

## **Kiwanis Member Receives Queens Diamond Jubilee Award**

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Pembroke were pleasantly surprised and honoured at their annual Christmas dinner to become part of the awarding of a Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal to long-time member Jay McLaren by MPP John Yakabuski.

Mr. Yakabuski noted the award was given in recognition of Jay's extensive community volunteerism, especially with the Kiwanis Club of Pembroke where he was President for 2 terms and Distinguished Lieutenant Governor of Eastern Canada and the Caribbean. He established the Kiwanis Circle K club at Algonquin College, promoted the Kiwanis HIV program, and currently is promoting the Kiwanis Eliminate project to eliminate Maternal/Neonatal Tetanus around the world. Also noted were Jay's commitment to fostering youth leadership programs and community fundraising for Algonquin College.

Other examples of Jay's tireless work are his involvement with the Pembroke Horticultural Society, Communities in Bloom, Ottawa River Power Corporation and Wesley United Church.

Pictured at the award ceremony are Kiwanis Club of Pembroke President Lloyd Koch, Past President Robert McLaughlin, Jay McLaren, MPP John Yakabuski, and Past President Wayne Dempsey.