



## CORA BAILEY WINNER 2019

### Filomena Presti

Filomena is a great example of a retired woman teacher who is caring and sharing for others.



She came to Canada as a young child and enrolled in DeWitt Carter school where she credits them for helping her learn the English language. She attended McKay and Port Colborne High School before St. Catharines Teachers College.

Filomena started her teaching career at Vimy School in Port Colborne and was also at Steele Street, Caroline M. Thompson and Ross School in Welland.

Filomena has been active in the Niagara South branch visiting members who are not living at home and staying in contact with others as a caller. She's very conscientious and genuinely concerned about them.

She is active in the community as well with the University Women, Italian Hall, Casa Dante and her church.

Filomena believes you give back to those who help and that's why she is a wonderful recipient of the Cora Bailey award.

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### Cheryl Elliott

The Retired Women Teachers' motto of Caring, Sharing and Having Fun exemplifies very much our friend Cheryl.



Cheryl was an occasional teacher in Fort Erie and then worked for many years at Ridgeway Public School. She continues to volunteer at John Brant School (previously Ridgeway Public) assisting a former colleague in her classroom.

In retirement, Cheryl continues to be active in her church offering a willing hand and supporting the many activities in the community.

Cheryl has been a goodwill ambassador for the Niagara South Branch for many years. She visits many of our former members bringing them small gifts and her beautiful handmade cards. She has a genuine interest in each of them and listens to their stories and shares news.

Cheryl assists the Branch in arranging meetings and speakers and is the unofficial UBER driver for many who need a ride to our meetings. Cheryl has a joyous laugh that lights up the room.

Cheryl's flair for decorating became very evident when she was one of the volunteers for the silent auction committee. She helped all of us not only make many beautiful baskets but drew the attention of many at the convention because of the quality of our baskets. Cheryl also arranged for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary centerpieces.

We are fortunate to have Cheryl as a member of the branch and are pleased to present her with the Cora Bailey award for her many contributions to the women in Niagara South.