

40 years for radio club

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About 70 people recently gathered at the Vesta Restaurant to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Peel Amateur Radio Club.

Jason Miles, the club's public relations director, said the evening was a great success.

"It went very well," he said. "It was a good night. It was very well received and I think everyone had a great time."

At the celebration, the club was presented with plaques from the city of Brampton in recognition of its longevity and various achievements. The club itself also presented several members with special awards. Ernie Nemeth and Frank Roberts received 'Ham of the Year' honours for their dedication.

"Those awards recognize outstanding achievements. It's sort of the Grammy for the amateur radio community. They're presented to the people who go above and beyond and show an intense commitment to the club and to the club activities."

Five of the original members of the club were also on hand to receive special commemorative pins for their efforts over the last 40 years. Miles said he is amazed five of the charter members of the club are still active members, adding their efforts over the years have been instrumental to the club's success.

Over the last 40 years, the Peel Amateur Radio Club has done an enormous amount of public service work for the city of Brampton and the region of Peel. The club, which Miles says now has more than 100 active members, provides valuable communication services to organizations that help those in need.

"We are on the city of Brampton and region of Peel's emergency call up tree. So when they have emergencies we get called out to provide communication links between various agencies and the Red Cross and St. John Ambulance," Miles said. "We have a station in City Hall and stations in just about every fire hall around the city of Brampton and in Caledon."

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