

CITATION FOR DEBBIE LINGEN VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR FOR 2014

Debbie and her husband Roy moved to Verona in 2006 and since settling here, Debbie has contributed immensely to the vibrancy of our community in many ways. She joined the Verona Community Association in 2007/2008. She is currently the President of the VCA. Her activities in this organization focus on chairing meetings to discuss and plan activities for Verona and area. Some of the popular events are the Verona Cattail Festival, Summer Garage Sale, Fishing Derby, Christmas in the Village, Christmas dinner, Christmas for Kids, Flower Barrel Contest, Village signs and liaison with South Frontenac Township.

Debbie has also been a member of the Verona Cattail Festival Committee since 2009. She is currently the chairperson of the committee and has done so for the past five years. Her duties include the chairing of the committee meetings, managing the advertising for the Festival and co-sharing the Master of Ceremony for this weekend event.

Debbie spear-headed and chairs the newly created "Christmas in the Village", a celebration that replaced the Christmas Tree Lighting. It is held at the Verona Lions Centre and this event continues to be a tremendous success. Activities such as decorating a Christmas tree in the pavilion, family games, chili and hot dog supper and live entertainment are all free for the patrons.

Debbie is also our Frotnenac News column writer. She spends hours tracking down newsworthy items and events in the hamlet of Verona and writes interesting articles for residents to read and to keep our community residents informed.