

Gauslin, Redshaw honored by Lions Club

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They came from Orangeville, Gilford and Fowlers Corners to pay tribute as two Claremont Lions were bestowed the highest form of recognition in Lionism last Thursday night at the Claremont Legion Hall.

District A 16 Lions chairman Ron Gauslin, a 20-year member of the

Claremont Lions Club and the late Al Redshaw, who had been a Lion for 26 years up until his death last April, were awarded the Melvin Jones Memorial Plaque.

Redshaw's wife Carole, who is currently the president of the Claremont Lioness Club, accepted the plaque on behalf of her husband.

The citation, named after the founder of Lionism, is given to members considered to have achieved excellence in

terms of service to Lionism and their fellow man.

The names of Melvin Jones Fellows are electronically rotated in a prestigious display at the Lions Club international headquarters in Oakbrook, Ill.

Members of the Claremont Lions and Lioness Clubs, Lions from various other district clubs and family and friends of the honored members packed the hall. Redshaw and Gauslin were praised by fellow Lions as well as district officials in a procession of tributes.

Past council chairman Harold Harrison of Mt. Albert said that Melvin Jones would be happy to see the two men given such an honor. "They loved their community," said Harrison. "You couldn't get two better recipients of this award."

Claremont Lions secretary and past council chairman Carl Young said Redshaw was the type of Lion all could do well to imitate. "We miss him," said Young, who said he considered Redshaw his best friend. "But there is a positive side. He gives us something to look forward to as we try to emulate, duplicate and reproduce what he did."

Others related tales of Redshaw's good nature and his love of Lionism, fishing, baseball, cards and curling.

Upon accepting her husband's plaque, Carole Redshaw admitted to being lost for words in describing what the honor meant to her. "I'm really short for words here," she said. "Al really did enjoy his Lionism. And like the rest of you he was here to serve."

In paying tribute to Gauslin, who



The families and friends of the Ron Gauslin and the late Al Redshaw gathered in Claremont for the presentation of the Melvin Jones Plaque. From left are: Leanne Woolhead and Carole Redshaw (daughters of Al Redshaw), Carole Redshaw (Al Redshaw's wife), Ron Gauslin, Lillian and Gordon Gauslin (Ron's parents).

now resides in Pickering, past district governor Tom Barker of Newmarket said man is born to serve others and that Gauslin was fulfilling that mandate. "This world is a better place because of you," he told Gauslin, who is confined to a wheelchair.

In praising Gauslin's contribution to Lionism, Young said that while he may be disabled physically, "there's nothing wrong with his head or his heart."

"He is certainly worthy of this presentation," said past deputy district governor Tom Goldring.

Immediate past district governor and Stouffville area resident Thomas Winters said he has always been able to count on Ron Gauslin for assistance when it was needed. "He's always been a position or two ahead of me in the district and so I'd often go to him for help. He never failed to help me."

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