

# MACA Newsletter

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## NWT OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AWARDS NEW COMMUNITY FOCUS

by Roslyn Smith, Senior Advisor, Volunteer Program

Now in its 12th year, the NWT Outstanding Volunteer Awards is a hallmark program of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA). The program has successfully recognized hundreds of community volunteers over the years.

In 2003, MACA is placing a special emphasis on increasing the number of nominations from smaller communities. The brochure and poster have been redesigned and the categories have been simplified. The goal is to increase the number of participating communities from 13 to 20 this year.

This year, community government will play a larger role. Brochures and drop boxes are in the community offices to make it easier for residents to drop off nominations or get information.

Community governments also have the opportunity to host recognition events for all nominees. Everyone nominated is a winner this year. A small grant is available to communities to cover the cost of refreshments. Territorial winners will be recognized in a formal presentation during National Volunteer Week, April 27 to May 3, 2003.

The Northwest Territories Power Corporation (NTPC) is a major sponsor once again. "We are proud to be part of this program because we know that volunteers make a difference to our quality of life", says Peter Watt, Public

Relations Officer for NTPC.

Regional Recreation Development Officers in all MACA offices are available to answer questions about the program and information is also available online at the MACA web site at: <http://www.maca.gov.nt.ca/about/sports.html>.

The deadline for nominations is March 15, 2003.



**Program Co-ordinators:**  
*Saro Fair (left) and  
Roslyn Smith (right)*

## CIRA COMES NORTH

By Chris Bennington, Sports & Recreation Officer

The Canadian Intramural Recreation Association's (CIRA) Student Leadership Development workshop was delivered in four Northwest Territories communities between May and November of 2002. Due to its popularity, there will be more this year.

The workshops teach students the leadership skills

needed to plan, organize and run in-school programs, such as team games or scrimmages held for the sake of being active. Continued on page 2...



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“This workshop gave us new and fresh ideas for promoting physical activity, and Joe MacDonald, the President of CIRA, was a great instructor. We had a lot of fun,” said Ruth Rolfe, Recreation Coordinator for the Town of Fort Smith.

With the help of generous sponsorships, Sport, Recreation and Youth, in partnership with the Department of Education and Culture and the Department of Health and Social Services, delivered the workshops to a total of 102 participants.



Back (L-R) Shane Thompson, Jason Hennebury, Michael Popko, Lindsay McKay, Cathy Mac Askill, Joe McDonald (Instructor); Middle (L-R) Gary Schauerte, Jessi Balaniuk, Derrick Norweigan, Justin Ye; Front (L-R) Chris Szabo, Chris Bennington, Ron Ostrom

## I Knew I Could Do It!

by Gwen Mercredi, Senior Lands Officer, North Slave Region

I am the Senior Lands Officer in Rae Edzo and I worked hard to get here. I was born in Saskatchewan and quit school in grade ten, but never lost my desire to complete my secondary education. I got my upgrading and started work at the Town of Fort Smith, NWT in the accounting and land administration areas. I stayed for thirteen years. During that time I obtained my certification in Community Land and Administration and successfully completed several college Business Management courses. I intend to complete my diploma too.



Gwen Mercredi

## Queen’s Golden Jubilee Medal Winners - MACA Employees

by Flora Evans, Policy Advisor, Communications

MACA employees are among 46,000 Canadians who recently received the Queen’s Golden Jubilee Medals. The Golden Jubilee Medal of Queen Elizabeth II commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of Her Majesty’s reign as Queen of Canada. The medals are awarded for significant contributions to fellow citizens, community or Canada. Sabrina Broadhead, Sharon Firth, Mike Kalnay and Cheryl Carrier were awarded this honour.

Sabrina Broadhead, Acting Superintendent for the South Slave region says, “I spend a lot of time mentoring other volunteers.” Her mother won the Queen’s Silver Jubilee Medal 25 years ago. “I think it is a real credit to her that I was chosen as well.”

Sharon Firth, Youth Programs Advisor for the Sport, Recreation and Youth division says, “I was very surprised and honoured to receive it.” The well-known Olympian in the sport of cross-country skiing added, “the medal is for my sport and youth involvement.”

Mike Kalnay, Director of Community Governance, received the award for his contribution to Scouting in the

Northwest Territories, Nunavut and at the National level. “I was proud and honoured that this organization believed my contribution was worthy of this level of recognition,” says Mike.

Cheryl Carrier, Land Officer, South Slave region, received her medal for her work with the Canadian Hockey Association. Cheryl works in the Hay River office.

For more information about the Queen’s Golden Jubilee Medals program visit: [www.gg.ca/honours/golden-jubilee\\_e.asp](http://www.gg.ca/honours/golden-jubilee_e.asp).



Mike Kalnay

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