ross Farmers Association & many others; projects and events have received funding from this initiative. Thank you, Vernon and Brenda, for all that you do.





Dan & Wendy Moscovitch

Nominated by: Aenon Baptist Church

Wendy volunteers for the Aenon Baptist Church as Visitation Coordinator, Kid Club Instructor, Leadership Team. Her primary volunteer position is visiting and coordinating visits for those who are house bound, sick, in hospital and grieving in our Church family. Through this Ministry of Compassion, she keeps people connected and cared for. Most importantly, she reminds them they are not alone. In addition, Wendy creatively makes

sympathy, thinking of you, and thank you cards by hand, which we use in this ministry. In addition to her work at the Church, she volunteers for the Alzheimer Society of NS that support caregivers and families. She also volunteers at FHCS and with Sparks. These, with Kids Club, show her efforts to both young & old.

Dan volunteers for the Aenon Baptist Church as the Buildings & Grounds Coordinator and Past Trustee. Dan has been a very active volunteer in the maintenance, renovation, and building projects at the Church. He has given countless hours to ensuring the integrity and safety of the building which has included fire safety & prevention. He is also our “handy man”. In the community, he has been President and Member of the Marriott’s Cove Association. He has helped clean up his neighborhood, local beach, water ways and others, to keep the natural beauty of the area and improve safety for locals and visitors.



These two have a generous heart and a love for their neighbors. They have made a significant contribution to keep people connected, both in forms of relationships and to the natural world around us. Like many volunteers, they are humble about the impact they make. But it is large and small acts of service like theirs, that make our community richer, fuller, deeper, and safer. I am thankful for the heart they have for others.



ASPOTOGAN HERITAGE TRUST BOARD

Nominated by: Aspotogan Heritage Trust

Over the past 25 years, the members of the Board of Directors of the Aspotogan Heritage Trust (AHT) have worked tirelessly to help the Hubbards / Aspotogan Region make community visions a reality. Originally created to off-set the economic loss from the closure of CFS Mill Cove, the AHT soon expanded to also address social, cultural, education and environmental needs across the area. The AHT Board has supported many local community events and facilities over its 25 years. The purchase of the Hubbards Fish Plant and Barn properties, subsidies

for Community Wheels, Daycares and Adult Learning; Capital Improvements to Community Centre's, Lions Club, Recreation Facilities are key to AHT's ongoing community development work.

The AHT Board is actively engaged in the strategic planning and governance of ongoing regional development and it is their passion, commitment and vision for the area that contribute to the vibrancy of the Hubbards / Aspotogan Region. As AHT celebrates 25 years, the Board has ensured it is always "Looking forward and Giving Back".



Since its inception in 1994, AHT has contributed in excess of \$1.25 million in grants to the community it calls home. Additionally, the organization has provided employment to 35 staff and 25 summer students, most of who were residents. In 2018, it took on the operational responsibilities of the Aspotogan Ridge Golf Club, increasing employment opportunities, re-vitalizing the overall project and ensuring environmental stewardship of the property. Thank you for all that you do for the Community.