

RCOW 30th Anniversary History (2009-Present)

Purpose, People, Place

BABOO Kureemun – Electronic Age – Social Media Website, Facebook & Twitter

SUSAN Sheppard – OABE – CofC partner
OTMH – Navigator Program

In 2014, RCOW celebrated the 19th Annual Oakville Awards for Business Excellence and raised over \$58,000 for our youth initiatives. We were able to do this because of our new partnership agreement with the Oakville Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber President, John Sawyer and our own Past President, Mary Cardamone cemented an agreement that benefits all participants. Add the leadership of Bonnie Anderson and Greg Duffy, the dedication of Kelly Pong and Mary Cardamone, and many others the OABE continues to grow.

Together, we recognize outstanding businesses, generate awareness of Rotary and contribute to the Oakville community in a significant way.

This event has evolved over time becoming bigger and better each year. A record breaking 550+ people attended! This event continues to be our major annual fundraiser!

In addition to scholarships and bursaries distributed to very deserving Oakville youth, we contributed \$50,000 to the new Oakville Hospital Foundation and its Navigator Program. RCOW will be very proud of the room that will be created in its name and the difference the new facility will make to young people suffering with mental health issues.

Thank you Nick Praysner, as Community Services Chair and Duncan McLeod, RCOW President that first year for leading this RCOW initiative to support the OTMH Navigator Program and make a difference in the lives of local children for many years to come!

RCOW Presidents for these past five years include:

Mickie Angas, in her second term as president

Bill Ford, who we all admired and miss at RCOW

Mary Cardamone, for her dedication to the OABE
Myself, Susan Sheppard,
And our current President, Bonnie Anderson, who has contributed so much
to RCOW .

And though not here tonight, Mike Allington our President-Elect 2015-16
to keep us on course for the future.

I would like to acknowledge and remember two RCOW members that have
passed during these past five years that I remember.

Doreen Blake, 2007-08 Past President who was dedicated to Rotary.

And Bill Orr, a long time Rotarian who I believe goes back to the
beginnings of RCOW. I knew Bill for close to 20 years. Well before I joined
RCOW. He was a wonderful, generous man and I miss him. I know he
contributed greatly to the fun and fellowship that was RCOW and I am sure
there are many of you here tonight that have wonderful memories too.

Please join me in remembering so many special people that are no longer
with us.

Thank you.

Susan Sheppard, Past President
Rotary Club of Oakville West