

## Volunteer of the Year Award 2021

As those of you who attended our 2019 AGM will remember, we re-named the Ottawa Branch Volunteer of the Year award and we now give out the award in honour of the late Stephen Troy, our past president.

Ottawa Branch is delighted to announce that **David Gass** is the recipient of our Stephen Troy Volunteer of the Year Award for 2021.



*David Gass* recipient of the 2021 Ottawa Branch Stephen Troy Volunteer of the Year Award

Dave is a retired software developer who is married to **Guyline Duperre**, an Ottawa member who also generously volunteers with us. We owe a big debt of gratitude to Guyline because she saw our call for IT help in our November 2018 electronic newsletter and showed it to Dave. Dave got in touch with us, and the rest is happy history.

Dave's professional qualifications include fluency in 13 computer languages and 9 operating systems, but he says he is a full-time golfer now. He also devotes countless hours of his free time to helping Ottawa Branch with our technology requirements. He is our Webmaster and the man behind the scenes who makes sure that the information on our website <https://nafrottawa.com/> is current and that

the site is functioning well. He is also our Technical Advisor on this year's big project to overhaul our website and make it even more appealing, easier to use and more interactive to engage our members.

Dave has saved the Branch thousands of dollars not only through his work on our website but also by assisting us with our computers and making sure that we have appropriate technology for our needs. Whenever we need something new, Dave does a thorough search of available products to make sure our Branch gets great value for money.

Back in 2019, we recognized Dave for his tremendous help and positive 'can-do' attitude by awarding him the newly invented '*Silver Peanut*' award – two jars of his favourite snack wrapped in tin foil – also in recognition of our tight budget. But this year, the Ottawa Board made sure to fully recognize Dave's stellar contribution by awarding him the **Stephen Troy Volunteer of the Year Award**.

On behalf of Ottawa Branch, its Board of Directors, all our volunteers and all our members, we congratulate Dave on receiving this award and we thank him sincerely for his exceptional service to our Branch.