**ORTA VOLUNTEER AWARDS PROGRAM -** four types of awards presented at the AGM.

A member shall not receive a specific award more than once. *(We have reconsidered this to permit a Commendation Award for a contribution in one area and then later in another.)*

The selection is made by the Awards Sub-committee *(usually the Past President, another Director and a Member not on the Board)* based on nominations from Members.

**Outstanding Member / Member of the Year Award** – one award each year.

A plaque with the ORTA Logo and the recipient’s name. Presented to the Member who in the past has done the most to advance the purposes of the ORTA. Continuing members of the Board would not be eligible. *(This rule broken in 2009 and 2010!)*  Recipients:

2000 Fiona Cowles

2001 Peter Attfield

2002 Al Shaw

2003 Bill Roberts

2004 Harold Sellers

2005 Barry Hammerton

2006 Charlie Atkinson and Brian Logan

2007 Gail Morris

2008 Ginny Johnson

2009 Stan Butcher

2010 Tim Lawley

2011 Brian Buckles

2012 Joan Taylor

2013 *no award but see Special Presentation below*

2014 *no award*

2015 David Francis

2016 Kim Aagaardin appreciation of his service as Treasurer and Executive Member

2017 Kelly Mathews – completed fastest endtoend of trail (7 days) and raised significant funds for ORTA

**Commendation Awards** – a maximum of 6 awarded each year

A framed certificate giving the recipient’s name and reason for award. Presented to those Members who have made significant contributions in the past to the ORTA. Recipients:

2000 Peter Attfield, Bill Roberts, Tom Atkins, Pauline and Keith Dixie

2001 Roy Forrester, Bob Hughes, Brian Logan, Harold Sellers

2002 Gary Collins, Jill Doble, Gary Ford, Diane Hughes, Teresa Porter, Eric Worsley

2003 Charlie Atkinson, Sylvia Gilchrist, Ray Matsalla, Laura Novikow, John M. Scott, Ralph Shier

2004 Rick Patterson, Chris Johnston, Janet Atkinson, Suzanne Summers, Tony Holmes, Peter Bramma

2005 Bruce Chambers, Garry Niece. Charlotte Owen, Ginny Johnson, Ed Millar, Marilyn Mussell,

2006 Bill Smith

2007 Tim Lawley for the UTAP and TAOC Projects

Joan Taylor for Hike Leadership

Fiona Cowles for the Guidebook

Susan Sellers for the Website

Wilma Millage for Publicity

Peter Schaefer for Trail Director

2008 Brian Millage for leadership and team-building Uxbridge Chapter

Linda Tyndall for management of our finances

Petra Hartwig as Association Secretary

Ken Kishibe for recruiting Volunteers & organizing the 2008 AGM

Stan Butcher for leadership as President

2009 David Wells for dedication and expertise as Editor of Trail Talk

 John Saringer for leadership as Chair of Whitchurch-Scugog Chapter

 Elizabeth Stewart for leadership as Chair of Scugog Chapter

 Bob Comfort for significant contributions to the Adventure Relay

 Diana Smythe for enthusiastic broadening of our Publicity

 Russ Burton for leading a variety of hikes

2010 Peter Attfield for expert contributions to the Guidebook

 Rhys Beak for development of the Richmond Hill Chapter

 Fiona Cowles for publication of the 5th Edition of the Guidebook

 Bob Hughes for service on the Executive as Membership Coordinator

 Bill Roberts for communications for the Monday and Wednesday Hikers

2011 Jean and Dennis Trowse for service as Trail Captains and Adventure Relay Checkpoint

Co-ordinators

Dianne Hughes for Membership Database management

Audrey Fullerton for much work behind the scenes

Fatemeh Amini for leading hikes

Jill Doble as Association Secretary

2012 Ruth Patterson in recognition of her significant contributions to publicity in the local media

Corie Bonnaffon in recognition of her coordination of the Adventure Relay Checkpoints

 Kim Chen in recognition of significant contributions to the development of our hiking program

 Jacqueline Bapooji in recognition of her editorial expertise applied to our Trail Talk

 Diana Smyth in recognition of her leadership of Discovery Nights

2013 Kim Aagaard for his work in organizing ORTA’s financial and regulatory compliance and providing valuable office support

Juergen Friedrich for his excellent photography which promotes our Adventure Relay

Frank Alexander for his tireless support to projects, trail workers and hike leaders everywhere across the ORMT.

Grace Moores for leading hikes and keeping ORTA alive in Clarington

Garry Niece for leadership of the Discovery Night Program

2014 Malcolm Hann as Hike Program Co-ordinator

 Brian and Kathy Clark for leading hikes

 Bob and Judy Comfort for their support to many ORTA activities

Rhys Beak for serving as Chapter Chair, Richmond Hill

Brian Millage for chairing the Adventure Relay

2015 Josipa Klostranec recognizing her as a dedicated Hike Leader

 Hannah Sweet recognizing her contributions as Webmaster

 Jerry Wajgensberg for his dedication to the Mood Walks program.

 Michele Donnelly for her enthusiastic support of the Adventure Relay

 Ronald Ting for his work in administration of the Hike Schedule

 Vicky Chen for designing our new Website

2016 Bob Comfort for the system collating Adventure Relay data in real-time

Pat Ward for the system collating Adventure Relay data in real-time

Audrey Fullerton for distribution of Guidebooks to retail vendors

Jacky Bramma for her unique contributions in song at our Christmas parties!

Bruce Corbett for keeping the Aurora Chapter together and representing ORTA at meetings regarding Town developments

Garry Niece recognizing him as a dedicated Hike Leader

John Fuchs recognizing him as a dedicated Hike Leader

2017 Russ Burton – hike leader, Relay competitor, managing bar service for events

 Lena McDonell – driving force for first application to IBM for grants. Continued involvement in

 On-going activities with the company.

 Bill Morrison – Active in maintaining trail as Co-Chair of Scugog chapter as well as leading hikes

 Monica Rothman – one of first Relay checkpoint Captains, continued until 2017.

 Bill Pressmar – great example of 80+ members -enjoys hikes, volunteers for Relay and trail

 Maintenance.

**Trail Builder Awards** – a maximum of 4 awarded each year

A framed certificate giving the recipient’s name

Presented to individuals who have made significant contributions to the building and maintenance of the trail. Past Recipients:

2003 Colin Barnett, Ed Millar, Dennis and Jean Trowse

2004 Bob and Judy Comfort, Robert Johnston, Peter Schaefer, Bill Smith

2005 Doug Ferguson, Carl Cornell, Sheilagh Crandall, Charlie Atkinson

2006 Brian and Wilma Millage, Elizabeth Stewart, Ray Matsalla, Don Lycett

2007 Eric Worsley, John Scott, Joye Cornell,

2008 Barry Moir, Trail Captain in King

Martin Earle of Uxbridge Chapter

Elizabeth Elliot as trail captain in Scugog.

Dave Hinton for the Bluebird Side Trail in Clarington

2009 Noel and Judy Carey, Trail Captains in Uxbridge Chapter

2010 David Reid Brown, Trail Captain in Uxbridge Chapter

Ed Millar for over a decade of Trail Management in King Chapter

Garry Niece for Moraine-wide Trail Developments

2011 David Mathias for Trail Management in Whitchurch-Stouffville Chapter

Frank Alexander for organization of the Aurora and Whitchurch-Stouffville Chapters

2012 Bill Pressmar in recognition of his work as a Trail Captain in Aurora

2013 Roy and Katie Holmes in recognition of their work on the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail in

Uxbridge

2014 Len May

 Bill McCullogh

2015 Bill Patterson in recognition of his work on the trails in King

2016 Brian Millage for negotiating and implementing the new route to the terminus with the Bruce Trail

2017 Dave Whiffen – Calendon Chapter member – various projects in Palgrave Forest with crew of

 Friends to repair boardwalks and cleared storm damamge.

**Lifetime Achievement Award** – an occasional award when merited

A superior plaque with the ORTA Logo and the recipient’s name.

The recipient will be one who has made a significant contribution of his or her time and expertise to the work of the ORTA over a sustained period of 5 to 10 years.

An ongoing member of the Board would not be eligible.

2004 Tom Rance.

2007 Robert Ellison

2009 Harold Sellers

2010 Tom Atkins

2011 Fiona Cowles

2011 Peter Attfield

2014 Diane and Bob Hughes

2015 Stan Butcher

2016 Ed Millarin appreciation of over fifteen years of dedicated service

2013 **Special Presentation** of a framed photo to Kim Gavine, retiring Executive Director of the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation, in recognition of her work to develop and support the ORMT Strategy and the Adventure Relay