

HLM Citation for Diane Marchand

Diane Marchand has been a very active contributor to the life of her community and to her profession. After retiring, Diane served as a Delegate to the STS Annual General Meeting for the South Central Chapter. Diane then went on to be elected and served on the STS Provincial Executive for five years and on every Provincial Executive Committee. In her Executive role, she served as the Provincial Liaison for the Souris Moose Mountain Chapter and the South Central Chapter, where her network of contacts and friends expanded. Diane's skills as a volunteer and organizer were valued as she helped to organize and participated in an STS Fishing Tournament at Thompson Lake hosted by the South-Central Chapter.

Diane has tirelessly served the South Central Chapter as a member but also as President for several years. She has volunteered to serve on many South Central Chapter committees, from phoning and organizing events to inviting new members to attend these events through individual communications. In particular, she has helped plan the annual "To Heck with the Bell" celebration which opens their year.

Diane also serves in the community. For example, she volunteered with the Hospital/Foyer d'Youville Fund Raising committee, a group committed to maintain the Gravelbourg Hospital and Nursing Home in the community. Diane has also served on the "Festival of Trees" committee to raise funds to help the Hospital to acquire and update the necessary equipment to keep up with the times.

Diane has helped with the local Museum Board to raise funds for the preservation of an old 1915 elevator in the community, and she has assisted new Canadians who have moved to the Gravelbourg community and helped them understand and enjoy the Canadian way of life. Part of this assistance to newcomers is helping to obtain housing and household items, financial assistance in banking, transportation and completion of forms for Saskatchewan Health and Permanent Residency documentation, all of which can be daunting tasks. Diane is also an advocate for immigrant children and parents as children enter and navigate the Saskatchewan education system.

For all this service to her community both near and far, we are so pleased to recognize Diane Marchand with an Honorary Life Membership in the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan.