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Port Colborne volunteers recognized at appreciation dinner

Port Colborne, ON (Sept. 18, 2019) – More than 250 volunteers attended the city's annual appreciation dinner held Sept. 17 at the Italian Canadian Cultural Centre.

The dinner is a small gesture of gratitude to the registered volunteers with the city for the countless hours they contribute to services offered by the municipality, from shows at the Roselawn Centre, to the Public Library, Museum, Arabella's Tea Room, Committees of Council, and several events from Canal Days to Santa Claus Parade and New Year's Eve Celebration.

The theme of this year's appreciation dinner was a luau party because, in the words of the city's volunteer coordinator, Luke Rowe, "our volunteers have really 'lu-wowed' us with their contributions to the City of Port Colborne."

Volunteer facts:

- 530 volunteers registered with the City of Port Colborne in 2018.
- In 2018 5,072 hours were given to the Roselawn Centre, events, and committees of council volunteers in 2018.
- 4,108 hours were accumulated in 2018 by volunteers at the Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum.

More than a thank you, five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 40 years of service pins were also presented to volunteers who have generously given of their time.

The recipients are:

Five years: Don Baer, Barbara Berrie, Vicki Cullen, Curtis Custers, Bettina Di Giulio, Gord Foster, Clara Hudak, Lois McLaren, Maureen Montovani, Fred Taylor, Donna Taylor, Jim Vosburgh, Cynthia Skinner, Elaine Rossi, John Ebert, Norman Leon, Peter Meyer, Al Hollands, Mary Little, Marilyn Chiasson, Tate Davies, Casey Forgeron, Ken Grant, Frank Hamlin, Annette Hamlin, Tim Hoyle, Linda Lamarche, Nancy Moore, Natalie Palma, Jason Parker, Robert Plamondon, Murray Pope, Julie Robert, Cathy Rubocki, Patti Stirling, and Dean Tedesco.

10 years: Cheryl Fortin, Margaret Kerr, Pat Leckie, Arlene Lessard, Angela Shaw, Cheryl Farrant, Mary Robinson, and Andrew Roesch.

15 years: Anna Elise Bull, Valerie Catton, Jean Robert, Nancy Salvage, Dave Salvage, Garth Snelling, Jeremy Hamm, Jim Martin, and Cheryl Martin.

20 years: Barb Butters, Larry Butters, Joan Colquhoun, Shelley Dressel, Jan Fuaco, Betty Skelly, Coral Snelling, Roberta Matthews, Deborah Salmon, and Claire Wilby.

25 years: Michael Cooper, Bea Kenny, Joel Longfellow, Mary Szabo, and Shirley Miniou.

30 years: Marci Lunt

40 years: Susan Brown

Gord Foster was also presented with the Festivals and Events Ontario Volunteer Appreciation Award for his dedication to the municipality's signature event, Canal Days.

"The recognition of our volunteers with years of service pins is a testament to the dedication they have to their city and the communities they serve," said Bill Steele, mayor. "Year after year volunteers give of their time to make our community an even better place to live, because without them a lot of our programs, services and events would not be possible."

Special thanks to Showboat Festival Theatre and Whisky Run Golf Course for donating door prizes for our volunteers.

For more information about volunteering with the City of Port Colborne, visit www.portcolborne.ca, call 905-835-2900 ext. 566 or email volunteers@portcolborne.ca.

About City of Port Colborne

Located on the south coast of the scenic Niagara Region, Niagara's Port of Call has found the perfect balance – successful industrial and commercial sectors, comfortable and scenic residential areas, white sand beaches, unique culinary choices, the world class Sugarloaf Marina, fishing, golfing, trails, shopping districts along the historic Welland Canal and an energized festival and entertainment scene that includes live theatre – truly a community that adds to the overall Niagara Experience.

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