

Wood bestowed with Rotary Club award

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Being a long-time fixture in the Peel Board of Education, Wilf Wood hasn't gone unnoticed by the Rotary Club Mississauga-Port Credit.

The club recently bestowed the Port Credit resident with Rotary's prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship. The award is given to individuals who have made important contributions to further the better understanding and friendly relations amongst peoples of the world and the local community.

Paul Harris was the founder of Rotary with the idea of forming a fellowship comprised of businessmen from different occupations. He and three other businessmen started the Rotary Club in Chicago in 1905.

In 1917 the Rotary Foundation was established. It was an endowment for charitable, educational and other avenues of service.

When Harris died in 1947 Rotarians decided the Foundation should be dedicated to him, calling it the Paul Harris Fellowship.

Clubs are required to put \$1,000 U.S. into the foundation for every recipient honored.

The foundation's main thrusts is providing graduate for scholarships for study abroad. Worldwide it funds about 1,400 scholarships for graduate, undergraduate, vocational and journalism scholars and teachers of the handicapped.



Port Credit's Wilf Wood receives a commemorative pin from Rotary Club Mississauga-Port Credit president Dick Chataway as a recipient of the Paul Harris Fellowship during the club's recent meeting.

Wood was a teacher and principal at Port Credit Secondary School and also taught at Gordon Graydon. He was a school superintendent in the Scarborough public system. After retiring he served as a trustee of the Peel Board.

He was also a long-time member in Port Credit Rotary before leaving in the mid-1980's.

"Wilf Wood is a classic recipient," said Port Credit club president Dick Chataway who presented Wood with a pin and medal at a club meeting in late November. "He was always active in community work. He is an upstanding member of the community. He is somebody throughout his life who has met the Rotary principles. Colloquially Rotary is a businessman's church."