

Colette Roy has served the community of St.Charles for at least 15 years in a variety of volunteer positions with many cultural, recreational and social activities in an effort to make life in St.Charles better for all. It started many years ago when she joined the organizing committee of two important fund-raising events in our community, namely, the St.Charles Annual Big Bear ATV Rally and the St.Charles annual Family slo-pitch tournament. Her input to the preparation and smooth operation of these events is to be commended. These activities helped raise large amounts of financial assistance to Paroisse St.Charles Borromée church and other non-profit organizations in the community.

When she retired, Colette joined the board of administration of Club d'Age d'Or Alidor, a not-for-profit seniors' organization whose mission is to promote the well-being of the seniors of our community through a weekly luncheon and a variety of social programs and activities. There, she sat on the board of administration for a number of years before becoming a very efficient secretary thanks to her many years of experience at Laurentian University's Physics department as administrative clerk. To this day, she remains a very resourceful person, helping out in several volunteer positions within the organization. Since the Seniors' club was also involved with some fund-raising of its' own to maintain an aging building, Colette became involved with the Ron Senecal West Arm Pike tournament. This annual event hosted by Club Alidor for the last 18 years, is part of the Top 50 fishing series. It attracts anglers from many areas of the province every summer. For several years now, Colette is one of our area's representatives on the Top 50 organization. Her and her husband host and run all aspects of the event including the preliminary inspection of the boats, the blast off, measuring up of the fish, and tabulation of the results from their own property on the waterfront. Colette is also responsible for the bookkeeping and financial reports of the tournament, a task she does with great pride and accuracy. Her time and energy are always gratuitous. All profits of this event are donated to Club Alidor.

Other agencies and groups in this community, including the Community Health Center, the St.Charles curling group and the summer West Arm Horseshoe league have benefited from Colette's initiative in making this community a better place to live. More recently, Colette serves as a volunteer again, on the board of administration of the Sudbury-east Seniors' Support, a not-for-profit agency.

In spite of all this time helping out in her community, Colette, along with her husband, are very devoted parents and grandparents, always ready and willing to give a helping hand to family members and neighbours in need.

Colette's leadership qualities and unrelenting dedication to her community make her a great candidate for this award. Her contagious energy, her enthusiasm and her positive attitude in spite of some health challenges along the way are a testament of an outstanding senior who truly deserves recognition for this much-deserved municipal volunteer award.