

**CITATION FOR TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH FRONTENAC
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
LOUGHBOROUGH DISTRICT 2005**

I have known Marni Pedersen for at least thirty years. During those years, she has been a sister Girl Guide Leader and also a dear personal friend. Marni has many fine qualities but two that stand out are her upbeat positive attitude with always a laugh and a smile and her generosity to others.

She and her family have owned the Desert Lake Campground complex for many years. During those years any Guiding group within our District has been allowed to camp there (usually free of charge). Following the completion of the Waterway motel at the complex, the basement has been used for winter camps and sleepovers. I, for one, have enjoyed that ever-present "Guiding welcome mat" at Desert Lake Campground. During the thirty odd years she has been a Girl Guide leader, she has worn many different hats in Guiding usually holding down two positions at the same time. The old cliché "you need a volunteer, ask the busiest person", aptly applies to Marni, always giving of herself.

When Marni's son was young, not only did she carry on with her Guiding commitments but worked in the Scouting movement as well for a few years ensuring her son would benefit from his involvement in Scouting.

Marni's mother was a victim of cancer. Each summer, a cancer fundraiser spearheaded by Marni is held at the campground in her memory. Several thousand dollars has been raised to date.

An active member of St. Paul's United Church in Harrowsmith, she drives from Desert Lake each Sunday morning to attend the service and to carry out her duties as the Sunday school superintendent. As a board member she attends the monthly meetings and of course, assists with all the church's fundraising endeavors.

Marni is truly a great asset to the Loughborough district, South Frontenac Community and I can think of no one more deserving to be recognized by the township.

*Valeria (Val) Ruttan
Sister Guider*