

## RECOGNIZING ONE OF OUR OWN

By: Patrick Curtis, T-SAR Chairman



On Wednesday, December 15th, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Her Honour Elizabeth Dowdeswell hosted a reception in honour of Kathryn E Langley Hope, Vice Chair of Toronto Search and Rescue – Marine. Representatives of the many organizations in which Kathryn has been involved over the years were in attendance.

We at T-SAR are fortunate to have such an accomplished member of the Toronto community as a Patron and Vice Chair of our cause. While the list of accomplishments is too long to mention in its entirety, they include Honorary Chair Emerita of the NATO Association of Canada; Queen's Diamond



Jubilee Medal; the Order of St. George, Dame; RCMI Patron and Member; BATA Shoe Museum Collector's Circle; National Ballet of Canada, Patron; ROTARY Paul Harris 'Ruby' Fellow; and numerous Board roles including ROTARY TO-Forest Hill, Foundation Chair.

TSAR, an all volunteer charity, does not get funding from the City of Toronto, nor the Province of Ontario and limited funds from the Coast Guard Auxiliary, so we rely fully on the generosity of our community members such as Kathryn. Studies show that for every dollar a charity generates, we save the City of Toronto \$47. With an operating cost approaching \$60,000 this year translating into a "value add" for the city of

about \$2.8 Million this year, we expect this to increase over time.

In 2021, T-SAR completed almost 100 shifts on the water, completed 16 rescues and saved close to 40 lives. As boating activity continues to ramp up because of Covid-19 we can only expect the numbers to increase, which is why we are growing our crew by 10 more new members in 2022.

Our warmest thanks go out to Kathryn: without people like her, we would not be able to serve our community. We hope her example will inspire you to help us by donating today.

