

The *Concise Oxford English Dictionary* offers the following definitions of volunteer:

A person who freely offers to do something OR a person who works for an organization without being paid

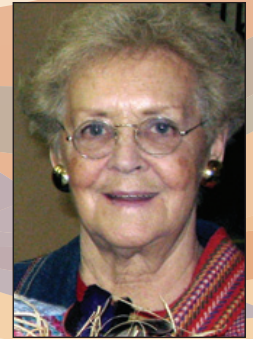
At the Métis Nation of Ontario there is no need to look in a dictionary to define the term "volunteer." No matter where you work – either as a volunteer or staff – you deal everyday with individuals who define volunteer far better than any dictionary. Yet even in a nation founded on hard working volunteers there are exceptional individuals – those who give continuously above and beyond the call of duty – people like **Senator Reta Gordon** and **Richard Sarrazin**. In addition to their willingness to serve, the other thing these selfless individuals have in common is that they have been recipients of the Volunteer of the Year award. Once again this year, a new Volunteer of the Year will be recognized at the Annual General Assembly in Sudbury.

The Suzanne-Rochon Burnett **VOLUNTEER** of the **Year Award** 2009



**Richard
SARRAZIN**
Sudbury

*Suzanne Rochon-Burnett
Volunteer of the Year
Award recipient: 2008*



**Reta
GORDON**
Ottawa

*Suzanne Rochon-Burnett
Volunteer of the Year
Award recipient: 2007*

OBJECTIVE:

The objective of the Volunteer of the Year Award is to recognize those who volunteer for the Métis Nation year round at the Annual General Assembly. One volunteer per year will be selected as the recipient of the Suzanne-Rochon Volunteer of the Year by a special group of panellists. The winner will be announced and honoured at the 2009 Annual General Assembly which takes place in Sudbury, ON August 23, 24 and 25th, 2009.

PROCESS:

The deadline for nominations this year is July 15, 2009. Every MNO citizen can nominate a volunteer for the award by completing a nomination form and filing it by the July 15th deadline. Nominations must be received by the MNO head office at 500 Old St. Patrick Street, in Ottawa by 5:00 p.m. on July 15th.

CRITERIA:

The individuals nominated should exemplify the volunteer contributions made to the Métis Nation and their community according to the standard set by Suzanne Rochon-Burnett. They will have given generously of their time and effort. They will have been strong advocates for the Métis Nation and have established an outstanding record of selfless commitment. They will be seen as caring, giving individuals others look up to and admire. The candidates will have provided an extended period of service as a volunteer.



DR. SUZANNE ROCHON-BURNETT was a founding member of the Métis Nation of Ontario, the first Vice-Chair of the MNO and a board member of the Métis Nation of Ontario Cultural Commission. She was named to the Order of Canada and the Order of Ontario. A member of the Canada Council and the Board of Directors of TVOntario, Suzanne was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by Brock University where she served on the Board of Trustees and the Dean's Advisory Council for the Faculty of Business. She was a recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation and the first woman inducted in the Aboriginal Business Hall of Fame. Suzanne, a fiercely proud Métis woman who spent her life promoting Aboriginal artists passed away in 2006. The Métis Nation of Ontario honoured her memory and recognized her outstanding service to the Métis Nation by naming her the first recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award.

The Suzanne-Rochon Burnett

VOLUNTEER of the Year Award

Nomination Form

Date: _____

NOMINATOR:

Name: _____

Address: _____

NOMINEE:

Nominee Name: _____

Nominee Address: _____

Describe reasons your candidate should be selected as this year's Volunteer of the Year.

(use additional paper if necessary, but no more than 1,000 words)

LETTERS OF SUPPORT:

Attached? Yes or No