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**RE: MAYOR'S 2021 HONOUR LIST**

Please find attached a copy of the Mayor's 2021 Honour List. This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> Honour List. (No list was presented in 1988.)

The Mayor's Honour List was established by the late Mayor Marceil Saddy in 1981 to honour citizens and groups in the community or surrounding area who have been instrumental in improving the quality of life or making a significant contribution to the City of Sarnia and Lambton County. Helen Keller said it best--"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

The list, as always, is a highly personal list, based on my own observations throughout the year in the community, nominations from citizens and media stories.

The list is a tribute to the unsung people and groups in the community who make a difference in trying to create a good and just community and society. It is living proof that individual citizens and groups can make a difference. Individuals or groups nominated are not notified of their selection to the Mayor's Honour List until the announcement is made through the media so I request that you not contact those on the list until the embargo is lifted.

The 2021 Mayor's Honour List was treated as a regular year to recognize individuals and groups in the community. When we are through the COVID-19 war proper recognition will be given to those who contributed so greatly to bringing us to a better place.

It is hoped later in 2022 a reception can be held for the 2021 and 2020 Honourees as a group.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Bradley  
Mayor of Sarnia

## **MAYOR'S 2021 HONOUR LIST**

### **JANE ANEMA**

Ms. Anema served for the past 13 years as Executive Director of the Sarnia Community Foundation, matching donors with needs in the community. In 2008 there were 30 funds valued at \$1.5 million and today there are over 125 funds valued at \$12 million during her time with the Foundation. Ms. Anema has been described as a "great citizen who has served our community so well."

### **LEILA BOUSHY**

Leila is a much-beloved community volunteer who for decades has served the community in many different ways, including serving as President of the Sarnia Lambton Folks Arts Multicultural Council and as Citizenship Officer for the IODE Sarnia-Lambton Municipal Chapter. Leila has been a driving force in welcoming new citizens and supporting and inspiring youth and seniors in the community in a variety of ways. Leila brings joy and humanity to all she engages with and brings a positive attitude about life and giving back to others.

### **CENOTAPH (VETERANS' PARK) 100 YEAR RE-DEDICATION - CONTRIBUTORS**

In recognition of the following individuals, organizations and businesses who made financial contributions or contributions of time and expertise to make much-needed upgrades to Veterans' Park leading up to its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:

Sarnia-Lambton Building and Trades Council; Sarnia Electricians IBEW 530; Sarnia Electricians IBEW 530 Retirees; Bluewater Power; Glen Stott (donated rifle); Tom Klaasen (statue repair and installation) Eric Rodey, (work on plaque) Kern Water (sprinkler repair); A1 Security (surveillance wire installation); AlumaSafway (assist with statue removal and install); Financial donations from Boilermakers 128, Curran Contractors, Insulators Local 95, Millwright Local 1592, Sarnia Construction Association; LiUNA 1089 (labour time); Sarnia Concrete (donated concrete); Mammoet Sarnia (donated crane for statue removal and install).

Without the immediate support from these individuals, businesses and organizations the upgrades could not have been completed within such a quick timeframe.

## **BRENDA DUNN**

For the past 16 years Brenda has been a Beaver Leader through Scouts Canada with the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sarnia Beaver Colony, providing an active, educational and fun programme for youth aged 5-7. Over 200 children have been members in Brenda's Beaver Colony. When Brenda first became involved with this group it was struggling with only a handful of youth involved. Under Brenda's guidance the programme began soon attracting upwards of 25 members. Brenda has served as Deputy Area Commissioner for the Beaver Programme in Sarnia-Lambton providing assistance with training programmes for leaders as well as serving on a national committee with Scouts Canada to review programmes. Locally Brenda has been involved in organizing and running summer camps to assist financially disadvantaged families so they can experience a weekend at a camp. Brenda has been involved in the Christmas Kettle Drive, by delivering Christmas hampers and organizing volunteers to work during the Christmas season. Through these activities Brenda has made a significant contribution to help members of the community.

## **ROBERT HART**

Mr. Hart has been an active volunteer as a driver for the Canadian Cancer Society providing transportation for many patients to Victoria Hospital in London over the past 32 years. Twenty-five years ago he joined Big Brothers and is still in close contact with his two "little brothers" to this day. For over 28 years, Mr. Hart volunteered at the soup kitchen at St. Giles Church. Mr. Hart's generosity in giving of his time has helped many people in the community make their life better.

## **ELAINE HAYTER**

Elaine is Senior Development Manager at the Sarnia Lambton Kidney Foundation. For over three decades Elaine has been a tireless advocate and fundraiser for the Kidney Foundation, setting records for fundraising in creative, fun ways in engaging the community. Elaine is the human face of the Kidney Foundation who fully understands kidney disease and gives people comfort and support. This past year the local Kidney Chapter received three awards from the Ontario Branch of the Kidney Foundation of Canada. In typical "Elaine fashion" she took no credit and praised the volunteers. "They say it takes a Village and without all these award winners and so many more supporters of the local chapter, we wouldn't be able to achieve the high standards with our branch."

## **DAVE LECLAIR**

Mr. LeClair, a 40-year volunteer with the Sarnia MS Society, was recently honoured with a volunteer fundraising award from the Multiple Sclerosis of Canada for Ontario and Nunavut for his decades of dedication. He first became involved with the MS Society's Read-a-thon to encourage his children to help other people. When a relative was diagnosed with MS he began participating in local fundraising walks, later serving on the local Board. He served as Board Chair for 14 years and for the past 25 years was involved in the major fundraising events – walk and bike events and carnation sales. Mr. LeClair has also volunteered for local Silver Stick tournaments for boys and girls.

## **100 SCARVES – PAM WONG**

For the past four years, the Sarnia group known as 100 Scarves, part of Scarf Project Canada, has contributed hand-knitted scarves, hats and mittens which are free for anyone who is in need of these items or who knows of someone who is in need. The knitted items are placed on the fence in front of the Lawrence House with a sign saying "Need a Scarf Take a Scarf". Anyone in the community in need is welcome to take an item and any items left at the end of the day are donated to community shelters. Fifty local knitters are part of this most worthwhile project. Items available have increased from 200 in the first year to over 1,000 in 2021.

## **MICHELLE PARKS AND THE SARNIA TAMPON TUESDAY CHAPTER**

Michelle has been the spokesperson and advocate for the Sarnia Chapter which has successfully raised funds to provide menstrual products in the community and advocated to Sarnia City Council for a pilot project to provide and dispense menstrual products in city facilities. Menstrual products are one of the most requested items at the Inn of the Good Shepherd. The City Pilot Project was a success and was made permanent by Sarnia City Council in December, 2021.

## **ANNABELLE RAYSON**

This past year marked Annabelle's fourth anniversary of organizing the "Sarnia Shoebox Project" where shoeboxes are filled with small items such as make-up, socks, lotion, scarves along with a warm greeting or message of support to be given to women in need. Annabelle invites volunteers to provide \$50 worth of gifts and essentials to enhance self-esteem and reduce feelings of isolation for women in need. In 2020, 275 decorated boxes were delivered to the Women's Interval Home, Sexual Assault Survivors' Centre, The Inn of the Good Shepherd, The Haven, The Hub, Lambton Mental Wellness Centre and Sarnia Brain Injury Association. Annabelle, who was 13

years old when she organized the first "Sarnia Shoebox Project" with the help of her mother, believes no one should be forgotten during the holiday season.

### **SHIRLEY ROEBUCK**

Shirley Roebuck is a local Health Care Advocate with the Ontario Health Coalition. Shirley, who also sits on the Provincial Board of the Ontario Health Coalition, has been a strong voice locally and provincially in her position as local Chairperson of the Ontario Health Coalition. The motto of the Ontario Health Coalition is "Protecting Public Health Care For All".

### **MARK ROEHLER**

Mark Roehler is the long-time Chairperson of the "Steps for Life Committee" in Sarnia. Mark is personally dedicated to safety in the workplace through "Steps for Life" which raises funds for "Threads of Life", a charity offering peer support and connections for people whose loved ones were killed in the workplace or from occupational disease. Despite the pandemic "Steps for Life" has continued to raise funds. Mark has noted the impact of Covid in the workplace and that "Threads of Life" exists to address.

### **TANYA TAMILIO**

Tanya is a volunteer and current President of the Centre Communautaire Francophone de Sarnia Lambton. She was instrumental in having the City of Sarnia receive its French Language designation at the Provincial level which will see Service Ontario and other Provincial services to be offered in French. Tanya began advocating in 2018 for this service by seeking letters of support and presenting the documentation resulting in the designation being made in late 2021. Tanya also plays a major role in the ceremonies held each year to recognize Franco-Ontarian Day. To recognize Sarnia as a welcoming community to newcomers, Tanya was part of the project where 750 "welcoming" lawn signs were distributed throughout the community to reflect the goal of multiple community agencies to welcome newcomers.