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The 2021 Paul Harris Fellowship Awards were announced Wednesday evening at an Oakville and beyond Zoom meeting. Nine Oakville residents were recognized for their “service above self” to their community with a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellowship Award.

Rotary International established the recognition in 1957 to encourage and show appreciation for substantial contributions to the Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study. The Rotary Clubs of Oakville have been annually providing Paul Harris Fellowship Awards to those, they believe, provide “service above self” to the benefit of the local community.

Presenting the awards were three Oakville Rotary Club Presidents. Mike Henry, Rotary Club of Oakville, Cathy Whittaker, Rotary Club of Oakville Trafalgar, and Ahmed Ezzat, Rotary Club of Oakville West were excited to recognize the following volunteers with Rotary’s highest honour.

Carol Cheng and Shawn Feng, Oakville Chinese Community Response Fund
Adam Graves and Scott Bachly, Smilezone Foundation
Wendy Perkins, Wai Nui OKanaka Outrigger Canoe Club
Liz Blunt, Community Midwives of Halton
Graham Schreiber, Volunteer Extraordinaire
Wendy Rinella, Oakville Community Foundation
And Brian Hanna, O’Connor MacLeod Hanna LLP

Although, they are not Rotarians by name, they are by heart. The Rotary Clubs of Oakville are proud to recognize and acknowledge each and every one of them for their contributions before and during this, a most difficult pandemic year. Thank you for all you do for Oakville and Halton.

For almost 100 years, Oakville Rotarians have raised funds through special events to support local area charities and not-for-profits, dispersing financial aid to many deserving organizations and their very worthy projects and initiatives. As well, funds are donated and leveraged to support Rotary International projects that impact the global community in a meaningful way. For more information about Oakville’s four Rotary Clubs visit www.rotaryoakville.ca

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