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HRAI Contractors Division Recognition Awards Presented at AGM

Mississauga, Ontario - Ron Robinson, Chair of HRAI's Contractors Division 2010, presented the recognition awards for outstanding leadership within the Division and the HVACR contractor community at the Annual General Meeting in Kananaskis, Alberta on Friday, August 20, 2010. The awards recipients were as follows:

The Craig McCarty Memorial Award

This award recognizes individuals who have shown outstanding leadership and dedication to the HVACR contracting industry in Canada by volunteering to serve in leadership roles within HRAI's Contractors Division.

Nancy McKeraghan of Canco ClimateCare Heating and Air Conditioning in Newmarket, Ontario, received the Award in appreciation of her long-standing dedication to HRAI and the HVACR industry. Ms. McKeraghan became a member of the HRAI Contractors Division Board of Directors in 1999, served as Chair of this board from 2004-2007 and was Chair of the HRAI Board of Directors in 2006-2007. She has volunteered for numerous HRAI Committees and task teams over the years, including serving as Chair for the HRAI Marketing Committee (formerly the Marketplace Distinction Program) since its inception. She has also been a driving force behind the Skills Canada-Ontario Heating Systems Technician competition for the last ten years.

The Gearld Inch Award for Chapter Leadership

This award recognizes the special efforts of volunteers who have been instrumental in keeping HRAI affiliated chapters and local/regional groups viable and meaningful to members.

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Ed Fitzgerald, of Union Gas in Waterloo, Ontario (retired) was presented with the Award. Mr. Fitzgerald has been a member of the HRAI Waterloo-Wellington Chapter for 15 years and served as Chapter President from 2004-2008. He was the driving force behind getting the HRAI Waterloo-Wellington Chapter to provide time, resources and money to the Elmira District Secondary School to assist them with the establishment of a TSSA accredited gas lab offering an opportunity for their students to graduate high school with a G3 gas license. A long-standing supporter of the Skills Canada/Ontario competitions and of HRAI, he continues to volunteer his time through his retirement in support not only of his chapter, but of the HVACR contracting industry as a whole.

The Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada (HRAI), established in 1968, is the national trade association of manufacturers, suppliers, wholesalers and contractors in the Canadian heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration industry who provide the products and services for indoor comfort and essential refrigeration processes. HRAI has three (3) industry sector Divisions which are as follows: the HRAI Manufacturers Division; the HRAI Wholesalers Division and the HRAI Contractors Division.

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