

PRESS RELEASE

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Councillor Michel E. Gaudet receives the Racines Award of the Sud-Acadie Cultural Society

Councillor Michel E. Gaudet received the 2018-2019 Racines Award from the Sud-Acadie Cultural Society. Nathalie LeBlanc, president of the Cultural Society, presented the award on Thursday, October 24 at Adorable Chocolat in Shediac. The Racine Awards are granted annually to citizens or groups of citizens who have distinguished themselves in our territory in the development of arts and culture.

This year, the Cultural Society recognizes and thanks the Beaubassin-est Councillor, Michel E. Gaudet, with the Excellence Award of Contributor of the Year. For a few years now, Councillor Gaudet has been offering his time and expertise with the “Célébrons nos Quais”. He initiated an advertising campaign throughout the South-Acadian territory to increase community participation in free music nights at the Robichaud and Bas-Cap-Pelé wharves. Last year, he convinced local businesses to provide paint to refresh La Suzanne at the Robichaud wharf and members of the community to come and paint it. He solicited the merchants to sponsor bottles of water and ice for the spectators.

Mr. Gaudet also offered his help to the Barachois Historic Church which, since 2017, offers the sacristy as a theater for Bistro evenings. This event requires tables and chairs that were to be rented for each of the evenings, so to help reduce the cost of the shows, he offered to organize a fundraising campaign for the Church for the purchase of tables and chairs that can be used for many events in the community. He convinced 8 companies to participate in the campaign and accumulated nearly \$ 5,000 for the purchase of tables and chairs that are now accessible not only to the Cultural Society, but for all other community activities.

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Nathalie LeBlanc, President of the Sud-Acadie Cultural Society, presents the Contributor of the Year Racines Award to Beaubassin-est's Councillor, Michel E. Gaudet.

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