

People

Women received quilts of valour

"Handmade with love, respect and gratitude for your sacrifice to Canada. May the hugs stitched into this quilt give you comfort, strength and love."

"The label with the recipient's name sewn on the back of each quilt says it all," remarked Kathy Lowe who reported to the Niagara Anglican.

The recipients were Ethel Wood and Madeline Shavaliar

who served in the Second World War. Each received a Quilt of Valour as part of the 150th anniversary celebrations at Christ Church Niagara Falls in November 2015.

At 18 years of age, Ethel enlisted in England because her father was in the military and her brother did not want to sign up. "I went instead," the 93-year-old told the Niagara Falls Review.

Madeline, now 101 years young, told her story in her Maddo's Military Memories, "I had signed up as a nurse with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corp in 1939 ... We became part of Number 14 Canadian General Hospital ... After two weeks of military training in Point St. Charles, we boarded the Stirling Castle ocean liner in Halifax and set off for Britain ... Thus began four years of service."

Four quilters, supported by the congregation who purchased hug mugs filled with enough fabric pieces for a nine block square, pieced

together two quilts of valour over this past summer. Gina Delorenzi, the local representative for the Quilts of Valour-Canada Society, machine quilted them and was also on hand for the presentation.

The Quilts of Valour-Canada Society (quiltsforall.ca) is dedicated to "supporting our Canadian Armed Forces members past and present, with quilts of comfort in their time of need."

"We feel very privileged to have met and been able to honour these two wonderful women and to have participated in the Quilts of Valour-Canada program," wrote Kathy.



▲ Madeline Shavaliar received her Quilt of Valour at her home—Stamford Estates Retirement Home. Photo: Melissa Whitman



▲ Local representative for the Quilts of Valour-Canada Society Gina Delorenzi presented Ethel Wood with her quilt of valour during the Remembrance Sunday worship at Christ Church Niagara Falls.

Photo: Amanda Hughes



▲ ACW quilters Linda Dueck, Amanda Hughes, Kathy Lowe and Bonnie Powell pose with Gina Delorenzi of Quilts of Valour-Canada, with the two quilts. Photo: Jo-Ann McAlphine

Kettle Days

For several years members of St. Cuthbert's Oakville have helped staff the Salvation Army Kettle at the Oakville Place mall.

The volunteers have an opportunity to speak about involvement in their parish, since a prominent sign lets shoppers know who is helping in this important outreach.

Parishioner Peg Coleman has been a faithful and smiling volunteer each year.

Photo: Joe Asselin



Parish goes green for silver

Serving fair trade tea and coffee, changing to all LED lighting to save electricity and installing aerators on faucets to conserve water were some moves made by St. Simon's Oakville to receive a Silver Certificate in Niagara's Greening Program.

Other measures included switching to green cleaning products, having 45% of their parishioners complete the Niagara Home Challenge survey, installing a tank-

less water heater for their kitchen and providing information about community recycling facilities.

Present when the Silver Certificate was awarded were Churchwarden Fred Roach, Parish Green Facilitator Emily Green, Greening Niagara Chair Sue Carson and Rector Darcey Lazerte.

Photo: submitted by Emily Green