



## INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL AWARDS



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### CITATIONS:

**Morton & Louise Amell** of Brockville ON have been members since 1977. They are one of five 2010 citation recipients. Their leadership includes at the Chapter Level 6yrs Past Pres., 6yrs President, 6yrs Vice Presidents, 3 yrs Secretary, 3 yrs Treasurer, 6yrs Program Director 10 yrs OPA Prov. Assoc. Rep They have been Chair of their Chapter formal 10 times, ECHO (Large Prov. Campout) Chair 3 times, always sit on the ECHO committee, They have looked after the Adult games at their formal, hospitality, meals. They have assisted the Roadrunners at ECHO with adult games 3 times They have looked after 1 campout a year for their Chapter. They try to keep their Chapter informed of all the events about other Chapters when they hear about them They promote FCRV all the time. Achievements: They looked after the Pull Tabs for their Chapter They look after recycling products to raise money to feed the Swans at the Conservation area in Brockville They arrange to have a program every month except for June, July & Aug. This helped keep their Chapter together ... They send Newsletters out twice a year. The Amells have been Field Directors for 9 yrs. National Achievements include Attending 18 Campventions. Working on 3 Campventions – Co-chaired registration 1981, Kitchener – Parade Chair, 1999, Blyth Co-Chaired Parade, also at Blyth looked after juice handout in our area under Art & Mary Brown. The Amells are also involved in their community in many ways. Louise belongs to the Eastern Star for 48 Yrs. Also Ladies Auxiliary Scouts Canada for 30 Yrs. She helped out with different organizations in her church. Louise assisted on Teas at the Seniors Apt. and helped out with meals at the IOOF Hall. Morton has belonged to the Independent Order of Oddfellows for 53 Yrs. and to the Masonic Order for 44 Yrs. Both have assisted with the Salvation Army Christmas Kettles for the last 3 Yrs. and have volunteered at their church for years. Special Recognition received by the Mort & Louise is the Family Camper of the year award an Ontario Award.

**Dwight and Barbara Bonifield** of Zanesville OH have been members since 1998. They are one of 5 citation recipients for 2010. Their leadership includes - Ohio State Association President - 2007 to Present, Ohio State Association Vice President – 2005-2007, Barbara - Area Delegate 2003 to Present. They have achieved the following - Members of the following FCRV chapters; Buckeye Rovers, Cardinals, Cool Campers, Licking Freeloaders, Y-City Muskies, West Virginia Woodpeckers, Full-timers, YARS and the newly formed FCRV Amateur Radio Club. The Bonifields have served as President of several of these chapters. They have also held various other offices in many of these chapters. They currently serve as Editors of the West Virginia Woodpeckers. National Service includes - Central District Directors 2003 to Present; Field Directors 2000 to 2003. National Achievements are as follows 2004 National Campvention HoneyWagon Chairman ; Retire Rally Security Chairman – 2006-2008; 2009 National Campvention Golf Cart Chairman; 2010 National Campvention Golf Cart Chairman; volunteer on various committees for National campventions



and retiree rallies. Their community involvement includes - Zanesville Amateur Radio Club, serving as Vice-President and President; Muskingum Valley Amateur Radio Club, serving as Secretary/Treasurer; Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio Emergency Service; member of the Mason Lodge of Amity #5 serving as Tyler; serves as Solvent Master (twice) of the Allied Masonic Degree; member of the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shriners and Singara Grotto. Dwight works to acquire eye glasses for adults and children; works at Christ's Table; participated in several charity runs through the Harley Owners Group and Gold Wings. Served as Safety Director and President of the Harley Owners Group (HOGs). They have received special recognition as follows, – Recipient of General Leo Martinez Award for Outstanding Technician Worldwide. Several awards for outstanding technician when civilian employee. Awards from the local and district offices of Lions Club. The Bonifields are Kentucky Colonels.

**Ralph & Linda Deline** of Chatham Ontario have been members since 1976. They are one of five 2010 citation recipients. Their leadership is as follows: in Various Chapters, Ruf N Redi: 1976 – 1983. Positions held were Secretary, Wagon Master, Campout Co-Chair, Teen Advisors, Thames Trolls: 1985 – 2009 Positions held were Voting Delegates Rep., Campout Chair, Vice Presidents. Provincial: Outside Sound Chair for all Ontario Provincial Association (OPA) Campouts, 1988 - 2001



Sound Chair for all OPA Meetings, Campouts, ECHO Campouts, and Halloween Campouts from 2001 – present (Ralph) OPA Voting Delegates Reps. 1996 – 2002, OPA Vice Presidents 2002 – 2006, OPA Presidents 2006 – now. Their achievements include starting a Teen Club – Terrible Teens - in 1978 and were their advisors for five years. They worked trailer shows each year from 1985 on and help other chapters with their shows. Secretary for the Provincial Teen Director (Bill Henderson) for several years and attended each meeting and chaperoned on the Teen Weekends. Worked as a backstage Mom at the Teen Queen Pageants for several years. (Linda) Ralph was Electrical Co-Chair for the two Guelph Lake Campvention in 1979 and 1986, and Linda volunteered each day for Communications in 1979 and was the Teen Queen Co-Chair in 1986. Ralph & Linda were Sound and Lighting Chair for the 1999 Kitchener Campvention. In the Blythe Campvention in 2006 Ralph was Sound Chair, and Stage & Lighting Chair and was on the Steering Committee and Linda was Secretary for the Steering Committee. For each Campvention they worked on several other committees helping where needed, and Ralph was in the Colour Party in 2006 Parade. Ralph was in the Colour Party for the Parade in Berrien Springs, 2004 For the First Regional held in Quebec, Ralph helped the Sound Chair, and was the Sound Chair when Regional was in Ontario. Hospitality Chair for a few hospitalities at Campventions and the last Regional in Quebec. Ralph is Sound for ECHO, Halloween, and the Sarnia 4 T's Campouts each year. They have served the national organization by having an interest in the National Board and have attending board meetings in Michigan, Texas, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Colorado, and Blythe. One of two families who volunteered for the Canadian National Legislation when Noreen Smith resigned. National Achievements include

Ralph and Linda were both recognized for their contributions to a very successful Campvention which was held in Blyth, Ontario in 2006, with Ralph as the Sound Chairman and Linda as the recording secretary. They have chaired the Ontario float committee many times at the various Campventions they have attended. They are also involved in their community. Ralph has been in Scouting since he was 8 years old –sixty years now as a boy and as a Cub, Scout, Venturer, and Rover Leader and District Service Team member and District Service Team President. He is currently on the Camp Committee and is the Deputy Area Commissioner for Chatham-Kent. Linda was in Scouting over 25 years, having been instrumental in beginning the first 10 Beaver Colonies as the Beaver Service Team Chair, a Trainer (Adults and Children) and on the Service Team. She has recently retired from Scouting. Both are Red Cross Volunteers and Trainers – Ralph for over 30 years and Linda for over 25 years and have participated in two full emergencies in Chatham. Both are active in their church – Linda was a teacher for five years, and has recently returned as a substitute teacher; she works with the Vacation Bible School; is a Server, a Reader, and the Outreach Chair. Ralph was Sunday School Teacher for one year and moved on to be a Sunday School Superintendent for 13 years. Both are on the Parish Council and Ralph just completed three years as a warden. Ralph is part of the Working Men's Breakfast Meetings and Linda belongs to the St. Hilda's group. Both attend the Adult Study Group. In their spare time, Ralph is a Ham Radio Operator and Linda belongs to a card making club. Special recognition received by the Delines: Have attended almost all OPA Spring & Fall Campouts since 1976 – missed one because of daughter's wedding. Have attended countless ECHO and Halloween campouts and chapter campouts, both our own and others. Have attended 14 National Campventions. Have attended three Regional Campouts and going to the one in Nova Scotia this year. Have attended one Winter Board Meeting in Texas.

**Ian & Elizabeth Jamieson** of Belleville, Ontario have been members since 1987. They are one of five citation recipients for 2010. Sadly for Elizabeth this award was posthumus. Jamieson's Leadership is as follows. We have taken a leadership role in every Chapter we have belonged to. **The Festival City Travel Aires of Stratford.** We did not take on any executive position as we lived 2 hours away in Port Elgin but we always helped for any of their campouts especially the Mother's Day Campout each year where we worked as Parking, Staking and as Cooks. The last 4 years we were with the Travel Aires we arranged campouts for 2 years at Mc Greggor Provincial and started the Conservation campout at Saugeen Bluffs Conservation Area in Paisley which continues to this date. **The Bruce County Campers:** We were the driving force in starting this Chapter 1995. We were Presidents for 4 years. During this time we were instrumental in starting the Roadside Clean-up for 7 km from Southampton to Burgoyne on County Road 3. We got the Chapter to continue with the Conservation Campout to this date. We participated in the Christmas Parades in both Kincardine and Port Elgin for Years as we were trying to attract new members. While we were still members of the Chapter we were able to convince the chapter to come to the Spring & Fall OPA campouts but since we moved to Trenton this unfortunately is not the case anymore. **The Moira Gypsies in Trenton.** We did not take

any executive position although we worked at every campout they held with a variety of jobs. We left the Chapter and went independent after 4 years. At that time we were OPA Presidents and they had an anti attitude towards the OPA and it was uncomfortable just belonging although we are still friends with some members. We assisted with set up and hosting the booth at the RV Shows that were held in Belleville. **As Independents'**. We carried on with our OPA duties and helped at any campouts we attended. We also continued with the RV Shows in Belleville. **Ontario Fire Flies.** We have not held an executive position with the Chapter but we have been on their Constitution Committee twice as well as their Nominating committee. We are their Voting Delegates at the OPA Meetings. We have also worked at each of their campouts. We arranged a trip to the Air Force Museum in Trenton for members attending the Fall O.P.A. at Stirling. Our achievements include in addition to some of the leadership roles we listed under the chapters, we; Were the OPAction Editors for 11 Years ending in 2002 Were Chair of the OPA Financial Review in the late 1990's Became the OPA Presidents in 2002 till we resigned in 2005 for health reasons. Participated in another financial review in 2004. We took the lead for a major review of the O.P.A. Constitution in 2004. We were the O.P.A. Web Site Co-ordinators. Nov 2004 till Dec 2009. We are the voting delegates representative on the OPA Board 2009 to present. We have participated on 3 travelongs, Co-Chaired 3 and Chaired 3 Travelongs including this years. Our National Service we were the Registration Chairmen of the 1999 Campvention in Kitchener ON. Were Co-Chairs (Grounds) of the 2006 Campvention in Blyth ON. We reorganized our FCRV Yellow Book with our Provincial Director in 2009. We attended 7 Campventions but had to stop attending as insurance rates made it too expensive to go because of my pre-existing medical conditions. National Achievements: We received a plaque recognizing our work at Campvention 2006. We are also involved in our Community. We are including dates after we moved to Port Elgin prior to us joining F.C.R.V./O.P.A. as they show our total comitement to the community. **Ian:** Coached house league Baseball and Hockey, Got elected to Port Elgin Council in November 1972 served for 2 terms then elected to the Mayor's Chair for 2 terms. At the same time He served as a member of the Port Elgin Hydro Commission and the Port Elgin Police Board the last year as Chairman. After completing his time with council he joined the Port Elgin Bears Junior Hockey Team and the Ralph's Intermediate Fast Ball club and became president of both the next year The fast ball club won an Ontario championship during this time. Was a member of the Port Elgin Boating club where he taught a maintenance course 1 year. This all stopped in 1986 when he had a heart attack. During this time we started producing the OPAction. **Elizabeth** was a member of the Port Elgin Centennial Singers as well as volunteering at the Southampton Hospital 2 times per week for approximately 18 years. Ian retired in November 1993 and a year later he started volunteering for The Bruce Hydro Retirees Association to bring their records up to date and sat on their executive committee. He was responsible for starting their newsletter this continued until we moved to Trenton in 1998 . Two weeks after their arrival in Trenton they were both back at it with Elizabeth joining the Hospital Auxiliary and Ian at the Air Force Museum working on restoring the Halifax Bomber that was recovered from a lake where it lay for 50 years. They continue to this day. They both joined the St Andrews Presbyterian Church and Elizabeth joined the Choir

and Ian joined the Board and became Maintenance Chair and was the church's contact with the contractor when the Roof was totally removed and reconstructed. After 7 years they moved on to St Columba Presbyterian Church in Belleville where they are both active again Elizabeth in the Choir and Ian on the Maintenance committee. They are also Co-Chairs for fund raising to assist in building a church in Trinidad. Special Recognition include both receiving certificates, mounted pictures, a gavel in recognition of their Municipal and volunteer work as well as the 10 year Provincial Volunteer plaque to Elizabeth. Ian and Elizabeth are a couple who are always available to volunteer for the many jobs that are necessary to keep the large membership in Ontario active in our various Provincial Events, as well as local events among area chapters. Due to health insurance concerns, Ian and Elizabeth are very nervous to travel in the US, due to the high cost of out of country medical insurance, but when their granddaughter ran in the National Teen Queen Pageant back in Center Hall Pa, back in 08, Ian and Elizabeth drove in their car directly to the Campvention site, a drive of over 8 hours, to be there to support their grand daughter and then early the morning after, drove straight back home. This shows the dedication to family and to the goals of FCRV.

**Duane & Ruth Keegan** of Addison IL have been members since 1966. They are one of 5 2010 citation recipients. Their leadership includes Members of Ohio State Assn. before moving to Illinois in 1967; Members of Parkampers Chapter, DuPage County, Illinois 1967 to 1970; Formed Acorn Campers Chapter, Addison, IL 1970 to 1977; Rejoined Parkampers Chapter 1977 to present date; members of Squirrelly Turtles Chapter 1989 to present and members of Kentucky Colonels Chapter from 1989 to the present date, and the Illinois Wanderers #1 Retiree Chapter from 1999 to present date. Duane & Ruth have always maintained active members in all their Chapter involvement. Achievements: Over the past 44 years they have been active and held the following offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Charter Member of the Acorn Campers; Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, two years each in the Parkampers Chapter; Secretary and Treasurer three years each for the Squirrelly Turtles Chapter. In the Kentucky Colonel Chapter, offices of Treasurer (1996-1998,2005-2010), Secretary 1999, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President 2000, President 2001, Campout Chairman 1995,2000 & 2009. The Illinois State Association offices held were Assn. Treasurer 1998-2004, Corresponding Secretary 2004-2008, Assn. President 2008-present, Campout Chairman 2009, and Scholarship Treasurer 1998-present. The Illinois Wanderers Retiree's, office of Treasurer from 2004 to the present date. National Service: At the Regional level and National level Duane & Ruth have attended eight Regional campouts and thirty one National Campventions which were the highlights of summer vacations while the children were yet in school. Since retirement we have attended five Retiree Rally's. National Achievements: At the Regional Campouts we served as Treasurer in 2001 and Registration and Treasurer for 2007. The National Campventions we worked Campvention Security in 1976 with our Acorn Camper club. The 1995 Campvention we were Assistant Campvention Treasurer and served on



the Steering Committee and Campvention Treasurer for 2004 and 2010. Community Involvement: Duane and Ruth reside in Addison, II since 1967 and have been married for 53 years, have three sons and three grandchildren. Duane served four years in the military, and retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs, in addition to having been self employed for nine year plus working in the private sector. Ruth retired from working in the local school system. They were active in the scouting program with their sons, Duane serving a Cub Scout Committee Chairman (1968-1971) and Ruth as a Den Mother for seven years and Den Leader two years. Advancing to the Boy Scout level, Duane was Troop Scoutmaster for four years. During their children's school years in High School Duane served a President of the Music Boosters Parents Assn. along with chaperoning students on music trips and assisting in fund raising activities during their school terms. Duane & Ruth have been members of their local (Addison) church for 42 years plus 9 years prior while residing in Ohio. Throughout these combined 51 years Duane served as Chairman of the Administrative Board 2 years: Chairman of Finance Committee 4 years; Church School Superintendent 3 years; Church Treasurer 5 years; Church Trustees Committee 2 years; Nominations Committee 4 years; Chairman Pastor-Staff Relations 3 years and presently still a member of the committee; and periodically as worship service liturgist. Also involved in the Men's club as Treasurer for the past 16 years and organizes the annual Men's Pancake Day fund raiser. Duane is a member of the AF&AM Masonic Lodge, 20 years, having served in all stations within the Lodge, and as Worshipful Master for 2 years. Duane also serves on the Board of Directors in the office of Treasurer for the past 4 years in their 'snow-bird' retirement community in Florida. Special Recognition: Duane & Ruth were awarded the Kentucky Colonel Friendship Trophy in 2010.

## **PLAQUES:**

**Chuck & Sue Carlsen** of Hubbard Lake, MI have been members since 1983. They are one of three Plaque recipients for 2010. Their accomplishments in Leadership are as follows: Sue has served as Chapter Newsletter Editor and Secretary. Chuck served the chapter as treasurer. They held a Field Director position 1987-1995 and State Teen Directors 1987-1992. They served as State Association Officer: 1992-2010. They were President of the State Scholarship Committee 2004-2010. Carlsens held the position of Assistant State Director 1992-2004 and have held the position of State Director since 2004 to the present. Their Achievements include Chuck & Sue reworked and maintained the state campout manual for 10 years. They co-hosted three statewide campouts and have coordinated field staff workshops. Carlsens adjusted the state association constitution and bylaws to coincide with FCRV format and also were involved with revising the state scholarship constitution and application form. They appointed and trained an Assistant State Director, one



District Director, 3 Field Staff and 3 Program Directors. They have been the liaison between FCRV and Michigan Association of Recreational Vehicles and Campgrounds and they facilitated the dealer chapter program, but it is currently on hold. They were awarded the State Director's Award in 2003. They earned SPC Awards (state level) for highest mileage for backpacking, cross country skiing, canoeing, bicycling and snowshoeing. Under National Service: Carlsens served on the 1988 Campvention Teen Committee and Sue served as the 2004 Campvention Secretary and ran the FCRV office. Chuck & Sue are serving on the Steering Committee and are Team Leaders for the 2010 Campvention. They have been members of the National Executive Board since 2004. Sue is running unopposed for Corresponding Secretary in the 2010 National Election. National Achievements include Sue was an FCRV Schue Memorial Scholarship recipient in 1991. They received a National Citation in 2004 and the National Director Recognition Award in 2006. Their involvement in their community Sue was a volunteer Probation Officer, 16<sup>th</sup> District Court, Livonia, MI 1986-1993, a volunteer Crisis Counselor, Ypsilanti, MI 1999-2001, and volunteer Substance Abuse Counselor, Chelsea Arbor Treatment Center, Ann Arbor, MI 2000-2002. She has served as the secretary of Oak Grove Homeowner's Association, Hubbard Lake, MI from 1997 to present. She was on the Architectural Review Committee, Tampa Bay Golf & Country Club, San Antonio, FL in 2009 and the Communication/Social Committee at the Country Club in 2010. She has been an EMS 1<sup>st</sup> Responder, Pasco County, FL in 2010. Chuck was an EMS Quick-Response Team (trained to extradite trauma victims from industrial machinery) Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, MI 1985-1995. Special Recognition: Chuck & Sue have been an integral part of the Great Lakes' State Director staff. They have participated in the State Directors training sessions and have implemented some of the suggestions for their state's field staff training. They helped facilitate the starting of a Dealer Chapter, but it had to be put on hold with the economy and turndown in the RV industry. They willingly offered to "host" a training session for RV shows provided by Bill Eckman. They have tried very hard to grow the membership in Michigan. They have not given up and continue to pursue ways to increase membership. Chuck & Sue are very dedicated to FCRV and Michigan has been very lucky to have them serving as State Director as they have a true interest in having Michigan grow. They have served in many capacities in FCRV which indicates their interest and belief in our camping family. They are the kind of people that you want in leadership positions and I am very happy to have them as part of the Great Lakes staff.

**Kip and Jan Cushing** of Kenosha, WI have been members since 1981. They are one of three plaque recipients for 2010. Under Leadership they have achieved the following (Chapter level) Chapter Presidents combined 6+ years, Secretary 4+ years, Treasurer 4+ years, for two chapters. Badger State Association – President 2 years each Kip and Jan, Vice Pres.- Jan 1 yr, Treasurer- Jan 2 yrs, Secretary – Jan 2 yrs. Field Directors approx. 5 yrs. State Director/s 12 years and counting. Achievements include: Cushings established a chapter that was state wide for those joining at RV Shows to know someone at a campout, a name to put down on registration form, until they could find a chapter



that fit their needs. They grew that chapter to the largest in the state. As Field Directors, they helped establish other new chapters as old ones faded away. They arranged a number of Chapter, State, and Regional campouts around the state of Wisconsin. Cushings acted as Wagon masters on several occasions to Regional campouts and National Campventions. They arranged for speakers on various programs for State meetings. Kip & Jan have helped find editors and publishers for the State association newsletter. They were advertising chairmen for Badger Banner a number of years. Built various displays for RV Shows, in an effort to entice new members to join at the shows as well as follow up meetings. National Service: Cushings served as Field Directors for approx 5 years and as State Directors for 8 years before resigning. They were re-appointed as State Director 4 years ago and Kip currently serves in that position. Jan has served as National Trustee Comptroller for 2 years and is running unopposed in 2010. They served as Entertainment Chairmen for Campvention 2004 and Kip is serving as Entertainment Chairman for Campvention 2010. National Achievements include: Kip & Jan pushed to get support from National to pay for RV Shows while on the Executive board, in an effort to increase membership. They were instrumental in establishing and running two new RV Shows in Wisconsin once national support was available. By so doing, They successfully signed new members in areas where there had been no members before. Follow up meetings were held after both RV shows, and they discovered it was more comfortable talking with prospective members and led to new memberships. Cushings developed a "Badger Extra" and used it at RV Shows and follow up meetings to tell others more about programs and chapters within the state and a list of campouts for the year. They have been the backbone of running RV Shows ever since they were Field Directors. Cushings were Host Chapter Chairmen for the National CV in Brainerd, Mn. As Wisconsin State Directors, they wanted to help our neighboring state have a successful Campvention. Asked what needed to be done to start up a new chapter at a Regional meeting in Fort Wayne, and all SD's there formed the Midwest Quackers as a training exercise. Upon returning as State Directors, the Wisconsin membership was at 54. They traveled to St. Louis to attend a training session of "jot your name down" and follow up meeting suggestions. They also learned about a new idea with large RV Dealers having a Dealer Chapter. For the next couple years Cushings kept asking "Why only Large RV Dealers?" They finally got the information from Bill on setting up a Dealer Chapter and modified it to the small dealers needs and established the first "Small Dealer Chapter" called Will's RVers. They started it following the 09 RV Show in Milwaukee. From March thru September membership in Wisconsin grew by 34 members and increased Illinois membership by 4 or 5. Cushings completely arranged everything for their first Fall Campout, which was successful. They had a member volunteer their home and property for a Get Acquainted Picnic with all the trimmings. Kip redesigned the FCRV handout for National making it much more display friendly. It will fit in the small pamphlet holders that are at Campgrounds, RV dealers, and most any Outdoor supply stores, across North America and they fit in the pocket of most car and truck doors for easy access while camping, or touring. Kip & Jan have persuaded their son-in-law to run the Wisconsin Web site and help teach their members how to use computers to attract members. They are now embarking on using face book to communicate within a chapter and pickup new members.

Cushings also communicated with a Field Director in Texas who heard of their membership success and tried to steer her in the correct direction. They are also involved in their community. Cushings have been involved with the American Legion Post 171 for many years. Kip has held vice president position. He has helped start a Son's of the American Legion charter and held all the offices, and attended State SAL meetings. He has participated as featured singer for two POW Silent Marches held in Union Grove and Kenosha. They have been members of St. Mary's Lutheran Church since 1991. Kip has been a choir member ever since as well as a singer with the Joyful Noise barbershop gospel group. Last year Cushings furnished a campground entertainment for their Veterans Weekend. The following Special Recognitions have been received: Kip & Jan have attended 18 National Campventions and gave their children the opportunity to see many areas in the U.S. and Canada. Their children have told them they were thankful for those trips. Kip & Jan are full of enthusiasm for FCRV and are always looking for ways to grow membership. Their enthusiasm is what is needed and appreciated in leadership positions. They have always gone the extra mile to do what they thought was necessary to accomplish a task and many times using their own money and not asking for reimbursement. They have been an integral part of the Great Lakes staff and always participate in any training sessions that are held. Their greatest achievement in the last few years has been the successful Dealer Chapter they have started and how it has grown the membership in Wisconsin. This has taken time, energy, commitment and sacrifice, but they have done all of this because they believe in FCRV and what it has to offer. I am very glad to have them as part of the Great Lakes staff!

**Rudy & Sharon Sandau** of Corunna ON have been members since 1971 (39 years) . They are one of three plaque recipients for 2010. They have shown leadership skills as follows CHAPTER Quebec Coureurs de Bois Chapter – Vice-President (2 yrs), President (2 yrs), member for 9 yrs. Sarnia 4T's Chapter – Membership Chairmen (4 yrs), Formal Campout Chairmen (3x), Vice President (4 yrs), President (4 yrs), Chairmen of Constitution Overhaul Committee, member for 30 years. Winter Texans Chapter – Organized and Hosted several Social Outings while in Texas, member for 5 years. Midwest Quackers Chapter – member for about 12 years. YARS Chapter – Current Vice-President, member for 4 years. PROVINCIAL – Ontario Provincial Association (OPA), OPA Vice-President (4 yrs), OPA Membership Chairmen (20 yrs), OPA Campout Co-Chairmen (1x), OPA Campout Registration Chairmen (4-6x), Member OPA Awards Committee (1x), OPA member (30 yrs). FCRV-ONT Organized and/or led caravans for FCRV-ONT members. Trips included tours to/of the Canadian Maritime Provinces (1987), Michigan ending at Highland, MI (1988), Eastern USA starting at Bloomsburg, PA (1990), Mid-West USA ending at Brainerd, MN (1992), Missouri starting at Sedalia, MO (1994), Eastern Seaboard starting at Center Hall, PA (1997), New England States (about 2003) & Newfoundland-Labrador (2008). Their Achievements are as follows CHAPTER Sarnia 4T's Chapter – As chapter executive & Field Staff, organized and participated in membership drive activities to maintain chapter membership at mid-1980's levels



(18-22 families). Took 4T's Chapter Formal Campout from a never-changing, campout in a state of decline to one of restored attendance and growth with a program that varied from year-to-year and contributed substantially to the financial well-being of the chapter. Lead efforts to revamp Chapter Constitution removing clauses that were barriers to recruiting new members and retaining existing ones. PROVINCIAL – Ontario Provincial Association & FCRV-ONTario. Computerized outdated paper system for OPA membership information system. Computerized FCRV-ONT membership information system. Integrated OPA & FCRV-ONT membership systems into 1 combined database. Virtually eliminated the problem of non-FCRV members belonging to Ontario Chapters by using the combined information system to publicize the problem we inherited & encouraging local Field Staff and/or Chapter Officers to verify the FCRV membership status for members in their local chapters and areas. Improved periodic reporting of FCRV-Ontario membership statistical information to all Ontario Field Staff at the Field Staff Workshops. Converted the old FCRV label-based membership system in Ontario to an all-electronic system. Worked with Depew Office to tailor monthly reports to meet our needs in Ontario. Trained Ontario Field Staff on new system and developed various approaches to accommodate those who didn't have computers and those who didn't have compatible spreadsheet software, without incurring additional costs for the Field Staff, myself or the Ontario Field Staff Ways & Means Funds. Membership information updates now go to all Ontario Field Staff within the first few days of each month versus 3-4 weeks for the old system. Worked with the Ontario Dealer Chapter Directors to improve the timeliness of new members information to the Dealer Chapter Field Directors. Were awarded the OPA Merit Award for Outstanding Service to FCRV & OPA in Ontario. National Service FIELD STAFF Field Director – Lambton & Kent Counties (12 yrs) As Field Director, co-chaired Friendship Campout for all members in South-Western Ontario District (3x). Also, as Field Director and District Director, participated in numerous RV shows to help FCRV be more public and build membership (mostly in South-Western Ontario). District Director – South-Western Ontario District Director (2 yrs), Field Director – FCRV-ONT Membership Director(14 yrs). NATIONAL – Campventions Co-Assistant Chairmen for Campvention in Kitchener, Ontario in 1999. Member of Steering Committee for Kitchener Campvention. Co-Registration Chairmen for Campvention in Blyth, Ontario in 2006. National Achievements NATIONAL – Campventions As Co-Assistant Chairmen in 1999, organized Job Descriptions for the Chairmen reporting to the Assistant & Co-Assistant Chairmen. Also, assisted 1999 Campvention Chairman by preparing meeting agendas, organization charts and current lists of Chairmen / Co-Chairmen. As Co-Registration Chairmen in 2006, developed computer database for all Registration Data to assist other Chairmen to implement their respective programs as well as fulfill the reporting needs to FCRV. NATIONAL – Ambassador Club Recently achieved the Ruby level in the Ambassador Club. They are also involved in their community as follows: CHURCH As Trustee for about 4 years, contributed to the maintenance and upkeep of the assets of our local Lutheran Church. SCOUTS CANADA For the last 20 years (approx), we have participated with our local Chapter, Sarnia 4T's, in doing maintenance and repair work at the Lambton County Scout Camp Attawandaron near Grand Bend, Ont. Work included re-roofing of cabins, repairs to frozen plumbing, picnic

tables and camp equipment. We also installed fencing designed to reduce erosion of sand dunes, upgraded potable water supply lines and electrical power systems, and cut up and split downed/dead trees and branches. We also donate all camping fees we charge ourselves, while there, back to the camp for other needed improvements. This has amounted to several thousand dollars over the years. They have received special recognition in many areas. Rudy and Sharon have been very hard working members of the Field Staff here in Ontario and have managed to keep our membership records matching between our Provincial Association and our National membership lists. Even when they are away enjoying the winter in the Rio Grande they keep all of us to date on all membership issues through the electronic media and e-mail. When National changed from the cards to an all electronic list, Rudy and Sharon drove with us to the National Office so we could establish a new protocol for the transmission of the files to Ontario, and through the use of Google managed to find a method all members could view the necessary files without the need to buy expensive computer programs for their own computers. This has constantly been updated to a new program which is available free on the internet and allows anyone to see and manipulate a Micro Soft Excel Program. In Ontario we have over 500 family members so keeping an up to date file for each of the individual field staff is a big job, but Rudy and Sharon are always there to do this job and to volunteer for other jobs when necessary. We are always amazed to see all the other things Rudy and Sharon do for FCRV and for their fellow citizens and wonder where they could possibly find the time to do all the projects that they are involved with. We are proud to put forward the names of Rudy and Sharon Sandau for a National Award.