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Weather



TODAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF -11
LOW OF -17



TUESDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF -9
LOW OF -22



WEDNESDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF -17
LOW OF -21



THURSDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF -8
LOW OF -9



FRIDAY:
CLOUDY

HIGH OF 2
LOW OF 1

Volunteers gather to celebrate the giving of time, talent and togetherness



THE SCOOP

MABLE HASTINGS

On Wednesday, December 5 the Misquisqui North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) in Mansonville a non-profit charitable organization, held its Annual Volunteer Celebration at the CABMN Main office. With over 70 guests gathered, CABMN President, Charles Laurin, Vice President, Brenda Clark, Pottton Mayor, Jacques Marcoux, Bolton-Est Mayor, Joan Westland-Eby and the CABMN Board of Directors and staff joined with volunteers to celebrate the contribution that volunteers make in giving of their time and talents through the non-profit organization.

The International Day of the Volunteer held on December 5 each year was designated by the United Nations in 1985 as an international observance day to celebrate the power and potential of volunteerism. The day is an opportunity for volunteers and volunteer organizations to raise awareness, gain understanding...for the contribution volunteering brings to a community. It is also viewed a unique chance for volunteers and organizations to celebrate their efforts, to share their values, and to promote their work among their communities...

For the CABMN in Pottton serving the Western Sector of the MRC Memphremagog, the news was shared that the group recently reached over 200 registered and active volunteers in their volunteer bank. These volunteers help in a variety of ways and through many community events not only in Pottton but adjacent communities as well. Anyone wishing to sign up as a CABMN volunteer can contact the CABMN (450-292-3114) and speak to one of the Coordinators of Volunteer Services (Debra Harding or Sarah Jersey) who are both more than willing to explain the process.

At Wednesday evening's celebration, two volunteers were awarded the Karen Muzerall Memorial Award for their con-

tribution to the community through volunteering; Jeremy Eldridge and June Peacock, both of whom are extremely active within the CABMN organisation as well as volunteering with other groups in the community. Eldridge and Peacock were awarded framed certificates and their names were engraved on the coffee table in the reception area of the office where all are greeted as they enter. Jeremy Eldridge is the third generation in the "Clark" family to receive this award.

A presentation was also made by the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Mansonville Chapter youth to the Pottton Municipal Mayor and Council. Those present, Mayor Marcoux, Council Members: Jason Ball, Bruno Cote and Michael Laplume accepted on behalf of the entire council. The CABMN also presented a special gift to Bolton-Est Mayor, Joan Westland-Eby. The CABMN staff presented thank you gifts to the Board of Directors of the CAB along with their appreciation for the support and guidance provided by the board members.

During the event guests enjoyed refreshments, presentations and the opportunity to exchange with others. Musical entertainment was provided by David Sturton a local musician who did a wonderful job playing guitar and singing throughout the entire evening. Some amazing door prizes were provided by local artisans and included handmade soaps, honey, products, and more...

The CABMN Board of Directors, staff and community extends a sincere appreciation to all of the volunteers who give so much in so many ways. It is always a joy to gather to celebrate the efforts and amazing gift of time shared so

freely to help improve the quality of life for others.

For more information about the CABMN or to sign up for its free newsletter, visit www.cabmn.org



Pottton Mayor, Jacques Marcoux, June Peacock (center), one of the recipients of the Karen Muzerall Memorial Award for Volunteering in the Betterment of the Community and Debra Harding, CABMN staff



PHOTOS BY ALEXANDRIA CHARBY

Mayor Marcoux presents the Karen Muzerall Memorial Award for Volunteering to the second recipient, Jeremy Eldridge joined by CABMN Executive Director, Mable Hastings



Alexandria Charby (SADD), Pottton Municipal Council member, Michael Laplume, Ethan Ball (CABMN staff), Mayor Jacques Marcoux, Council Members, Bruno Cote and Jason Ball all pose during Wednesday evening's Volunteer Celebration at the CABMN in Mansonville.

Ben by Daniel Shelton

