

**Eric E. Antonini**  
**2007 Recipient**  
**Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal**

Eric Antonini of Saskatoon has made a positive difference in the lives of those with intellectual disabilities. He was founding Board Member and President of Cosmopolitan Industries. During his tenure with Cosmopolitan Industries, he pioneered the recycling of newspaper in Saskatchewan. He continues to advocate for, and promote the image and well being of, Cosmopolitan Industries and the Saskatchewan Association of Rehabilitation Council. His contributions include:

- Founding Board Member, Past President, President, Member, and Chair of the Executive Committee, Cosmopolitan Industries, Ltd.
- Founding Board Member and President, Cosmo Golf Canada, leading this Cosmo organization in becoming the largest assembler of golf clubs in Canada
- Founding Chair, Saskatchewan Construction Relations Association
- President, Treasurer and Director, Saskatchewan Construction Association
- President and Chair, Western Canada Summer Games, 1979
- Chair, Saskatoon Construction Association
- Chair, Saskatoon Municipal Planning Commission
- Management Trustee, Labourers' Pension Fund of Western Canada
- Management Trustee, Bricklayers' and Allied Craftsmen Pension Fund of Western Canada
- Trustee of the Cosmopolitan Industries Pension Plan and the Top of the Rock Fund
- Treasurer and Board Member, Saskatchewan Association of Rehabilitation Centres
- President and Coach, Tiger Sand Lot Boys Hockey and Boys and Girls Softball
- Director, Saskatoon Catholic Family Services
- Treasurer, St. Francis Xavier Parish Council
- Awarded: Saskatoon B'nai Brith "We're Proud of You Award", 1991.

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**Anita Bella**  
**2007 Recipient**  
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Retired teacher Anita Bella of Melville has volunteered in her community and province with dedication and commitment. She was a founding member of the Melville Arts Council. As a member of the Melville Arts Club, she instructed art classes in the museum and in the Community Arts programs. She painted murals in the United Church, Library and in the stadium for the 1983 Homecoming. Her contributions to community life also include:

- Past President and Charter Member, Melville Arts Council
- Chair of the 2006 Melville Host Committee, President of the Zone 4 Saskatchewan Seniors Fitness Association (SSFA), and participant, Canada Senior Games
- Organizer for the Melville Division, and participant in local, Zone 4 regional, provincial and Canadian competitions, Saskatchewan Seniors Fitness Association (SSFA)
- Member and participant in the Provincial Senior Games, 1988, and spearheaded the next six Zone Games held in Melville; competed in the predicted walking event of these games since 1990
- Member of the Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Councils (OSAC) and instrumental in bringing the OSAC *Stars for Saskatchewan* Series to Melville
- Volunteered in helping to resurrect an old school into a community centre in 2000
- Volunteer, School Art Fair and Extended Learning Days
- Volunteer, Figure Skating Club
- Council member, United Church
- Writer of lyrics, including a Saskatchewan Song for the province's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Awarded: the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002.

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**Margaret Debenham**  
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Margaret Debenham has dedicated her time to preserving history, leaving a legacy for Kennedy residents and outlying communities. As Coordinator for the *Kennedy Reflections # 1 and Kennedy Reflections #2* History Book Committee, she collected stories and data, took photos and provided writeups on buildings, barns and elevators in the community. She has also given of her time and energy in helping many organizations with food, sewing costumes and making posters. She has also served her community in the following ways:

- Auditor for a local organization's treasury books
- Treasurer, Line 16 Figure Skating Club
- 4H Leader
- Secretary, Kennedy Agricultural Society
- Teacher, Anglican School of Religion
- Manager, Kennedy Housing
- Member, Moose Mountain Health Board
- Member, Moose Mountain Home Care Assessment Committee
- Member, Kennedy Home Care Division
- Volunteered her time with the elderly, visiting shut-ins, having prescriptions filled and taking people to doctors' appointments
- Awarded: the 2006 Saskatchewan South East Association Award for Culture, Recreation and Sport in the Heritage and Culture category.

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**Barbara Dedi**  
**2007 Recipient**  
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Psychiatric Nurse Barbara Dedi from Regina has represented our province provincially and internationally on human rights, employment equity and psychiatry issues. Her community involvement ranges from serving presently as President of the Saskatchewan Association of Human Rights, Co-Chair of *Spring Free from Racism*, Director of the Saskatchewan Caribbean Canadian Association, Ambassador for the City of Regina and Marketing and Promotions Director for the Regina Red Sox. Her contributions to her community and province also include:

- Past Executive Member, Canadian Rights and Liberties Federation
- President, Vice President and Campaign Manager for provincial and federal political party elections
- Vice President, Regina and District Labour Council
- President, Regina Multicultural Council; Chair, Regina Mosaic
- President, Swift Current Multicultural Council; Chair, Swift Current Mosaic
- Board Member, Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan
- Founding Member of Carisask, the first Caribbean Carnival
- Vice President, Southwest Ukrainian Club
- Organizer, Women's March 2000 Celebration Banquet
- Board Member, Regina United Way
- Executive Board Member, Saskatchewan Psychiatric Nurses Association
- Member, Library and Pioneer Lodge Committee, City of Swift Current
- Member, Southwest Employment Project, Supported Employment Network, and the Saskatchewan Abilities Council Committees
- Billet for Regina Red Sox Baseball for American players
- Homestay mother for homestay students studying English as a Second Language, University of Regina
- Articles: *Psychology Today-Behavioural Program for Social Reinforcement for Down Syndrome* and currently working to complete *New Ideas in Stress Management and Relaxation Therapy*
- Awarded: the Woman of the Year Equity Award, Saskatchewan Government and General Employees Union, 2006; the Eddy Award for Community Work, Saskatchewan Employment Equity and Diversity Association, 2006; and nominated for the YWCA Women of Distinction Award, 2007.

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**Lyle Karasiuk**  
**2007 Recipient**  
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Advanced Care Paramedic Lyle Karasiuk of Prince Albert has contributed his time and organizational and leadership talents to many provincial committees and projects. He has worked tirelessly on promoting the community approach to injury prevention education and on partnering with local community members to build safer communities. His contributions to his community and our province include:

- Founding Member, Prince Albert and Area Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team
- Past President of the Prince Albert Safety Council
- Past Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Saskatchewan College of Paramedics
- Chair, Victoria Hospital Foundation's Annual Festival of Trees
- Chair for the Prince Albert Safe Communities; instrumental in having Prince Albert designated as Saskatchewan's first "Safe Community"
- Chair, Relay For Life, Canadian Cancer Society, Saskatchewan Branch, Prince Albert Unit
- Instrumental in initiating the first *Heart Health*, a blood pressure screening program in Prince Albert
- Coordinator for Public Access to Defibrillation and an advocate for the placement of community defibrillators in Saskatchewan
- Past Member, Board of Directors of the Prince Albert and District Scouts Council, initiating the first Emergency Medical Services Scout Venturer program in Western Canada
- Volunteer instructor/trainer for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Saskatchewan; and for the Red Cross, promoting and delivering education, first aid, CPR, Emergency Medical Response and First Responder
- Instrumental in the development of the P.A.R.T.Y. (Prevent Alcohol and Risk Taking in Youth) program
- Volunteer: *Arrive Alive*, SGI School Presentations, and *Initiated Choices*, a youth safety program of drug and drinking awareness
- Volunteer board member of the Provincial International Trauma Life Support (ITLS) Advisory Council and ITLS Advanced Instructor
- Medical Services Chair for numerous summer games and special Olympics
- Awarded: the Canada Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal, 2008; 2007 Award of Excellence – Safe Communities Canada.; the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal, 2005; the Saskatchewan Leadership Award, 2005; the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, 2002; the Saskatchewan EMS Stars of Life Award, 2006 and 2004; the Community Safety Net National Injury Prevention Promoter of the Year, 2006; the 2006 Canadian Red Cross Citation of Merit, Saskatchewan Region; the Employee of the Year, Parkland Ambulance Care Ltd., 1999 and 1994; and a Commendation of Merit from the Prince Albert Police Service, 1995.

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Prince Albert

**Kenneth H. Miller**  
**2007 Recipient**  
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Kenneth Miller has donated countless hours of his time to projects in the Town of Redvers and the Rural Municipality of Antler. He was instrumental in the development of the Lightning Creek Dam project. He takes pride in his community and in never quitting until the job is done. His contributions and accomplishments include:

- Mayor, Councillor, Town of Redvers
- Member, Redvers Agricultural Society
- Member, Redvers and District Recreation Center
- Member, Redvers Tourism
- Member, Redvers Wildlife Association
- Member, Redvers & District Health Foundation Board
- Volunteer, Lightning Creek Dam Project, maintaining newly planted trees and mowing the grass while the project was under construction and beyond
- Volunteered countless hours building and maintaining ball diamonds, fair grounds, tennis courts, a recreation centre (hockey and curling), swimming pool, golf course and outdoor horse and cattle arena and barns for young sports enthusiasts
- Volunteered on the development of community gardens
- Awarded: the Saskatchewan 125 Volunteer Recognition Award, 1992, and several local club and organization recognitions.

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Redvers

**Albert (Rocky) Rochelle**  
**2007 Recipient**  
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Rocky Rochelle has enhanced the quality of life of his community of Saskatoon through his volunteerism. He was a founding member of the Riversdale Track and Field Club and spearheaded a group that built the Mayfair Swimming Pool. He was Sports Coordinator for the 1979 Canada Summer Games. In recognition of his commitment to community, he received the Century Saskatoon Award in 1982. His volunteer work includes:

- Commissioner of the Saskatoon Playgrounds Hockey League
- Lieutenant Governor and President, District 5 Kiwanis
- Charter Member of the Riversdale Kiwanis Club
- Chair of the Organizing Committee and Meet Director, Knights of Columbus Indoor Games
- Co-chair of the 1978 Canadian Mixed Curling Championships
- Founding Member, Saskatoon Mayfair Swimming Pool
- President and Member of the Board of Directors for the Oliver Lodge, and Chair of the Lodge's New Building Project
- Member of the Board of Directors and Co-chair of the Seniors Committee, Saskatoon United Way
- Board Member, Sports Hall of Fame
- Member, 1989 Brier Bid Committee
- Member, Canadian and International Association of Fairs and Exhibitions
- Volunteer in men's and ladies' major fastball
- Volunteer, Prairieland Exhibition, and the Saskatchewan Association of Agricultural Societies and Exhibitions
- Awarded: the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal in 2005; the Saskatoon United Way W.A. Milne Award in 2001; the Kiwanis Legion of Honour in 1987; the Gordon Awde Humanitarian Award in 1984; the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame Induction, Builder category, in 1982; the Kinsmen Sportsman of the Year in 1977; and the Canada Celebrate "88" Certificate of Merit.

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**A. Dianne Wilson**  
**2007 Recipient**  
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Dianne Wilson of Saskatoon has worked to preserve Saskatchewan's heritage and to ensure the information is accessible for all, especially Saskatchewan's youth. Her volunteerism has helped to build communities and to prepare for their future. She is generous with her time often taking a lead in projects and encouraging the young to volunteer. Her contributions to her community include:

- President, Vice President and Member, Nutana Community Association
- President, Vice President and Executive Member, Saskatoon Heritage Society
- Founding member of the Friends of the Forestry Farm House; served as Executive Member at large and member of the Landscaping Committee; has also assisted with 'work bees', and has contributed over 200 hours of physical labour to prepare for the restoration of the 1913 Brick Superintendent's Residence, which has been designated a Municipal Heritage Building
- Executive Member, Saskatchewan Archaeological Society and Saskatoon Archaeological Society; Volunteer supervisor at the excavation of the Yellow Sky Site at Turtle Lake; volunteer at excavation of the Heron Eden Site, near Prelate; and the Fitzgerald Site, near Saskatoon
- Member, Management Board, Marr Residence; has been instrumental in the planning and execution of public programs, and in researching and creating public education displays
- Member, Saskatoon Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, and member of the Judges' Panel for the City of Saskatoon Heritage Awards
- Member, Saskatoon Fringe Festival Community Relations Board
- Representative for Nutana Community Association on the Broadway Improvement District Board
- Resident representative on committee for Nutana Local Area Plan, a City of Saskatoon Planning Initiative
- Volunteer, Heritage Building Field Recorder, recording architectural detail of buildings in Nutana
- Coordinator of a Nutana Community Association 'hands-on' local history day camp for children
- Charter Volunteer, Northern Saskatchewan International Children's Festival and Flicks Film Festival
- Awarded: the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal, 2005; the City of Saskatoon Heritage Award for Volunteer Public Service, 2008; the Best Volunteer, Broadway Business Improvement District, in 1998, and nominated for the Saskatoon Volunteer Award in the category of Spirit of Volunteerism, 2005.

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