

'I am pleased to honour these volunteers'

13 receive Queen's Jubilee Medals for good works

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Queen's Jubilee Medals recognizing the outstanding contributions of 13 volunteers in Northumberland riding were presented by provincial MPP Dr. Doug Galt January 28.

"I am pleased to honour these community members who have made a significant contribution to their fellow citizens, their community or to our country," Dr. Galt said at the The Keeler Centre, Colborne presentations. "It is tremendously important for volunteers to be appreciated and publicly recognized for their ongoing hard work and dedication to community service."

In honour of the Queen's Golden Jubilee marking the 50th anniversary of Her Majesty The Queen's accession to the throne, the commemorative medal is being presented to approximately 46,000 Canadians in recognition of significant



Diane Gibson, Colborne

achievements or distinguished service.

Ceremonies similar to the January 28 presentation are being held across Canada to honour men, women and youth. The Commemorative Medal for the Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen



Rose Nelson, Colborne

Elizabeth II is part of the Canadian Honours system established in 1967.

The recipients awarded the medal January 28 are as follows:

Diane Gibson, Colborne

Diane Gibson is one of the thousands of Ontarians who are

the backbone of our country, quietly serving without fanfare within their own community. Mrs. Gibson is an Elder and a member of the United Church Women (UCW) in Colborne United Church, serves as a driver for Meals on Wheels and volunteers at the gift shop at the Northumberland Health Care Centre in Cobourg.

Mrs. Gibson's greatest contribution to her community lies in her ability to reach out, one-on-one to the needy in her community.

She helped organize a "safe house" for teens in Colborne and ensures the program's financial success by organizing yard sales, car washes and bake sales. She makes numerous meals for shut-ins, walks dogs for ailing neighbours, visits nursing homes weekly to assist with programs and is there for her community whenever a need arises.

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Rose Nelson, Colborne

Rose Nelson serves her local community through active participation in the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 187, Colborne. She has been a member of the branch, serving on several committees as well as the executive. A 38-year member of the Ladies' Auxiliary, she has held every office, including President for the last four years.

In 2001, her efforts were recognized by her peers. She was presented with a Life Membership in the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Also, Mrs. Nelson has been the driving force behind the annual Colborne Santa Claus Parade committee for the past four years. Mrs. Nelson has been a member of the Catholic Women's League (CWL) at St. Frances de Sales, Colborne and, more recently, St. Mary's Grafton, for more than 40 years.



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Celebrating library week at Alderville

ALDERVILLE - Dancers Cree Trapper and Kassandra McKeown and others welcomed James K. Bartleman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, to the launch of First Nations' Library Week in Alderville yesterday.