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District 28
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JUNE 2021

Gifting and Project Services to Others 2021

By Jim Craigen

Local Funding 2020

In 2020 we had a surplus of funds because we were unable to offer any social events due to the COVID Pandemic. We were also given extra funding to be used to celebrate our anniversary year. We raised through you, our members, \$10,000 for Lakeridge Health during the crisis. It was decided by the executive of RTO/ERO Durham 28 to donate the extra funds to Durham community organizations and projects to raise our profile in the community.

A total of \$30,000 was donated to 30 different organizations throughout the Durham Region. Recipients were delighted to receive such grants, and our generosity was recognized in their media reports as well as on organization websites. These organizations were especially pleased with our help as many were having difficulty raising funds in these COVID times.

Local Funding 2021

Each year funds are made available for projects involving RTOERO members for education related and/or other community projects, thereby providing a means by which RTOERO members can participate in education, social and/or community projects and raise the profile of RTOERO and its members. This year funding in the amount of \$500 was given to the following community organizations:

- The Salvation Army
- Hearth Place Cancer Support Centre.
- Durham Region Hospice
- Kiwanis Music Festival.
- Luke's Place - For women and children experiencing violence
- Friends of Nonquon
- The Refuge Youth Outreach Centre



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Provincial Funding 2021

Community Grants of \$2500 are available to encourage all RTOERO Districts to support and partner with local organizations to promote projects that will help our organization to meet our strategic goals of improving the lives of members and seniors; being the trusted voice for the broader education communities; and broadening our membership base.

The proposal submitted by RTOERO members Bev Thibert, Greg Moon, Don Farquharson, Cathy Galberg, Lewis Williams, and Mike Whitmarsh working with “Friends of Nonquon” was selected as The Durham 28 project for Provincial Community Grant Funding. This project will research, design, produce and display an informative and detailed account of the flora and fauna of the Provincial Wildlife Area, in written, pictures, diagrammatic, satellite imagery and mapping format. The signage will be used by the RTOERO D-28 Hiking Group; interpretive programs offered on weekends by the Friends of Nonquon; North Durham Nature programs; the students of the Nonquon Environmental Education Centre, run by the DDSB; and the general public, in this Provincial Wildlife Area.

James Craigen
Gifting & Services to Others Chair