

2020 CPA Manitoba

*Member Recognition
Spotlight*

Congratulations



Congratulations to the six new Fellow CPAs (FCPAs), three Early Achievement Award and five Distinguished Service Award recipients named in 2020. A special acknowledgment to Vince Warden, FCPA, FCMA who received a Lifetime Achievement Award for his dedication and contributions to the community and accounting profession.

We are looking forward to celebrating these deserving recipients. Each has devoted countless hours to help strengthen our profession and improve our communities.

In these challenging times, I also want to thank all CPAs, candidates and students who continue to serve on boards, volunteer for worthy causes and offer their services to assist those who need our help. It is these contributions that will have the greatest impact on Manitoba's economy and the prosperity of our communities as we navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Member Recognition Program exists so that we can put the exceptional contributions of our members in the spotlight and showcase the great work we do as CPAs. By taking the time to nominate someone, you play an important role not only in the life of a future award recipient, but also in encouraging others to make a positive difference. I encourage you to nominate a member whose contributions should be recognized.

Congratulations to all,

Geeta Tucker, FCPA, FCMA
President & CEO of CPA Manitoba

Lifetime Achievement Award

The CPA Manitoba Lifetime Achievement Award is bestowed to a CPA who has brought honour to the profession by sustained distinction in service to the profession, career or community.

CPA Manitoba Lifetime Achievement Award

Vince Warden, FCPA, FCMA

When his phone rang, Vince Warden, FCPA, FCMA thought he was going to be receiving news about someone joining a board of directors he sits on. Instead, he was informed he had been selected by his peers to be the recipient of the province's highest professional accounting honour, the CPA Manitoba Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Lifetime Achievement is bestowed to one member annually who has brought honour to the profession by distinction in service to the profession, career or community. Although Vince was an obvious choice to his peers and colleagues, the news completely surprised him.

"It's an honour beyond words to be selected as the 2020 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. To be chosen amongst so many deserving candidates is completely overwhelming. When I heard the news, to be honest I was flabbergasted. So many others could have been chosen. I'm totally humbled and thankful," Vince says.

Warden's story is so much more than his outstanding career that spans over 40 years with Manitoba Hydro.

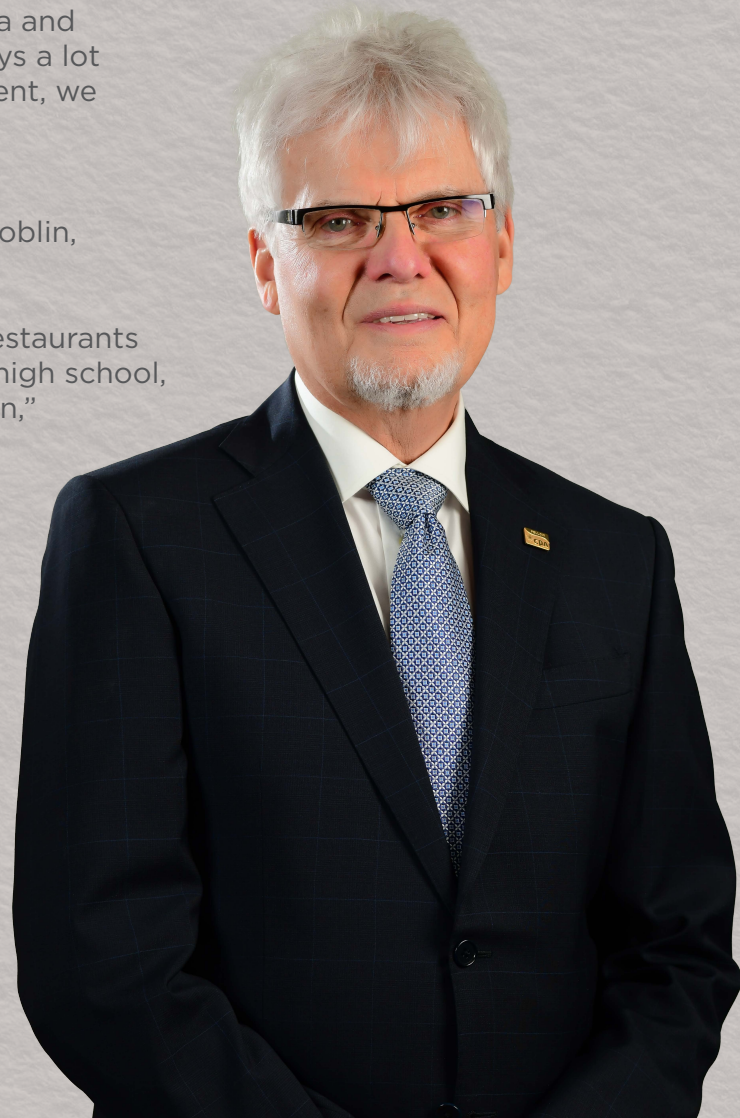
"I was the third of seven kids," Warden explains. "My parents ran some hotels and restaurants across rural Manitoba and Saskatchewan, so it was a good thing there was always a lot of us kids around to help. As a child in that environment, we moved around quite a bit."

To look after the business, the Warden family lived in many small prairie towns including Elkhorn, Virden, Roblin, Broadview, and Esterhazy.

"I worked along with my brothers and sisters in the restaurants and went into the business myself when I graduated high school, operating an establishment in Wolseley, Saskatchewan," he recalls.

It was ultimately the experience of running a business that nudged him into the world of accounting. "I realized if I wanted to be successful over the long haul, I needed to get finance experience. At the same time, I remember the auditors would come around and I was really impressed with their level of business knowledge," Vince explains. "I sort of put two and two together and began looking around for a program that would be right for me."

He found the Registered Industrial Accountants (RIA) program and at the age of 20, enrolled and



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moved to Winnipeg to pursue his education.

As he became immersed in the program, he quickly realized he really enjoyed accounting and made the right choice – although at this point, he still had every intention of being an entrepreneur.

But two things happened that would forever alter Warden's career. "I really got along well with my instructor in the program," he explains. "Our personalities just clicked. The instructor was also working as a Manager at Manitoba Hydro at that time and before I had even completed the program, he asked if I wanted to join the organization. I figured it would be a great way to earn some extra money and continue learning the ropes."

Those set of circumstances would launch Warden's 40-year career at Manitoba Hydro which would see him climb the ladder from a clerical position in 1967 to Senior Vice-President, Finance & Administration and Chief Financial Officer by 2009.

"I found the energy business to be completely fascinating in way I never really thought possible. When I started it was safe to say I had no intention of staying at Manitoba Hydro over the long term, but one job led to another, and before I knew it four decades had gone by," Warden said with a laugh. "The business and people are what kept me there, without a doubt. It's ever changing and there was always something going on. I loved every minute of it."

One of Warden's most memorable moments came in early 1999 when he was charged with negotiating the acquisition of Centra Gas Manitoba, which was owned by Westcoast Energy based out of Vancouver.

"It was almost unheard of for a crown corporation to acquire a company of that size. I remember going back and forth from Manitoba to B.C. a whole bunch of times to lead that process. It was really an exciting time and something we really wanted to succeed because we knew it would be a great deal for Manitobans," he explained.

Once the deal was complete, he went on to play a leading role in integrating the two companies. "We wanted employees to be able to work on electric and gas at the same time with fully integrated customer service. We were able to do that, and at the time, Manitoba Hydro was the largest integrated electrical and natural gas company in Canada. It's always been something I've been very proud of," says Warden.

All told, Warden held 13 different positions at Manitoba Hydro with more than 20 years of experience in senior leadership roles. "There are so many memories and great experiences I had over my career but what really stands out – and what ultimately kept me going— was the relationships I formed with so many incredible people. Looking back, that's what I cherish the most."

Throughout his working days, Warden served on many work-related boards and committees for an array of entities including the Canadian Gas Association, Manitoba Civil Service Superannuation Board, Wuskwatim General Partnership and others. While those experiences were certainly rewarding, he always wanted to give back to the community more directly.

Warden retired from Manitoba Hydro in 2013 which allowed him to become involved with the causes that have always been important to him. He's the current Chair of the Main Street Project

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- a charity that has served the needs of Winnipeg's most vulnerable since 1972. Working under a Housing First philosophy, the organization helps transition individuals experiencing homelessness towards stable, permanent housing.

"I also chair the Audit and Finance Committee of CancerCare Manitoba. In both roles I am so impressed with the great people who contribute their time to these initiatives. Everyone truly wants to see our community be as healthy and successful as possible and it's truly energizing to be part of that. I also feel very humbled that I can play a small role in helping provide direction for these great causes," Warden says.

Although the annual Member Recognition Gala has been postponed to 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions, Warden took a moment to share his thoughts on the upcoming event.

"I am looking forward to sharing a special night with my family who has been so supportive over my entire career. I certainly wouldn't be where I am without them. I'm also excited to see friends and colleagues that I haven't seen for several years. It will be nice when we can come together as a profession again and celebrate the successes and positive change that all the award winners and FCPAs have brought about. Our profession has a lot to be proud of."

Fellow (FCPA) Chartered Professional Accountant

The title of Fellow CPA formally recognizes those members who have rendered exceptional services to the profession and whose achievements in their careers or the community have earned them distinction and brought honour to the profession.

Fellow CPA (FCPA)

Dion Bird, FCPA, FCA

Dion is a Partner at Baker Tilly – one of the country’s largest associations of chartered professional accounting firms. He leads several of the firm’s most prominent Manitoba-based engagements including audits for businesses, municipal governments and large Indigenous organizations.

His commitment to the accounting profession is vast. He was a Council Member for the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Manitoba from 2013 to 2015 before joining CPA Manitoba’s Board after the merger of the legacy accounting bodies. In those roles, Dion actively participated on the Steering Committee and helped pave the way for CPA Manitoba’s formation.

Since then, he has continued to be a valuable member of the CPA Manitoba Board and expanded his commitment to include chairing the Audit Committee, often travelling over 1200 kilometers from The Pas to Winnipeg to participate in meetings. He has also volunteered as part of CPA Canada’s Financial Literacy Program in Flin Flon and The Pas.

In his community, Dion has been involved with The Pas Minor Hockey Association as a youth coach for seven seasons and received the Coach of the Year Award in 2019. He previously served The Pas & District Chamber of Commerce as Treasurer and a Director for eight years. He has been a long-time member of the Rotary Club of The Pas, undertaking several roles including Treasurer and District Conference Finance Chair.



Fellow CPA (FCPA)

Gordon Dowhan, FCPA, FCA

Gord is Senior Vice-President of Enterprise Financial Reporting & Analysis and was appointed as Chief Financial Officer in May 2022 at Wawanesa Insurance. Before joining Wawanesa, he was the Vice-President, Global Accounting Lead at The Canada Life Assurance Company. In his 10 years working at Canada Life, he held several positions, mostly overseeing the reporting of the organization's entities, large projects and complex transactions. He was also a strong advocate for Canada Life's campus recruitment, CPA training program, career mentorship and development.

Globally, Gord has been actively involved in International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) projects at many levels. His analysis and input into the draft standards have been instrumental to the Canadian industries responses to the Exposure Drafts and improved industry-wide collaboration and discussion of the standard. He was also a member of the Insurance Contracts Transition Resource Group for the Canadian Accounting Standards Board.

Since 2002, Gord has significantly contributed to the accounting profession. He served on the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Manitoba Council from 2008 to 2014. He has been a member of the CPA Manitoba Board of Directors since unification in 2015 and has served as Chair of the Board since June 2020, successfully navigating the challenges of the global pandemic, strengthening the governance of the profession, continuing to engage our members and most importantly keeping our legislative mandate to protect the public at the forefront.

He's been active on many CPA committees, is Manitoba's representative on the CPA Canada Collaboration Accord task force and served as Chair of the Western Regional Forum for 2020-2021. Gord is very active in member engagement, always encouraging involvement and looking for ways to get other members and students engaged in our profession. Gord is very proud of competing in multiple Eric Mitchell Hockey Tournaments and being part of teams that have claimed the title.

Outside of the profession, Gord contributed as a member of the Financial Executives International (FEI) Canada's Corporate Financial Reporting Committee and has both led and been a panelist on Accounting Innovation and other reporting topics at the FEI Canada national conference. He also volunteered for the Winnipeg Art Gallery's Finance and Audit Committee and is a coach at the Southdale Community Centre.



Fellow CPA (FCPA)

Patricia Kloepfer, FCPA, FCA

Pat is the Chief Compliance Officer at KAI Asset Management Inc -- a portfolio management firm based in Winnipeg. In her role, she is responsible for creating comprehensive compliance and risk management programs and developing supporting policies, controls and processes for the growing asset manager. Prior to this, she spent 28 years with Investors Group (now IG Wealth Management) where she held positions in internal audit, finance, and operations, before being appointed as Chief Compliance Officer for the firm's mutual fund and investment dealers.

As a seasoned investment industry professional, Pat has devoted significant efforts to advance industry best practices. For several years, she served as a member of the Mutual Fund Dealers Association (MFDA) Prairie Regional Council as their Vice Chair and Chair and was a member of the Investment Industry Association of Canada (IIROC) Manitoba District Council. In these roles, she played an important part in helping the associations with policy matters as well as serving as a member of disciplinary panels. In 2016, Pat was appointed to the Ontario Securities Commission's Seniors Expert Advisory Committee which was formed to provide input to OSC staff in efforts to understand and respond to the needs of older investors.

Throughout her career, she has devoted a substantial amount of her time to volunteering. Most recently, Pat has been acknowledged for her outstanding work with the Manitoba Cardiac Institute (Reh-Fit) Inc., first serving as a Director and Treasurer and then as Chair of the Board. In these roles, she has contributed to the Centre's long-term expansion of its facilities and the programs it provides to its members and the community.

Pat is also a Lay Bencher with the Law Society of Manitoba (LSM), where she has served on the Investment Committee, President's Special Committee on Regulating Legal Entities and Discipline Committee. She has also served as a representative of the LSM on the Board of Directors of the Manitoba Law Foundation. Pat's contributions are important in helping to ensure the public interest is protected and that the legal profession is well positioned for the future.



Fellow CPA (FCPA)

Bob Miles, FCPA, FCA

Bob is the founder and President of Miles Advantage Group Consulting Ltd., a business focused on advising ownership groups of private businesses on best governance, financial and risk management practices. He was previously a senior director of commercial banking at CIBC, Chief Financial Officer at Richardson International and a Partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers.

He received his accounting designation in 1978 and was awarded the Manitoba Gold Medal (placing 10th in Canada). During the 1980's, Bob was extensively involved in the UFE process as a question writer, marker and instructor. With his extensive knowledge, Bob also acted as a faculty advisor at the University of Waterloo, providing advice to prepare UFE candidates for multi-subject and case questions.

Bob has also contributed to many community organizations beyond the accounting profession, including the Canadian Cancer Society, United Way, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and Manitoba Chamber Orchestra. Over the past 28 years, he has volunteered with the Winnipeg Football Club (Blue Bombers) as a board member, board President and on the Hall of Fame Selection Committee. Bob's leadership abilities were instrumental in restructuring the governance model for the club, rearranging finances to ensure long-term stability; as such, he was inducted into the club's Hall of Fame in 2018.

As a guitar player in the band Echo Park, Bob has supported several charities by playing at special events every year. Through these events, they have raised over \$100,000 for several significant charities in Winnipeg.



Fellow CPA (FCPA)

Dean Schinkel, FCPA, FCA

Known for his commitment to clients and people, Dean is currently the Managing Partner for Deloitte's Winnipeg office, leader of the Prairie Region financial advisory practice, and innovation and strategy leader within Deloitte's national financial advisory executive team.

Dean has invested his professional life with Deloitte, attaining his accounting designation in 2000, while achieving National Honour Roll for the top mark on the UFE from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Manitoba. Over the last 20 years, he has steadily worked to broaden his professional knowledge by obtaining his Chartered Business Valuator designation in 2004, receiving the Gold Medal in Canada on the Members Entrance Examination, and by becoming a Partner at Deloitte in 2009. A passionate CPA, Dean has given back to the profession serving as an instructor for professional development courses, mostly relating to the areas of financial advisory and valuation.

Born in Winnipeg, Dean has shown a deep commitment to making his community a better place through volunteerism and board membership. From 2006-2016, he was on the Board of Manitoba's division of the Canadian Cancer Society where Dean sat as Chair from 2010-2014. During this time, he provided leadership to the board and oversaw the strategic plan, contributing to the organization's vision of creating a world where no Canadian fears cancer.

From 2018 to 2021, Dean served as Board Chair for an organization close to his heart, the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba. He joined the Board in 2015 as Treasurer of the Finance Committee and earned his past position through his outstanding work ensuring the fiscal health of the organization.

Dean has also made a significant impact at Economic Development Winnipeg during a period of transition for the organization. As past Board Chair, he led the search for its new CEO and worked to develop an updated strategic plan, earning the respect of many organizations who have invested in the City of Winnipeg and created a stronger economic future for its citizens.

His community volunteerism has also provided leadership and guidance to The Associates/Asper School of Business and the Family Centre of Manitoba.



Fellow CPA (FCPA)

Danny Wright, FCPA, FCA

Danny is the Managing Partner at PwC's Winnipeg office. In this capacity he is responsible for oversight, management and strategic direction of the firm's Winnipeg location including over 120 staff and all client services within the market. He obtained his accounting designation in 2002 and for over 20 years has made a positive impact on the community and accounting profession.

In the late 2000s, Danny was on the Young Associates Board of Directors and the University of Manitoba Business School Foundation Board of Directors. Shortly after, he joined the Annual Family Enterprise of the Year Award Dinner Planning Committee for the Canadian Association of Family Enterprise (now Family Enterprise Xchange). The organization strives to provide opportunities for community members to share insights and experiences.

More recently he has played a pivotal role for St. John's Ravenscourt School, first as a member of the board of directors, then Chair of the Finance Committee and from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, Board Chair. In those positions he helped navigate a series of financial decisions and assisted in the preparation of the overhauled financial policies and practices document. In addition to his high-level impact, he is also involved at a grass roots level. A passionate hockey fan, Danny has coached in the school's hockey program from 2015 to 2020.

Over the years, he has also been active in the accounting profession. He was an instructor for the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants In-Depth Tax Course and sat on the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Manitoba's Honours and Awards Committee. Danny is also a speaker and lecturer, presenting mostly on tax related matters in sessions at PwC.



Early Achievement Award

The CPA Manitoba Early Achievement Award is bestowed to members who demonstrate an ongoing commitment and excellence in their professional, community or other volunteer involvement and career achievement within the first ten years of membership.

Early Achievement Award

Jeremy Messner, CPA, CMA

Jeremy obtained his designation in 2010 while working as a Traffic Manager at the TransX Group of Companies. After some time with TransX, UPS and Bison Transport, while still in his early 30s, Jeremy was named Vice President, Business Development at Big Freight Systems in 2018. As a member of the Big Freight's executive leadership team, he was responsible for the sales team and the logistics and warehouse divisions. He also played a key role in the acquisition of Kelsey Trail Trucking Ltd. in 2018.

In October 2021, Jeremy joined Steve's Livestock Transport as Vice President, Business Development. His current focus is on strategic growth initiatives and M&A projects.

Jeremy is very passionate about the trucking industry and has been involved with the Manitoba Trucking Association (MTA) since 2016, promoting and participating in industry awareness and fundraising events like the annual truck pull for United Way in Winnipeg. Jeremy is currently a member of the MTA's Board of Directors.

Jeremy is a proud CPA who gives back to the profession by mentoring future CPAs.



Early Achievement Award

Eric Robert, CPA, CGA

Eric was admitted to membership in 2011 and is a Partner at Rawluk & Robert Chartered Professional Accountants Inc. In this role, he oversees accountants conducting a variety of engagements and mentors CPA candidates and students.

Giving back to the community is important to Eric. He became Treasurer of the Old St. Vital Business Improvement Zone in 2014 until 2018 and was presented with the Mayor's Award for his contributions to the organization. He helped prepare the budget which was presented to the City of Winnipeg on an annual basis.

He was Treasurer of his son's daycare from 2018 to 2020, where he was able to upgrade their bookkeeping software and introduce new software that aided in the collection of fees from parents.

He also joined the Enterprises Riel Board of Directors in 2019 and is now Treasurer. Enterprises Riel is an economic development, destination marketing and tourism development agency that promotes the added value of French language in business and tourism.

Eric has also spent time strengthening the CPA profession in the province. As a member of the CPA Manitoba Tax Committee from 2015 to 2017, he helped advise on tax policy provincially. Currently, he sits on the CPA Manitoba Practice Inspection Committee.



Early Achievement Award

Shameel Thakrar, CPA, CA

Shameel was admitted to membership in 2012 and is currently Assistant Vice-President, Compliance at IG Wealth Management (IGWM). In this role, he oversees a team of 40 employees across Canada and is responsible for branch examinations, compliance investigations and registrations. Since joining IGWM in 2010, Shameel has held several pivotal roles, each with increasing responsibilities, and is highly regarded by his colleagues.

Shameel's commitment to improving the lives of others and giving back to the community extends beyond the corporate world. He has worked with a number of local organizations to help new immigrants adapt to life in Winnipeg and assist them in getting their careers started. He has also volunteered his time on community boards, including the YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg Board of Directors, where he completed his third term in 2020. One initiative of importance to Shameel is the YMCA-YWCA youth leadership program that he ran for many years which provided mentorship and leadership skills to over 120 teenagers. The City of Winnipeg recognized Shameel's efforts, and the significant commitment he has for the community, by awarding him the Mayor's Award in Leadership and Volunteering.

Shameel is a dedicated advocate for the profession and has taken an active interest in mentoring fellow CPAs and works closely with candidates going through the CPA Professional Education Program at IGWM. He is one of the leaders of IGWM's on-campus recruitment and is instrumental in bringing many successful candidates into the profession and mentoring them as they begin their CPA careers.



Distinguished Service Award

The CPA Manitoba Distinguished Service Award is bestowed to members who have made outstanding contributions to community and/or the profession.

Distinguished Service Award

Krystina Balcaen, CPA, CA

Krystina is the Manager of Exam Development at CPA Canada and has spent countless hours giving back to the profession and community since obtaining her designation -- and a spot on the National Honour Roll -- in 2006.

From 2007 to 2010, she was a Uniform Final Examination (UFE) mentor at Deloitte, and until 2016 took on various educational roles for the provincial, regional and national CPA bodies including performing quality reviews of exams, supervising marking centers, mentoring facilitators and authoring exam questions.

Throughout much of the last decade, Krystina served on the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Manitoba Foundation Board and, after the merger, the CPA Manitoba Foundation Board. She has taken on roles including Treasurer, Vice-Chair and Chair while contributing to various committees including chairing the Audit/Finance and Nominating/Governance Committees. In these roles she has demonstrated dedication to fiscally responsible leadership and board governance. She was also a driving force behind launching the Foundation's donor wall which honours organizations and individuals who have supported the Foundation's mission in significant ways.

Beyond her work within the profession, Krystina is also the Board President of Family Dynamics, an organization working to bring programs, partnerships and resources together to empower and strengthen families and communities. In addition, Krystina has been a weekly volunteer at the Winnipeg Humane Society for 10 years and served as a Director on the Society's board, Finance Committee, and its Foundation board.



Distinguished Service Award

Victor Bergmann, CPA, CGA

Victor is a retired Partner at Deloitte where he had an influential career that spanned over 43 years. In the community, he's made a significant impact to two community-minded, non-profit organizations in Winnipeg.

For 19 years, Victor served as Treasurer of the Board of Directors for Youth for Christ Winnipeg (YFC) which helps young people make good choices and establish a solid foundation for adulthood. While volunteering with YFC, he helped ensure the non-profit accurately accounted for all sources of revenue and led the way on developing financial policy. He was also instrumental in the growth and expansion of Camp Cedarwood, which transformed from a summer camp with weekly capacity of 56 youth to a year-round youth camp and retreat centre with a capacity of over 160, serving thousands of teenagers annually.

For the past 10 years on Friday mornings, Victor has been a volunteer in the kitchen at Siloam Mission. Since 2014, he has served as Board Member of the Mission and is currently Chair of its Audit Committee. All told, he has spent more than 1800 hours helping the organization alleviate hardships and provide opportunities of change for those affected by poverty and homelessness.



Distinguished Service Award

Catharine Gijsbers, CPA, CGA

Catharine is the owner of Catharine M. Gijsbers Chartered Professional Accountant Inc. in Minnedosa. She attained her designation in 2007 as a single mother while working to support her family. Throughout her career she has contributed many hours to volunteer initiatives.

From 1990 to 1998, Catharine passionately volunteered as a leader for 4-H Canada where she helped the non-profit in the positive development of youth in our province and for her efforts was presented with a five-year leadership award. From there, she focused on supporting the Minnedosa Royal Canadian Legion. Her work included going to local schools and educating students about the Liberation of Holland during WWII.

As a member and President of the Minnedosa Lions Club, Catharine helped the organization partner with other community service clubs to raise over \$100,000 in support of a primary care clinic in Minnedosa. Later, she successfully aided the club in applying for \$130,000 in additional funding.

Catharine also served as a Westman Region Chair for the profession from 2007 to 2015. Her efforts helped provide professional development courses and activities for members. Serving as Chair from 2012 to 2015, she also contributed to the merger of accounting bodies.



Distinguished Service Award

Sandi Kinley, CPA, CGA

Sandi was admitted to membership in 2013 and has made an indelible impression on her community of Gladstone, Manitoba - home of the Happy Rock roadside attraction.

She is the President and Treasurer of the Gladstone Music and Arts Festival. This is a volunteer position tasked with organizing the popular spring community music event, featuring bands, speech arts, choirs and more. She is also Treasurer for the Gladstone Arena Board, looking after the financials, payroll, petty cash and assisting with fundraising events and applying for grants.

Perhaps her most substantial commitment is to the Happy Rock Children's Centre. Since 2012, she has held all positions including treasurer, vice-chair and chair. She has spent numerous hours helping to raise substantial funds for a new building for the children of Gladstone, which is now complete and in operation. Although her own kids have long since aged out of the facility, she continues to lend her expertise through budgeting and preparing grant applications.

Despite the many commitments to her community and family, Sandi also works as a Public Accountant at Kinley Thomson Chartered Professional Accountants Inc.



Distinguished Service Award

Matthieu Lazarow, CPA, CA

Matthieu runs his own recruitment/headhunting firm, Westrow Recruiting Solutions, where he and his team help accounting and finance professionals find great new job opportunities. He has worked as a professional recruiter for accountants for over seven years, after having started his accounting career and obtaining his designation while at Deloitte. He also spent some time working for CPA Manitoba. Throughout over a decade as a member, he has consistently demonstrated his commitment to the community and a desire to help others.

Since 2001, Matthieu has been involved with Special Olympics Manitoba and has spent many hours coaching athletes. An avid swimmer, he has coached with his swimming team for nearly 20 years and still finds time to help other athletes outside the pool. Several years ago, upon learning that Special Olympics Manitoba only had one golf team in Winnipeg, he created a second team, became the team's first coach and led the team for a number of years.

Even though the time he commits to Special Olympics Manitoba is substantial, Matthieu has also given back in other ways to the community. He was a member of the University of Manitoba Alumni Association Board of Directors where he provided guidance and oversight as a member of the Finance Committee and helped change the structure of the board. He also lent his expertise to his condo corporation, where he was Treasurer for the Board of Directors for six years.



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