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Commissioner's New Year's Levee celebrates Yukoners

WHITEHORSE—The public are invited to join Commissioner Doug Phillips to celebrate exceptional Yukoners at the Commissioner's New Year's Levee January 1, 2013. This year, the levee will be held in a new location, the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre.

"I am pleased to be presenting awards to so many deserving Yukoners, and to feature Youth Showcase artists Shawn Kitchen and Infinite Movement," Phillips said. "We are lucky to have so many talented and committed individuals in the territory."

Renee Charlie of Old Crow and Patty Cross of Beaver Creek are receiving a Commissioner's Award for Public Volunteer Service. Charlie is being recognized for more than 40 years as a community leader as well as her extensive volunteer efforts in the community of Old Crow, organizing and directing cultural events and serving on a wide range of boards and committees.

Cross is receiving the award for her tireless efforts to save the Beaver Creek community centre. Her outstanding determination and commitment have turned the centre into a dynamic and positive force within the community.

Raphaël Roy-Jauvin will receive the Commissioner's Award for Bravery in recognition of his selflessness and courage under extreme duress, enabling the quick rescue of his fellow passenger in a helicopter crash.

Eleven students are receiving the Governor General's Academic Award, the most prestigious student award in Canada. It is presented annually to secondary students who graduate with the highest grade point average in their school.

In addition, the commissioner will present 35 Diamond Jubilee medals. The levee will mark the conclusion of Diamond Jubilee celebrations in the territory.

"The Diamond Jubilee celebrations have been very successful and well received," Phillips added. "I am happy to announce that over 150 medals have been awarded to deserving Yukoners over the course of the year."

The levee will take place from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Long House at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre on First Avenue in Whitehorse.

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See backgrounder below.

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2013 Commissioner's New Year's Levee Award recipients

Commissioner's Award

Renee Charlie – Public Volunteer Service
Patricia Cross – Public Volunteer Service
Raphaël Roy-Jauvin – Bravery

2011/12 Governor General's Academic Awards

Presented at levee

Nina Gage, Tantalus School, Carmacks
Morgan Gilmar, St. Elias Community School, Haines Junction
Kendra Hotson, Watson Lake Secondary School, Watson Lake
Caitlin Irvine, Del Van Gorder School, Faro
Molly O'Donoghue, J.V. Clark School, Mayo
Caleb Steele Lane, Porter Creek Secondary School, Whitehorse

Unable to attend levee in person

Valerie Herdes, Ecole Emilie-Tremblay, Whitehorse
Joshua Johnson, Robert Service School, Dawson City
Eleanor Parker, F.H. Collins Secondary School, Whitehorse
Kathryn Peters, Vanier Catholic Secondary School, Whitehorse
Robyn Smarch, Individual Learning Centre, Whitehorse

Diamond Jubilee Medals

Wayne Balcaen	Mal Malloch
Doug Bell	Allen Murray
Phil Borgel	Alvin Pederson
Jon Breen	Janine Peters
Archbishop Terrence Buckle	Gerald A. Piper
Ida Calmegane	Brian Pope
Bob Cameron	Nancy Pope
Glenda Dale Cooper	Jim Smith
Frank Curlew	Sergeant Douglas Spencer
Ramesh Ferris	David Stockdale
Mary E. Fitton	Natalie Taylor
Torie Gerard	Gerry Thick
Corporal Darcy Grossinger	Marion Thomsen
Bert Hadvick	Clarence Timmons
Pam Hine	Richard Trimble
Hank Karr	Lawrence Vano
James Kathrein	Captain Carol Winter
Jeane Lassen	

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