



Media Release

North Bay Engineer Honoured for Inspirational Promotion of the Profession and Valuable Contributions to the Community

Toronto – (May 14, 2012) – For making a difference in his community and in the engineering profession, Gerard Raymond St. Denis, P.Eng., FEC of North Bay has been named a Member of the Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) Order of Honour. He was inducted into the order at a May 11, 2012 gala in Toronto.

In nearly 20 years on the North Bay Chapter executive, he has inspired not only other engineers to get involved in the community, but also students to consider engineering as a future profession.

It is well known throughout the chapter that if St. Denis is not at one of their meetings, he's helping his student robotics team. His current passion, the student robotics initiative, is a program that not only promotes engineering, but is also a total formation package for the students and a year-round commitment. He spends countless evening and weekend hours volunteering in all aspects of the competition, including mentoring students, securing space for teams to work, supervising robot development and fundraising. The teams St. Denis has mentored have won North American awards for enthusiasm and professionalism and competed in world championships. Because of his commitment, the North Bay Chapter dedicates proceeds of the chapter's annual charity golf tournament to the robotics program, resulting in funding for the program of \$25,000 in the past six years.

St. Denis' volunteer spirit has also nurtured a culture of community awareness throughout the chapter. Under his leadership for 10 years, the chapter's annual Spring Fling has evolved into a can't-miss event that raises funds for the North Bay Association for Community Living to support those in the community with developmental disabilities.

The Order of Honour pays tribute to individuals who have rendered conspicuous service to the engineering profession. The rank of Member is bestowed upon those who have served the profession by contributing substantially to its operation or improvement in its status.

About Professional Engineers Ontario

Through the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO governs over 80,000 licence and certificate holders and regulates professional engineering in Ontario to serve and protect the public. Professional engineering safeguards life, health, property, economic interests, the public welfare and the environment. Professional engineers can be identified by the P.Eng. after their names.

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