

Joyce Fox, Winner of OPHA's Honorary Member Award

Joyce started her role in public health as a registered nurse in 1986 and took on various leadership roles over the years, most recently as Director of Healthy Living Service at the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit since 2005.

She has always demonstrated a clear and positive focus both on the mandate of public health, and on the wellbeing of her staff team. Joyce has been instrumental to many successes, working with her communities and partner agencies to develop healthy public policy in areas that have included tobacco control, injury and substance misuse, healthy schools and healthy built environments. Community access to services was also a clear priority demonstrated through her work to develop health connection and youth engagement strategies.

Joyce has been a dynamic leader not only in Simcoe Muskoka, but also in the broader field of public health nursing at the provincial and national levels. This has included leading the development and implementation of Clinical Service post-SARS and holding leadership positions with organizations such as the Community Health Nurses' Association of Canada and the RNO Community Health Nurses' Interest Group. Her contributions there have been recognized through various awards.

Joyce is an exemplary and dedicated leader, mentor to her staff and role model to many. She truly a seasoned professional and outstanding public health leader.

OPHA is pleased to be able to recognize and honour Joyce's outstanding contributions to public health in Ontario through conferring on her OPHA's Honorary Membership Award.

Dr. Garry Aslanyan, Winner of Lifetime Member Award

Dr. Garry Aslanyan first became involved with OPHA over 20 years ago, after a colleague gave him a membership as a gift for Christmas. He had always been interested in public health advocacy, and felt that OPHA provided an excellent forum to question existing policies affecting the public and achieve positive change. Over time, Gary became increasingly involved with OPHA, first as volunteer on a workgroup, then becoming a workgroup Chair, Board Member, Vice President, and eventually serving as President from 2004 to 2007.

Garry continually encourages public health professionals to join OPHA and gain exposure to a broad group of practitioners and a spectrum of thoughts and practices in the public health field.

Despite Gary now being in Geneva working with the World Health Organization as Manager of Partnerships and Governance at the World Health Organization's Special Programs on Research and Training on Tropical Diseases, he still involved with OPHA members and association activities. As such, Dr. Aslanyan is a strong advocate for the mission of OPHA and the advancement of public health.

Gary has made tremendous contributions to public health at the provincial, national and international levels with his work the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development and various volunteer roles. These contributions range from shaping CPHA's conferences, advancing oral health public policies, advising on global trends in disease prevention and protection and founding the Canadian Global Health Research Initiative.

Gary we are pleased to recognize and honour your outstanding contributions to public health and OPHA by conferring you with OPHA's Lifetime Member Award.

Karen Boughner, Winner of OPHA's Award of Excellence

I am pleased to recognize Karen Boughner as the 2014 recipient of the OPHA Award of Excellence for her contributions to public health, her leadership and commitment to innovation, health equity and capacity building.

Karen is currently the Director for Health Protection at Brant County Health Unit. In her role, she has embraced and harnessed innovation by going above and beyond to improve services and programs such as those in sexual health and oral health for individuals who are socially disadvantaged. She has shown a strong commitment to health equity and concern for people who live at the margins of society, engaging groups such as drug users and community partners in conversations about service needs and supports.

She has successfully led her team through various challenges including, disease outbreaks, municipal restructuring and immunization campaigns to name but a few.

Her excellent communication and interpersonal skills has led to the creation of strong external partnerships. Through her remarkable leadership, she demonstrates that excellence is more than a value. She embraces it as a philosophy that underpins all that she does.

Staff value her adaptive leadership style, support for nurturing leadership at all levels, coaching and mentoring approach. Her leadership has led to a positive work environment where innovation, productivity and collaboration has flourished.

We are pleased to recognize and honour Karen by conferring her with OPHA's Award of Excellence.

Patricia Bromby, Dr. Sheela Basrur Scholarship Award

OPHA created the Dr. Sheela Basrur Scholarship Award to honour the vocation and life work of Dr. Sheela Basrur. Each year, we select an OPHA member that exemplifies OPHA values and is a student of public health. That is they are returning to a post-secondary institution for further education, planning to enter the public health work force or currently enrolled in a public health field of study at the undergrad or graduate level. Each winner is provided with \$1,000.

I am pleased to present the Dr. Sheela Basrur Scholarship Award to Patricia Bromby. Patricia is Manager of Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention at Peel Public Health and has undergraduate degrees in Nutritional Sciences and Nursing from the University of Toronto. She is currently pursuing part time studies in the Master of Public Health Program at the University of Waterloo.

Patricia is not only committed to her own professional development but actively mentors others. Patricia has volunteered extensively in community youth programs, including a 30 year commitment to Girl Guides of Canada and has taken on leadership roles in Toastmasters International as well.

On top of her work, studies and volunteer work, Patricia is a mother of four daughters and lives with her husband Paul and their two younger daughters in Erin, Ontario.

Congratulations Patricia.