

Municipality of Port Hope Civic Awards 2010

Outstanding Citizen

The Outstanding Citizen for 2010 is **Paul Racine**.

Paul was born and raised in Port Hope and has always found ways to get involved and give back to his community. Paul has volunteered his time and energy in many areas since he was 10 years old, canvassing for the March of Dimes. Since then he has canvassed for Heart & Stroke and the Diabetes Associations, coached minor hockey and minor baseball and played hockey for both the Cobourg Cougars and the Port Hope Panthers.

Paul is a founding member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Northumberland Sunrise for 10 years, a member and Past President of the Port Hope Rotary Club for almost 20 years and has been named a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his work as a Rotarian.

He was a member of the Port Hope Hospital Board of Directors and has been a member of the Port Hope & District Health Care Foundation for 20 years helping to raise money for many projects including the Pool Therapy Rehabilitation Program and equipment for the Golden Plough Residence, Northumberland Hills Hospital, Northumberland County Fire Departments and the Port Hope & District Walk In Clinic.

Paul is an active member of the Knights of Columbus for the past 35 years and was the driving force behind the Caroline St. Rink Revitalization Group, a much used facility in both winter and summer. When Paul learned of the Cemetery Board's need for money to refurbish the gates to the cemetery, he and his wife Debby organized a social event at their home to raise funds for the cause.

Paul is currently focusing his expertise and energy as Fundraising Chair for the Northumberland United Way with the distinction of being the first single individual from Port Hope to accept this very demanding position with this year's goal to raise more than \$900,000.00 to fund 15 agencies across Northumberland County.

Congratulations Paul on being chosen as the Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

Outstanding Youth

The Outstanding Youth of the Year 2010 is **Mary Ellen Cotter**.

Mary Ellen is a grade 12 student at Port Hope High School with a long history of volunteering both at school and in her community. Mary Ellen has volunteered in the Lake Shore Clean-up, the Students Helping Seniors program and worked the checkout desk at Red Cross Blood Donor Clinics. She has collected pledges and was an active member of the "Relay for Life" teams for four years, raising funds for the Canadian Cancer Society. She has worked as a volunteer babysitter at Ontario Pioneer Camp and taught at summer Bible School at Port Hope United Church for three years.

She has served as a member of the "A" Team as a leadership transition to the LINK Crew, participated in "A Girls Night Out" and "Read-a-thon" - raising funds to build an orphanage in Africa. She assisted with the "Bottle Drive For Leukemia & Lymphoma for three years, the Environment Club's annual Christmas Craft Sale and rode the "Big Bike" in support of the Heart & Stroke Foundation.

In 2009 Mary Ellen became a Link Crew Team Leader, helping Grade 9 students adapt to high school. Mary Ellen was elected to Port Hope High School's Student Government in 2009 as Minister of the Environment and in 2010, she participated in the PHHS Dragon Boat Team, raising funds for the United Way. She has also helped organize the "Fast for Funds", raising money for the 2011 Tanzania project.

Mary Ellen currently serves as student body Prime Minister at Port Hope High School and is an active member of the Youth Cares Committee at the Northumberland Hills Hospital, raising funds in support of the hospital.

Congratulations Mary Ellen on receiving this very well deserved award.

Community Service

Pam Smith has been, and continues to be, an active volunteer at Ganaraska Trail Public School. Having started her volunteer work at the former Howard Jordan Public School, Pam spent 2 mornings a week for the past 10 years preparing classroom activities, assisting in the making of parent's gifts and even book marks for soldiers in Afghanistan. Pam is being presented with a Community Service Award.

Doug & Lori Spadafore have given countless hours over the past 8 years to support and promote minor baseball in Port Hope. They are receiving a well deserved Community Service Award for their volunteer work.

Christine Domasik has volunteered with Big Brothers/Sisters for the past 7 years serving on the Board of Directors, including 2 terms as Treasurer and 1 term as President and Past President. In addition to serving on the finance and fund raising committees, Christine coordinates and works the bi-monthly bingo events. Christine is receiving a Community Service Award.

Domenic Gratta is receiving a Community Service Award. Domenic is a long-standing member of the Port Hope Racquet Club, having served as Secretary on the Executive. In 2010 as Director of Junior development, Domenic assisted in the development of a program for the junior and intermediate players.

Paul & Alyson Quantrill were instrumental in regenerating minor baseball in Port Hope. They volunteered their time and energy to bring awareness to the sport as well as to help develop and improve the game. Paul and Alyson are receiving a Community Service Award.

John Goheen is receiving a well deserved Community Service Award for his 25 years of volunteer work with the Port Hope Agricultural Society. John has served as a Director in charge of "heavy horse" events, and held the position of President for two separate terms. John was also a member of the committee that planned the redevelopment of the Town Park including the Fall Fair Centre & Recreation Centre.

Craig Pittman served as the Chair of the Canton Cenotaph Committee and through his hard work and dedication has seen this important community project through to completion. He has also served on the Port Hope Library Board of Directors. Craig is receiving a Community Service Award.

Robert Smith volunteers wherever needed at the Port Hope High School, assisting with morning announcements, basketball games, and band set up. Robert assists at the Port Hope Band Shell, the Capitol Theatre, and volunteers with the Northumberland Players. A past altar boy and current server at St. Mark's church, Robert also volunteers at the Jack Burger Sports Complex and with Habitat for Humanity. Robert is receiving a Community Service Award.

The Friends of Wesleyville has raised funds and awareness for the restoration of the Wesleyville United Church. Designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, the church was in bad repair and no longer used. The group has leased the church long-term to ensure its restoration and ongoing use by the community. The Friends of Wesleyville are receiving a Community Service Award. Members are, Mary Trevor, Susan Stickley, Blake Holton, Paul Bridges, Kathryn McHolm, Roz Farber.

Mary Anne Smith is receiving a Community Service Award for over 10 years of volunteer work at the Howard Jordan and Ganaraska Trail Public Schools. Mary Anne has assisted in several classrooms over the years, using her artistic abilities to develop craft projects for the children.

Jessica Switzer has volunteered as a teacher assistant, a student tutor, and both member and coach of the Port Hope High School swim team. In January of 2011, Jessica was among a group of students that travelled to Tanzania to teach math & English and to work on the construction of school classrooms. Jessica is receiving a Community Service award.

Brooke Robinson is the Deputy Prime Minister at Port Hope High School, assistant captain of the Northumberland Wild Midget BB hockey team and a member of the Environment Club. Brooke has volunteered on The Northumberland Hills Hospital Youth Cares Committee, Halloween for Hunger Collection, and the Broadcasters Bottle Drive for Leukemia & Lymphoma. Brooke is receiving a Community Service Award.

Patrick Brereton has served on the Board of Directors for the Port Hope Non Profit Housing Corporation since June 2004 assisting in providing affordable housing for 79 households. He is a member of the Board's Tenant Appeal Committee provided the expertise to assist the Corporation throughout changing social & economic times. Pat is receiving a Community Service Award.

Kathryn Dennis has given countless volunteer hours since moving to Port Hope in 1991. Kathy has worked with both the Hope Township and Municipality of Port Hope LACAC, the Scribblers Group, Northumberland County Library Board, Garden Hill United Church, School Councils at North Hope Central, Dr. Hawkins, and Port Hope High School, Northumberland United Girls Rep Soccer, Port Hope & District Agricultural Society Fair Board, and the Port Hope Skate Park Development Committee. Kathy is receiving a Community Service Award.

Lori Chard has volunteered at the Capitol Theatre for the past 13 years on the Capitol Christmas Fund Raiser, soliciting and decorating donor trees. Lori continues to help raise funds by recruiting sponsors and assisting wherever needed. Lori is receiving a Community Service Award

David & Jeannie Henderson were the driving force behind the redesign of the Joseph Scriven monument in Memorial Park on Queen Street. David and Jeannie are receiving a Community Service Award for their work on behalf of the community.

Connie Martinell has volunteered on the Port Hope Fair Board for 20 years. She is currently serving a second 2-year term as President. Connie works tirelessly, putting in countless hours and taking on any task to ensure a successful Fall Fair year after year. Connie is receiving a well deserved Community Service Award.

Susan Earle has been a volunteer at the Howard Jordan and Ganaraska Trail Public Schools for several years. She has assisted in classrooms from Kindergarten to grade 6 and is known to many Port Hope children as “Nan”. Susan is receiving a Community Service Award.

Kayla King is receiving a Community Service Award. Kayla volunteers serving meals at the Canton Hall, holds the position of Athletic Representative on the Port Hope High School Student Council, and has been a member of the Port Hope High School LINK Crew for 2 years assisting first year students in adapting to high school life. Kayla has participated in fundraising for athletic equipment and is a member of the Provincial Women’s Softball Team.

Mary Penton has volunteered with Community Care since 2004 as a driver, accumulating over 600 hours of service. Mary takes people to doctor's appointments, shopping, and banking at any time and at any distance. Mary is receiving a Community Service Award for her commitment to the community.

Brigitte Hogarth is a long standing member of the Port Hope Racquet Club's Board of Directors having served as secretary and current director of Junior Development working on programs to junior & intermediate players.

Brigitte is receiving a Community Service Award.

The Trinity College School Tutoring Team is receiving a Community Service Award. Throughout 2010 and 2011, fourteen TCS students acted as volunteer tutors with Rebound Child & Youth Services Northumberland. The students assist young people with math & French tutoring and instilling confidence and educational strength. Members are Meredith Bibbings, Zack Chauvin, Jennifer D'Alimonte, Kasia Donovan, Meryl Fang, Sarah Kent, Emily Mathhieson, Adrienne Murphy, Lauren Pereira, Melissa Periera, Sophie Richer LaFleche, Spencer Ritchie, Basil Southey and Lindsay Williams

Paul Putman is receiving a Community Service Award for his volunteer work with the Port Hope Cemetery Board over the past 7 years. Paul is currently a committee leader doing research work.

Glennis Young is receiving a Community Service Award for her volunteer work at the Howard Jordan and Ganaraska Trail Public Schools for over 10 years. Glennis assists at the school 3 days a week in the junior & senior kindergarten classroom.

A Community Service Award goes to these individuals for their work in promoting and celebrating the Canadian Naval Centennial Year of 2010: **Chris Barker Lieutenant (N) Cadet Services, David Brooks, David Galbraith Petty Officer 1st Class RCN retired, William Lane Leading Seaman RCN retired, Tony Pitts Commander RCN retired, Don Ramsey Leading Seaman RCN retired, Ken Scott Lt. Commander RCN retired and Gordon Woods Able Seaman RCN retired.**

The group had "Navy Week" proclaimed in the Municipality of Port Hope in May of 2010 and organized several celebrations including the presentation of a plaque honouring the H.M.C.S. Port Hope, a formal dinner, a display of photos, memorabilia, books, artifacts & uniforms at both the Port Hope and Cobourg Libraries, the Annual Battle of the Atlantic parade and the Cenotaph service.

These individuals have spoken to local students many times over the years, providing a living history lesson on the Canadian Navy and they continue to remain involved in the community in many ways.

Ken Scott has a long time commitment to the Navy League & Sea Cadets, Gord Wood works with the Navy League, Tony Pitts is the Chair of the YMCA Long Range Planning Committee, Chris Barker is involved with the Sea Cadets, Don Ramsay works with the Sea Cadets and is a Past President of the Branch #30 RC Legion, David Galbraith is Past Pres. of Branch #133 RC Legion, and David Brooks was involved with the East Durham Historical Society and St. Mark's Church. It is my pleasure to present Community Service awards to these individuals.

Neill Wakely has volunteered on the Board of Directors of the Port Hope Non Profit Housing Corporation since June 2003 helping to ensure safe, affordable housing to 79 households. Neill was appointed Secretary/Treasurer one month after joining the Board and still holds the position today as well as being a member of the Tenant Appeals Committee. Neill is receiving a Community Service Award.

John Claude Coqu has volunteered at the Jack Burger Complex pool for 7 years assisting children and adults with swimming lessons. John is also a handyman doing repairs whenever needed around the pool. I am pleased to present John with a Community Service Award.

Ned Town is receiving a Community Service Award for his work with the Port Hope Lawn Bowling Club for the last 15 years. Ned spends countless hours maintaining the greens, and served as an event organizer for the Northumberland Senior Games. Ned is a long standing member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, serving as an Elder for many years and assisting with the operation of the church.

Jenny Gilmer is a volunteer member of the Northumberland Hills Hospital Youth Cares Committee assisting in raising funds for the hospital and learning about health care, leadership skills, and fund raising practices. Jenny is receiving a Community Service Award.

Gary Meadows has volunteered as a Director on the Board of the Port Hope Agricultural Society for the past 5 years. Gary assists in setting up displays for agricultural awareness, and instructing young students during Agricultural Education Day. Gary also drives for the Fair's Canada Day & Christmas parade floats. Gary is receiving a Community Service Award.

Athletics

The Port Hope Midget River Rats Baseball Team is receiving an Athletic Award in recognition of their winning the 2010 All Ontario Midget "C" Baseball Championship. Team members are: Taylor Beatty, Rory Campbell, David Carmichael, Nic Coghill, Bryan MacDonald, Kyle Hogg, Matt Hunt, Mac Ito, Tom Lowery, Sam Oneil-Watts, Adam Smith, Gianfranco Terrazzano and Connor Turland, Steven Buttery. Coaches are: Brian Beatty, Jim Coghill and Jamie Watters.

David Kahn is receiving an Athletic Award for his accomplishments in both motocross and kayaking. David placed 3rd at the Motocross Nationals in K1 Junior slalom, 30th at the PanAm Canadian Men's qualifier and ranked as the 7th Canadian. This past year he qualified to race at the TransCanada Nationals where he finished 25th in the MX2 & GP. David is the youngest person to achieve the Kayak Canada Level 2 Instructor and Trip Leader designation.

Carly Richardson is an accomplished equestrian competing in the hunter jumper class. She finished 2nd in Ontario qualifying her for the Royal Winter Fair where she won the Worker Hunter Division and finished 3rd. overall nationally. Carly also placed 1st at the Greenhawk Classic. Carly is receiving an Athletic Award.

Jeremy Coughler excels at running and was the Athletic Ontario Provincial Champion in the 1200m & 2000m races, setting records in both events. He won the Ontario Indoor Legion Championship in both the 1500m & 3000m races as well as the Kawartha, COSSA & East Regional OFSSA championships in the midget boys races. Jeremy won gold at the Ontario Royal Canadian Legion Championships and was chosen as a member of the Ontario Team winning a silver medal at the Legion Canadian Youth Championship in the 1500m steeple chase & 4th. in the 2000m for all of Canada. Jeremy is receiving an Athletic Award.

Achievement

Jennifer's Jazz It Up! 2010 Competitive Team is receiving an Achievement Award. The Team entered 4 competitions in 2010. In Buffalo, New York, they earned 7 first place, 11 second place & 5 third place awards. In July they were the only Canadian team competing in Orlando, Florida at the National competition. Members of that team are: Nicole Brice-Elion, Mercedes Cahill, Alex Dwyer, Abby Foster, Kate Giroux, Victoria Gomes, Emma Ham, Jillian Hone, Duncan Innes, Bryanna McGregor, Emily McBride, Jasmine McBride, Mackenzie McBride, Alix Mintha, Andrew Mintha, Eden Morris, Baillie Roy, Jenny Slessor, Chantelle Sturguss, Kaitlyn Tompson, Monica Windolf, Katie Gomes, and Karen Slessor. Teachers are Jennifer Mercer and Nicki Dwyer.