

Ninety-seven local volunteers recognized

STRATFORD. - On Thursday, Sept. 30 at the London Convention Centre, 97 Perth-Middlesex residents will be recognized for outstanding service to their communities through volunteer work.

"Without the selfless efforts of these 97 people, countless community projects would never have happened in this riding," Wilkinson said in a press release.

"These volunteers, without thought of payment or thanks, prove every day what we all know about rural Ontario - that neighbours help their neighbours. I congratulate the recipients and their sponsors for this well deserved recognition."

The annual Volunteer Service Awards, sponsored by the Ontario government, recognize adult volunteers who have five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40 and 50-plus years of continuous service. Youth are recognized for two or more years of volunteers. All volunteers are presented with a stylized Trillium pin and a personalized certificate.

Across the province, 8,300 volunteers will be honoured with Volunteer Service Awards and Outstanding Achievement Awards at 27 separate ceremonies this fall.

"Every day, thousands of citizens volunteer their time, energy and skills to help others," said Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Dr. Marie Bountrogianni. "They truly build our communities, making them strong and vibrant."

St. Marys area volunteer award recipients and their nominators are listed below (For a complete list, contact MPP John Wilkinson's office):

•AITCHESON, SHIRLEY: STRATFORD & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

•ARCHER, MARLENE: WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - AVONTON

•BENNY, SALLY: STREET CONNECTION

•GIBSON, JANET: FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTE OF ONTARIO - PERTH SOUTH DISTRICT

•GOOD, MARYLIN: WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - AVONTON

•HARKES, AGNES: ST.

MARYS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

•HAVEMAN, HANK: ST. MARYS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

•HAWKESWORTH, ALICE: ST. MARYS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

•MAINPRIZE, MARIAN: ST. MARYS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

•MATTHISON, EVELYN: WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - AVONTON

•MCINTOSH, LOIS: WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - CARLINGFORD

•MCKENZIE, WALTER:

ONTARIO TRILLIUM FOUNDATION - GREY, BRUCE & PERTH GRANT REVIEW TEAM

•MCMURRAY, WYNN: STRATFORD MEALS ON WHEELS AND NEIGHBOURLY SERVICES

•MILLSON, GLEN: STRATFORD-PERTH MUSEUM

•PFAFF, MARJORIE: FRIENDSHIP CENTRE, THE ST. MARYS AND AREA SENIORS

•RATCLIFFE, JEAN: FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTE OF ONTARIO

- PERTH SOUTH DISTRICT

•RICHARDSON, IRENE: WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - BROWNS

•RIEHL, OLIVE: WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - SEBRINGVILLE

•RUMBLE, BRYANT: FRIENDSHIP CENTRE FOR ST. MARYS AND AREA SENIORS

•SCOTT, MARGARET: WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - AVONTON

•SKINNER, BRYCE: STRATFORD-PERTH MUSEUM

•SKINNER, FLORENCE: STRATFORD-PERTH MUSEUM

•SMITH, GORDON: STRATFORD-PERTH MUSEUM

•SMITH, MABEL: WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - SEBRINGVILLE

•SMITH, MARGARET: ST. MARYS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

•STACEY, ANN: WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - AVONTON

•TOWLE, SUSAN: ST. MARYS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Longtime members honoured



dent Order of Oddfellows honoured some of their long time members with mem-
 als at a recent meeting. Front row: Brother Reg Near, 50 years; Irene Richardson
 the late Brother Jack Richardson, 25 years; Brother Nelson Dundas, 55 years.
 rother Jack Youngson, 40 years; Brother Bill Bodenham, 50 years; Brother Max
 ars; Brother Murray Hotson, 45 years. Absent: Brother Carman Bragg, 25 years
 Humphrey Arthur, 55 years.

BROWNS WI

Trip to Camp and Farm Onandaga

The September meeting of the Browns Women's Institute featured a car trip to the Tim Hortons Camp and Farm Onandaga near Brantford.

Onandaga (He who lives on top of the hill) is a fully functioning farm with a greenhouse, observatory, creative arts centre and barn. The 400 acre farm was originally a golf course when it was purchased by Greg and Mollie Robertson. Campers of ages 9-12 attend the camp for a ten day period. A leadership camp is offered for youth ages 13-18.

Lunch was enjoyed in the dining room at the camp. At the business meeting which followed, it was decided to make a donation to the Tim Horton Foundation and to the

Alzheimer's Society for Coffee Break. Delegates to the Fall Board Meeting and London Area were named. An hour of shopping in St. George was enjoyed.

Thank you to Sue Day and her group for organizing the trip.

Browns Euchre

The winners at the September 16 euchre area as follows: Ladies' High - Jean Sims; men's high - Larry Brock; ladies' low - Mildred Newman; men's low - George McLellan; ladies' lone hands - Kathy Jeffrey; Men's Lone Hands - Alex Jeffrey; Door prizes - Carol Herbert and George Thomas.

The next euchre will be on September 30 at 8 p.m. in the Browns School.