

AWARDS 2018-19

President's Trophy – ROOKIE OF THE YEAR – Donated by Rick Libbey, President 1979-80, this award is given to a deserving new member upon completion of their first full year as a club member. This recipient has been actively engaged from the time of initiation sharing the huge task of linen inventory, laundering, and storage. She has been active in catering, baking, Canteen Auction and a wide variety of club projects.

The Rookie of the Year trophy is presented to **Civitan Marion McCartney.**

President -Elect's Trophy – OUTSTANDING PROJECT AWARD – Donated by Civitan Paul Cooney, this award is presented annually to the Civitan(s), judged by the Awards Committee, to have organized the most outstanding project during the past year. The criteria may include: amount of organization required, number of workers involved, amount of net proceeds, number of people attending, community involvement, or number of other organizations involved.

The Outstanding Project Award is presented to **Pie Days** Together, the Thanksgiving and Christmas project demanded over 60 volunteers – both Civitan and friends of Civitan – those who picked up apples, washed apples, pastry makers, rollers, apple peelers, apple peeler fixers, apple pie makers and fillers, crimpers, apple crisp makers, apple sauce makers, spice measurers, onion mincers, tourtiere cooks, truckers of meat to cool off and back to fillers, cherry pie fillers, labellers, packers, runners, counters, sales table folk, those who phoned to remind, the on-line and phone message retrievers, lunch providers and those who sold pies and crisps - 1157 orders were sold this year raising over \$10,000. Please stand if you are one of these wonderful folk who make the Pie Days happen.

To receive this award are **Civitans Marsha Guthrie, John Coderre and Kevin Puddington**

Membership Award – donated by Civitan Peter Guthrie, this award is presented annually to the Club member who sponsors the most, new members in the year. This recipient sponsored 2 members.

The Membership Award is presented to **Civitan Barb Taylor**.

Fellowship Award – Donated by former Civitan Rick Eppich, this award is presented annually to the Civitan who best exemplifies good fellowship, ie is the most outgoing, most helpful, most friendly towards his or her fellow members. A vote of the Club membership in August of each year decides who most deserves this award.

The Fellowship Award is presented to **Civitan Mike Keffer**.

The Art Toshack Memorial Award – This award is presented in memory of Civitan Art Toshack to the Civitan judged to have organized the most outstanding public service project during the past year.

The winning project has almost daily activity requiring its members to be “on call” and knowledgeable in the area. It continues to be the best promoter of the Civitan name in our community and its service results in many grateful donations.

The Art Toshack Memorial Award is presented to **Civitans Paul Cooney, Mike Keffer and David Burkett** for running the **Medical Loan Cupboard**.

***** District Award for Outstanding Community Service** – won by Almonte for our Tents program. Thanks to Civitans Paul Cooney and Richard Alexander and their team of about 20 members who set up and took down 68 tents. Their efforts yielded cash donations totalling \$14,000 while at the same time the tents provided at no charge had a donated value of \$7000. The combined value provides assistance within our community of \$21,0000. Would all the those who worked on tents please stand.

Civitan Research Fellowship Award – presented to Civitan Bill Lawrence from Almonte Civitan Club for outstanding service to Civitan. Bill served as our District Governor and then served as International Director for Region 5.

The Lloyd Connolly Memorial Award – presented annually to a member(s) of the Civitan Club who has chaired an event or project worthy of distinction. The recipient will have demonstrated, to a high level, the principals of the Civitan Creed highlighting fellowship and service of Civitan.

The Lloyd Connolly Memorial Award is presented to the chairs of a project that took place 4 days a week for over 4 months. The chairs were engaged every day and filled in when members could not keep their dates. Their dedication helped to raise \$4100 in 2019.

The Lloyd Connolly Memorial Award is presented to **Civitans Don and Ruth Stewart for the Lottery Sales.**

Golden Fine Award – This award is presented to the member deemed to have paid the most fines during the past year. In 2019 the recipient was truly self-deprecating and took a lot on himself.

The Golden Fine Award is presented to **Doug Rice.**

Civitan of the Year – awarded annually to the member providing outstanding service to the Club during the past year. The member must have held an executive position or a leadership position deemed valuable within the club during the past 3 years. The member must have actively participated in at least 3 club projects in the year of the award. The member must have always demonstrated the ideals of Civitan, practicing service, fellowship and knowledge, as judged by the Awards Committee.

The 2019 Civitan of the Year is awarded to not one but two members. Like Romeo and Juliette, they cannot be divided. This couple can be seen walking kilometers daily which keeps them fit to do the many tasks asked of them. The Setup/Takedown Manager either does this himself with his Juliette or calls on his team to get the job done using diagrams he has perfected over the years. His Juliette can be found cleaning trollies, cupboards, gathering garbage and being a right-hand lady to her man.

The Civitan of the Year is awarded to Civitans Ken and Fran Rodger.

I would like at this time to invite all **Almonte Club Honour Key holders** to form a line at the front to welcome our next recipient.

Almonte Club Honour Key – awarded for outstanding service to the Club.

Mandatory requirements include being a holder of the Civitan of the Year Award. Among other requirements, the recipient must have held an executive position within the club for 3 years, must have chaired at least one Club project judged by the Awards Committee as a significant project and chaired or actively participated in at least 3 projects in the last Civitan year, demonstrated the ideals of Civitan, practicing service, fellowship and knowledge.

This winner has been a Civitan member for 14 years and has served for many years on the Executive as well as the Facilities Committee where he oversaw Fire Safety and Maintenance needs. This Civitan co-chaired the Relay For Life Canteen for the five years it ran in Mississippi Mills and was the chair of many school BBQ's even providing his own trailer for that purpose. He has chaired Camp Quality for many years, was first to the plate to support the recent Special Olympics Basketball Tournaments and was always ready to pick up apples for a number of our Apple Day projects.

He is a gift to Civitan and is Civitan's gift to the town in the form of Santa Claus. He not only shows up for Light Up the Night and parades in town and the area, but can be found spreading joy to a large number of homes, schools and hospitals. Not only does he come across as a credible Santa, but true to his generosity, he provides his own "true to character" suit. He might tell you to just "RELAX" but he truly has a heart for Civitan. The 2019 Club Honor Key is proudly presented to **Civitan Wayne Hand**.

President's Awards *(between dinner and dessert)*

1. Certificate of appreciation to **Civitan Dale Penstone and her A&M Committee - Civitans Bob Lesser, Sara Duchesne and Darlene Davis** who have gifts in technology to help us advertise our projects, market our Hall and communicate with each other. Bob has created Civitan brand posters for us and will get them into Millstone, and on the Civitan Facebook page as well as on the Website. Darlene administrates the Facebook page and can advertise our events effectively on that site. Sara, who is working her regular job and going to school to upgrade her credentials (which can mean working a 12- hour shift in a hospital), has sacrificially taken on the Website and on-line accounts keeping them up to date.

Dale pulled all of this together in January 2018 calling meetings and getting things in place to go forward. Her enthusiasm and ideas are something you don't want to miss. I acted as Secretary and after all the notes were taken, I would look and see that "That, that and that" go together and "That, that and that" go together. Wow, we covered a lot and I learned a lot.

Dale fits Advertising naturally – she is an ambassador for Civitan – she can talk Civitan wherever she goes and promotes Civitan and her team. She once bought me a Canada shirt for a Friday night District Convention so we would all look our part. And she is very Sociable – she was willing to marry a fellow Civitan from Perth at one of our District Conventions.

Dale is also, always fashionable – do you remember some of her outfits – think Christmas and Hallowe'en - both hilarious for holidays and gorgeous for outings. She even knows how to reverse a top if she slops on the front. I have been with her at several events. My year as president, around Hallowe'en, I dressed as a clown and she came as a Raven. All her idea!

Dale, a little birdy told us it's your 80th birthday in October and we would like to celebrate with you.

Dale thanked the membership with her own stories and reminded us that she was in a fight she planned on winning.

2. Certificate of Appreciation to **Civitan John Montgomery** for Almonte Road Warriors – visits to other clubs in our District. John is even known to pick up members in passing. He has, however, gotten lost a time or two and is awarded this map.

John gave points for each Civitan who travelled with him and drew four names to win \$25 each of the \$100 collected (after keeping \$4.25 for gas). He invited another to take on the Chairman's role for this District activity.

3. Certificate of appreciation to **Civitan Ron Terpstra** for bringing our Club into the modern age despite resistance from a number of us old "farts". Ron took on our first Website years ago running it on a shoestring budget, no doubt, and brought in Storm to provide internet services for ourselves and our customers. He was involved in helping us get mics to work in the Hall and finally through the Facilities Committee purchased a new system with its improvements. He set up the mailboxes for our phone lines and in latter years the on-line accounts for some of our projects. He was instrumental in updating our contract info for bookings.

4. Certificate of appreciation to **Civitans Tim Barr, Lorraine Moulard and Brenda Smallshaw** for their contributions to our Hall Bookings. There is a lot to this job and these members have done their share. The booking manager meets with clients, carefully getting the details, and then meets with the Catering, Set Up and Bar Managers to make sure all is in place for a Civitan quality event. These booking managers have helped upgrade our contracts to meet new needs and have navigated the challenges from time to time when working with the needs of our clients.

5. Certificate of appreciation to **Civitans Rick and Sharon Libbey**. Rick was a huge help two years ago when he took on the Maintenance Manager's position on the Facilities Committee (which he was no stranger to) and then assumed the Facilities Chair position this past year. It has allowed the Club to run more smoothly – following up with contracts, and overseeing the completion of projects, most notably the Bar Renovation. Rick is the person who keeps the place organized along with Sharon. Sharon has been Catering Chair for many years now which is a huge responsibility. She has streamlined the role bringing in Team Captains for Catering and Funeral Receptions and found a willing Civitan to do the shopping for events. She made Health Inspection a priority and is proud that our Hall is a topnotch facility. They are Honour Key holders and we can see why.

Certificate of Achievement is awarded to Rick Libbey as a Medallion Member of Civitan International for 40 years of dedicated service.

6. Certificate of Appreciation to **Civitan Cindy Fitzpatrick** for being our Decorating Chair. She has persevered with our light decorations finding a solution to keep them on the mirror and they look great. Cindy is willing to decorate for any of our Club projects if we ask her and she beautifully decorated our Hall tonight – it is awesome! Thank you, Cindy, for doing this.







