

Leadership award presented

A notable meeting of the St. Marys Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star took place on September 20 with Mabel Muir and John Muir presiding. Guests were present from Hamilton and London.

A presentation of a recliner chair for blood transfusion patients had been made earlier in the week to St. Marys Memorial Hospital. The money had been raised by the Worthy Matron's Project.

Brock Hanly was present to receive a gift of \$1,000 as the recipient of the ESTARL (Eastern Star Award for Training in Religious Leadership) Award. Brock is a student at Huron College, London.

It was decided to make a donation to the Canadian and American Relief Fund.

Congratulations to Lois Bragg who was recently appointed to the Grand Chapter Fundraising Committee.

An open installation of officers was held Friday, Sept. 28 in the

upstairs hall of the Royal Canadian Legion.

The following officers were installed for the, Maple Leaf Forever Year: Sharon Bragg - Worthy Matron; Douglas Bragg - Worthy Patron; Mabel Muir - Associate Matron; John Muir - Associate Patron; Sheila Greason - Secretary; Janice Longeway - Treasurer; Lois Bragg - Conductress; Jewel Haynes - Associate Conductress; Florence Craig - Chaplain; Bethany Riddell - Marshal; Doris Hocking - Organist; Sheila McNaughton - Odah; Ruth Anne Haves - Ruth; Susan Towle - Esther; Lisa Puttock - Martha; Linda Arthur - Electa; Anne Gregory - Warder; Gordon Hocking - Sentinel.

For 2001-2002, The Worthy Matron's Project money will go to the Ontario Society for the Protection of Animals and the Worthy Patron's Project money will go to the St. Marys Memorial Hospital Physiotherapy Department.



Mabel Muir, Worthy Matron of St. Marys Order of the Eastern Star, presented Brock Hanly with the Eastern Star Award for Training in Religious Leadership on Sept. 20.

Mabel is Susan Towle's Neice

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Sheila Greason is the 2001 Volunteer of the Year

By Sheila Coulthard
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Uniondale's Sheila Greason's name has been added to a long list of citizens who have given their time and energy to help make their community a better place.

Sheila Greason was selected as St. Marys' 2001 Volunteer of the Year on October 25, at the annual dinner and presentation held at the Lind Sportsplex.

The retired school teacher's list of community activities is amazing. Greason is a active member of Union Church in Uniondale and the Sunday School Superintendent. Each spring Greason is in charge of the Leader's Training Camp for the United Church Tanner Summer Camp. During the summer months she volunteers at the camp organizing staff, running errands and generally being the 'go to' person.

Greason is chairperson for the Tri-County Growing Project and the Lakeside Branch Bible Society. During her two year term as President of

the Agricultural Society, Greason made sure the Society was involved in town events such as Heritage Days, Foodfare and the Volunteer Fair.

The "Gardens Galore" project was started by the Agricultural Society and Greason spoke to Grade 3 school children and Youth Centre participants to encourage them to take part in the project. Children planted gardens at the cemetery community gardens and the produce was donated to the Salvation Army Food Bank.

Greason is also very active in the Women's Institute. Presently she is President of the Oxford District Women's Institute as well as a member of the Brown's Womens Institute. As a member of the Institute, Greason plans the spring and fall Institute Day Away, which is a program of educational workshops for women of Oxford County. Greason is also in charge of the Scholarship and Bursary program for Oxford County high schools on behalf of the Institute.

A member of the Eastern Star Chapter



2001 Volunteer of the Year. A very surprised Sheila Greason was named as the Volunteer of the Year October 25. Recreation Program Co-ordinator Sharon Barnes, left, and Volunteer Sheila Greason pose with the trophy.

121, Greason has served as Worthy Matron three times, and is the Chapter's current secretary.

Ever the teacher, Greason volunteers at the Library as a tutor in the Adult Learning Program.

When Greason spoke with the Journal after her win she said, "being nominated was an honour, each nominee was very deserving."

As the Volunteer of the Year Greason received a engraved clock and flowers. Greason's name will

be engraved on the Volunteer of the Year trophy and her name will be added to that long list of people who make St. Marys "The Town Worth Living In."

"I was in shock, I never expected to win," Sheila Greason said.

Worthy winners

Sheila Greason's photo will be the 2001 addition to the gallery of Volunteer of the Year Award winners on display at the Lind Sportsplex.

The first recipient, in 1963, was Ferris Stewart, followed by: Frank Grasby 1964, Bill Heard 1965, Andy Hoe 1966, Art Riordan 1967, Bruce Symons 1968, Bill Graham 1969, Harvey Pfaff 1970, Les Martin 1971, Lloyd McLean 1972, Les Skipper 1973, Jane White 1974, Don Fletcher 1975, Ken Crawford 1976, Stew McLennan 1977, Bernie McLay 1978, Barb Lind 1979, Vicky Clysdale 1980, Jim Swan 1981, Don Vanstone 1982, Carl Forman 1983, Art and Dot Fort 1984, Gerry Roe 1985, Lou Corriveau 1986, Cal Murray 1987, Lindsay Atkinson 1988, George Harris 1989, Brian Dundas 1990, Terry Todd and Carol Robinson Todd 1991, Agnes and Arnold Robinson 1992, Cliff Elliott 1993, Humphrey Alberts 1994, Elizabeth Pearson 1995-96, Ivor Newton 1997, Bob Sass 1998, Steve Grose 1999 and Reg Near 2000.