

CORA BAILEY AWARD

WINDSOR-ESSEX 2022 AREA 3



Deirdre Palamides (left) with Patricia Wales (centre) and Anna Campigotto (right)

This woman has a wonderful calmness even when frenzy surrounds her. Like this in high school, it was most evident during her teaching career whether it be supply teaching, teaching at St. Michael's Alternative School or in her role as a Special Education teacher. Always a positive individual who was constantly smiling, all her students and staff loved her.

After retiring she became an active member of RWTO/OERO Windsor-Essex Branch. Joining the Social Committee, she participated with the fabulous decorating team for the 2016 RWTO Provincial Convention at Caesars Windsor. Continuing to work on the RWTO Social Committee she assisted with the planning of activities and bus trips always giving great suggestions and ideas. She is an absolute treasure to work with. As part of the Newsletter team, she ensured it was emailed in a timely manner to our members. She is currently our very effective Branch Secretary sharing her time and skills to get concise information to the Executive and Board members. She is always willing to assist in any capacity. As part of the 80+ Tea Celebration, she planned activities then served the ladies with her sunshine.

A devoted caregiver who took care of an elderly friend, she ensured all her personal needs were met, taking her to doctors' appointments and visiting her regularly. Both she and her husband were dedicated and awesome teachers encouraging their 4 children and 8 grandchildren to be the best they could be. Now all work in the education field. She is a very involved grandmother attending their activities and events. She continues to use her teaching skills with her grandchildren. Her Irish heritage is a very important part of her life even making green Rice Krispie squares each year on St. Patrick's Day for her family.

Deirdre is humble, gracious and a wonderful friend. She loves to travel with her friends, walk daily and continues to participate in the F.J. Brennan Social Committee, planning retiree breakfast gatherings. Brennan's Motto of "Caritas" meaning "Love and Compassion" is what she definitely resembles! As well, the RWTO motto of Caring and Sharing is truly what Deirdre Palamides shows in her daily life.

We are honoured to recognize Deirdre Palamides with the Cora Bailey Award.

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Jean Hodolich (left), Marilyn Harvey (centre) with her Award and Patricia Wales (right)

The Cora Bailey Award is presented to a member who has contributed outstanding service to her Branch, fostering and promoting interaction among retired women teachers.

Joy is a most appropriate descriptor for this special lady who was a primary teacher in various public schools in the Waterloo then Windsor area. Joy is remembered by many students and colleagues as an amazing teacher and a most joyful individual. She remains in contact with both students and staff members still today. Her attention to detail and vibrant communication skills helped her fulfill every position and duty with diligence, grace and a sense of humour. Her love of reading and walking the Ganatchio Trail, travel and entertaining, brought her joy which she shared with her husband and family, her community and us. Her community involvement included being a member of the Rum Runners Tour stage performances and a Windsor International Film Festival fan.

Joy joined the Windsor-Essex Branch Board lending a hand to the Social Committee and soon was responsible for our overnight trip arrangements and our 2016 Convention tours. Accepting the position of Insurance Convenor, she has worked diligently on behalf of our membership.

In spite of life's challenges Joy remains an active Executive member with a positive influence in so many lives. She is optimistic, considerate and a very good listener. Her buoyant good nature brings joy to everyone she encounters.

*Joy, also known as **Marilyn Harvey**: you are most deserving of the Cora Bailey award.*

Previous Cora Bailey Winners

Click on the names in blue for the information on the winners

2021

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2020

2019

[Patricia Mulvey](#)

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2018

[Annette Bezaire](#)

[Vivian La Croix](#)

[Chris Pastorius](#)

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[Lowanna Closs](#)

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[Janice Murphy](#)

2016

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[Mary Lou Killen](#)

2015

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[Valerie Lefebvre](#)

[Valerie Luscott](#)

[Carol Petryshyn](#)

[Karen Smith](#)

[Linda White](#)

2012

[Donna Cowie](#)

[Margaret Jennings](#)

2011

[Freddie Beekhuis](#)

[Carmen Eaton](#)

2010

2009

2008

[Margaret Campeau](#)

[Emily McBride](#)

[Olive Triolet](#)

Ethel Allison

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Karen Clark-Lauzon

2006

Jo-Anne Duffy

Sheila Wright

Mary Jane Finn

2005

Genny Rudzinski

Shirley Dicker

2014

2004

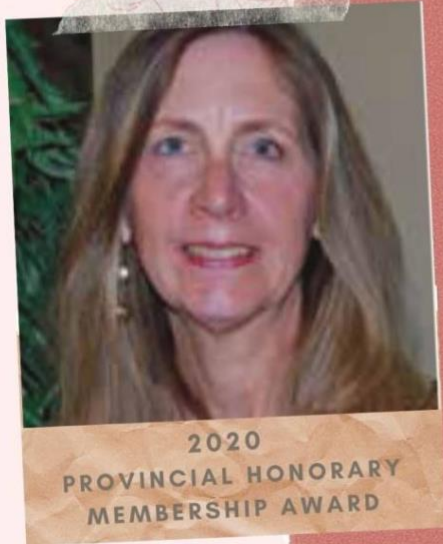
Gayle Broad

2003

Honorary Membership Awards



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This highest honour
bestowed on a member
is presented to
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at the provincial level.

Barbara Bain Membership Award 2020



Congratulations to one of our own **Mary Ann Mulhern**.

We are so proud of you.



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