

Celebrating volunteers in Potton

“There is no ‘I’ in team but there is a ‘U’ in volunteer!”



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On Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to noon, the Municipality of Potton in cooperation with the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CAB) welcomed volunteers from over 40 organizations in the Potton area (representing some 300 volunteers). Potton Mayor Jacques Marcoux addressed the crowd of 120 people in attendance following a brunch prepared by the “Coop la Loco-



Francis and Elaine Young.

motive.”

“Potton Township has one of the healthiest numbers of volunteers in the entire MRC,” said Marcoux. “We as a community have every reason to feel proud today as we celebrate this fact.”

The party welcomed volunteers of all ages and the room was abuzz with friendly exchanges and fun. Organized by Alison Hannan, CAB executive director and Trish Wood, Potton community organizer, the event was the fourth annual celebration of its kind in Potton. Part of the province-wide National Volunteer Week held this year from April 21 to April 27, organizers were happy with the turnout.

“It is such a pleasure to organize this type of celebration for some remarkable people,” said Hannan. “We applaud and recognize their achievements all year round; an event like this is a small reminder of just how much their effort is appreciated.”

Proud representatives from the 40 organizations honoured were given certificates and each volunteer took his or her place on the stage to form a collective representing the many organizations and people who make them possible. A fine looking group gathered and greeted one another as the cameras flashed capturing the spirit shared throughout the day.

Volunteering is indeed alive and well in Potton Township. This is not to say, however, that more volunteers are not always needed. Whether it is someone interested in working in the kitchen at the Reilly House or perhaps being a part of a committee like Cinema Potton, the range of needs and interests vary. Regardless of your interests, there is likely a need and a place to volunteer, not only in Potton, but other towns as well.

In the words of Elizabeth Andrew, “Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”



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Above, volunteers representing some 40 organizations in Potton celebrate Volunteer Day 2013. Below, Janet Jones and Sheila Kerr enjoying the event.

