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## Former Belleville resident honored by engineers

A former Belleville resident, Robert H. Tanner, now of Naples, Florida, is the recipient of a major honor by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), the largest professional engineering society in the world.

Established in 1971 in honor of Haraden Pratt, the award is presented annually to an IEEE senior member or fellow who has "given outstanding service to the institute."

Tanner is the first non U.S. citizen to receive the award, one of several key awards he has won over the years.

Tanner has been a member of the IEEE since 1938 and during the time he worked for Northern Electric at Belleville (now Northern Telecom) he helped establish the Bay of Quinte Section of the IEEE.

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membership in the IEEE Tanner rose to the rank of president of the transnational organization in 1972. The institute has more than 202,000 members in 130 countries.

A native of England, Tanner emigrated to Canada in 1947 and joined what was then Northern Electric. He later became one of the company's first three members in a new research and development division, later to become Bell-Northern Research.

His engineering accomplishments during his years in Canada include designing the Festival Theatre at Stratford, Ont. and the studios for Radio Station CJBQ in Belleville.

This was done as a part time consulting practice in acoustics and noise control.

He moved to Florida to establish a full-time consulting occupation in 1975.