

Bio for Judy Contin – 2019 Award of Merit Recipient

Judy Contin moved to Midland with her husband Jack and their daughter Caitlyn in 1990. She spent two years facilitating the Women in Trades program at the former Midland Secondary School.

Judy's first appointment to a volunteer Board of Directors was in 1993 when she was invited to join the Business and Industrial Training Committee. Over the last two decades, Judy has volunteered on the Community Reach Board and Midland Police Services Board as both a Council and Provincial Representative.

Judy has been the Executive Director of Askennonia Senior Centre since 1994, as it has nurtured growth from 148 to 1320 members. Askennonia partners to support many other community organizations that have services that benefit seniors, such as, Alzheimer, Arthritis, Hearing and Parkinson's Societies, local OPP, MPUC. Over the years, Judy has represented the senior perspective at many volunteer committees.

Judy's volunteer dedication to the Midland community is extensive and includes:

- 4 Years - Safe Communities Steering Committee and Falls Prevention Subcommittee
- 6 Years - Midland Cultural Steering Committee and later the Cultural Committee (2013-2019)
- Olympic Torch Committee – 1 year
- 15 Years - Winterfest Committee
- 2 Years - 2016 Ontario Senior Games Committee
- 15 Years - Midland Senior Council
- 3 Years - NSSRC Capital Campaign
- 2 Years - Mid-lennium Committee
- Atlantic Challenge Committee 2010 – 1 yr
- 2 Years - LHIN Alternative Level of Care Community Advisory Committee
- 4 Years - Huronia Area Volunteer Association
- 4 Years - Huronia Fundraising Network

In 1999, Judy was appointed Official Town Crier of Midland and delivered 52 cries during our Mid-lennium Celebrations in 2000. She has proudly represented Midland at Town Crying Competitions in Michigan, Indiana and Pennsylvania, England, Victoria and throughout Ontario. Shouting out Midland's praises for 20 years from 1999-present.

In addition to committee engagement Judy served 10 years as an elected Councillor for the Town of Midland from 2000-2010 where she was the first local councillor to sit on Alliance to End Homelessness Committee for 3 years Heritage Committee – 2 years, Huronia Museum Board – 1 year, Communities in Bloom Committee - National Winner 2004 – 4 years, Physician Recruitment Committee – 4 years, Midland BIA Committee – 3 yrs Accessibility Advisory Committee – 4 years

Last but certainly not least, Judy has been Midland's Tall Ships Captain's Ambassador in 2013 & 2019 – 2 yr

Her dedication to Midland, its citizens and those of our neighbouring municipalities is an inspiration to all and I can think of no better candidate for the prestigious Award of Merit. Her accomplishments are deserving of this acknowledgement, and it is with great respect and thanks that I present this award to Judy Contin.