

## **HLM Citation for Doreen Rathgeber**

Doreen Rathgeber personifies service. Her years working on behalf of fellow superannuates now almost equals those spent in classrooms and STF meeting rooms prior to her 2004 retirement. Teaching in Codette, Estevan, Leader, Meadow Lake, Saskatoon, North Battleford, and Yorkton certainly broadened Doreen's horizons on diverse teacher issues. Her work with the Catholic Divisions, the STF, the International Literacy Association, and the STS, along with numerous community endeavors, give testament to her acquired skills and to her selfless efforts for others.

Doreen has held various roles with the local Yorkton STS Chapter, as well as within the provincial association. At the Chapter level she is an active member on the Nominations Committee for the local Merit Award, has written nominations, and quickly acknowledges the work of others. She has been on the Good Will Committee and has been Editor of the local Newsletter. She served as Chapter President from 2009 - 2011, and has fulfilled the duties of a Member-at-Large on the Provincial Executive from 2016 - 2019. She was an enthusiastic participant to the start-up of the Stirling McDowell Foundation in 1991. Her insight and experience gleaned from the Provincial involvement have benefitted everyone in our local Chapter.

Within the community, Doreen Rathgeber has been active on numerous education, church, and community boards. She serves as a Board member of Christ the Teacher School Division, is involved in the Ukrainian Catholic Parish, and the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada - currently as the Provincial President, plus many more boards and committees. Doreen has supervised U of S interns, and has worked as a mentor to students in the ITEP program. She has been involved with the Yorkton Aboriginal Head Start program and the Yorkton Society for the Involvement of Good Neighbors, and somehow still finds time to contribute to the Yorkton Legion and assist with the Yorkton Film Festival.

Doreen is a senior's advocate. She continues to be involved with the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism, and can be found petitioning provincial government MLAs regarding mental health supports in education, Parkinson's mobility initiatives, or addressing municipal council on being an "Age Friendly Community". Doreen continually and tirelessly works to

improve the lives of others. We are so pleased that Doreen Rathgeber has been recognized with an Honorary Life Membership with the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan.