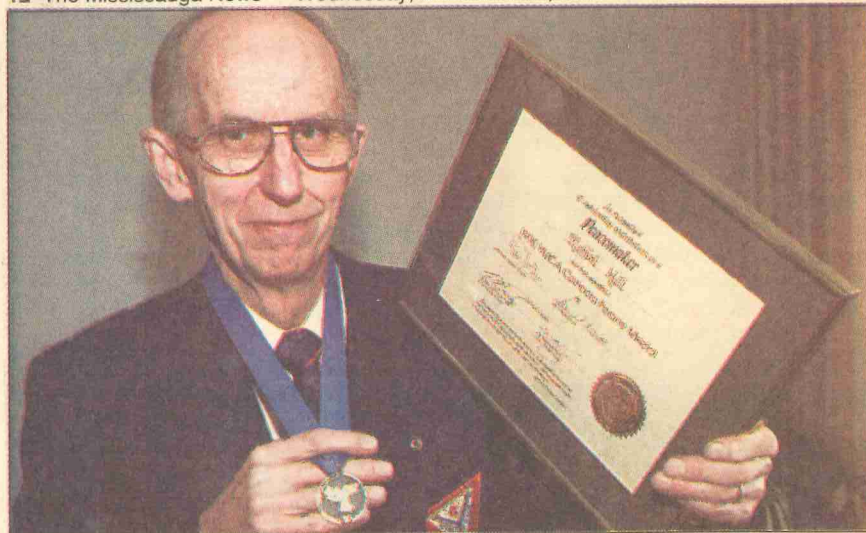


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Moffat Hill proudly displays his YMCA Peace Medallion and plaque. Hill, 69, has been involved with the YMCA since he was a youngster.

Retired banker does peace work

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Special

A Mississauga man was recently honored with one of six YMCA Peace Medallions awarded to people across the Greater Toronto Area.

Moffat Hill, 69, said he started going to the YMCA as a youngster in London, Ontario.

"The Y has given me a lot of pleasure. It's an opportunity of personal growth," said Hill, who lives with Barbara, his wife of 43 years, who is also a member of the local YMCA. The couple have two children.

"I believe in the purposes and the goals of the Y."

Hill worked in the banking industry until retiring about 10 years ago. He

has also been an active volunteer at his church, Applewood United.

The YMCA Peace Medallion was awarded to Hill to mark the onset of YMCA World Peace Week, Nov. 13-20.

The award recognizes local individuals or groups who have worked, without special resources, towards the vision of peace as expressed in the YMCA's Peace Statement.

YMCA vice-president and general manager Tom Horlor said, "A peace maker is someone who has helped motivate the community to work together for a more peaceful and just world."

Horlor said award winners may have been recognized "for their family, community, national, or international work. They can be visible in the community,

or behind-the-scenes people."

Award winners can be individuals or groups of people from all ages and faiths.

Hill, who still works out at the Mississauga YMCA three times a week, walking and lifting weights, was thrilled to receive the award.

"It was a surprise to me," he said. "It's rather humbling."

Hill has been a member of the YMCA Board of Governors, and he's past chair of the Mississauga YMCA Regional Council.

He has also chaired the YMCA community fund campaign.

Hill has been working for the past three years on starting up a Mississauga YMCA service club.