

HLM Citation for Ralph May

Aubrey or “Ralph” May, formerly of Esterhazy and currently living in Regina, was nominated for an Honorary Life Membership by the Potashville Chapter of the STS. Ralph is a hardworking, dedicated member who has served the STS Provincially, in the Chapter, as well as his wider community.

At the provincial level Ralph has Co-chaired a Provincial Bowling Tournament hosted by the Esterhazy Chapter and has been a participant in curling and bowling events. He has also been a Delegate to a number of STS Annual General Meetings.

Within the Chapter, Ralph has served as President, Vice-President and has been on the phone committee for over a decade. In addition, Ralph planned activities that other Chapters have been invited to and participated in. He has planned and hosted a tour of the Esterhazy Flour Mill and a potash mine tour. Even after moving to Regina, Ralph has regularly attended Potashville Chapter meetings and events.

As a volunteer, Ralph has been President of the Friends of the Flour Mill where he has worked tirelessly, along with a committee, to restore the Esterhazy Flour Mill. In fact, they were successful in receiving a designation of Provincial Heritage Property in 2005, National Historic Site status in 2009 and have worked to raise funds to repair the Flour Mill. Ralph has led various tours of the Flour Mill, including school tours. He also has trained students for the last 20 years to lead tours of the mill in the summer, creating a script for them to work from after their training. Largely due to this volunteer work, he was awarded the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Medal for Volunteer Service in 2023.

Ralph has also volunteered at the golf course doing maintenance of the course, the local Lions Club, and was on the United Church Board. He has participated in the Meals on Wheels program, and regularly calls seniors in the community just to see how they are doing.

Given this volume of practical volunteer service and service to the STS through Chapter and Provincial involvements, we are pleased to honor Ralph May with an Honorary Life Membership in the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan.