

HLM Citation for Walter Popenia

Walter exemplifies the ideas of community and responsibility. He is very generous with his time and talent and this giving nature enhances many lives in his community, the surrounding communities and his professional endeavors.

Walter and his wife Marjorie attend as many of the provincial STS recreation events as possible, and especially enjoy the annual golf tournaments. They also participate in the bowling tournaments and provincial curling bonspiels.

At the Local Chapter level, Walter has served on the executive, helped with recreational activities, planned activities and regularly attends Chapter meetings and events, regardless of the weather or distance. Walter served as President of the Shamrock Chapter of the STS from 2003 to 2006 and was a Shamrock Chapter Delegate to STS Annual General Meetings. Walter always represented our Chapter's interests well and reported back on STS issues and events. He has provided accompaniment to the singing of carols at our annual Christmas parties and frequently helps provide musical entertainment to other social gatherings of the Chapter and community, sometimes even within the Popenia home!

Walter is an enthusiastic, committed volunteer, participating on various executives and committees that focus on cultural and sport events impacting seniors, youth, children, and the general public. He has been, and continues to be, involved in many aspects of life in the small rural community of Wishart. He has been the treasurer of the Recreation Board, has run the seniors' weekly bowling and acts as treasurer of the seniors' curling bonspiels.

Other community activities include performing in community dinner theatre, calling bingo for the fundraisers and involvement on the executive of the local Parish Council. He currently belongs to a musical group called the Tuffnell Fiddle Jammers who entertain at seniors' dances and outdoor picnics. He is part of a small core of musicians that entertain at Carol Festivals, New Years Levees, nursing homes and senior residences in six communities.

Walter has also briefly coached girls' volleyball, judged 4-H public speaking, judged the Legion poster/essay competitions and taught beginner fiddle. We are so pleased that Walter Popenia has been recognized with an Honorary Life Membership with the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan.