

## **TRAC Community Spirit Award 2015 - Glenn Kissick**

The Terwillegar Riverbend Advisory Council (TRAC) is pleased to announce that Glenn Kissick was recognized with this award this year! Glenn was involved with TRAC, the Riverbend Community League, a Seniors Rep, SWESA, and of course Pickleball! His enthusiasm is contagious and his love of collaborative projects that promote community building and health and wellness for seniors has been very much appreciated.

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Glenn Kissick has been an active volunteer in the Riverbend community for many years. His pride in his neighbourhood and his avid desire to work toward collective outcomes, has made him an asset to his community of which TRAC could be proud to provide Community Spirit Award. Glenn's two largest contributions to communities and volunteers in the south west include his energies towards the development of Seniors recreational programming and the development of pickleball programming at Riverbend Community League and the Terwillegar Community Recreation Center.

Glenn Kissick is a strong leader. He has a love of collaborative projects that promote community building and health and wellness for seniors. It has been a pleasure to work with Glenn and his enthusiastic nature. At times, Glenn is also very confident to point out issues that need addressing, even when they are not the most popular. The City of Edmonton has appreciated all of Glenn's contributions over the years. It is a pleasure to nominate him for this award.

Glenn has been the Seniors Rep on the Terwillegar Riverbend Advisory Council. In this role he championed the creation of a Seniors Liaison position with each of the community leagues in TRAC. This activity was very successful in reaching out to seniors in the Terwillegar Riverbend area and his regular columns in the Riverbend Ragg highlighted the programming activities that the leagues set off to do. The Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues was so impressed with the Job Description created, that they shared it with all of the leagues across the city of Edmonton.

Glenn Kissick, along with Rob Agostinis, initiated the first meetings of the seniors in south west with the City of Edmonton Seniors Team to discuss the development of a seniors recreational programming centre. Together with a steering committee set up under TRAC, Glenn worked alongside the other volunteers to establish a non profit society that was focused on seniors program. All this took about three years to get to fruition. Glenn was a valuable member of the steering committee.

Glenn's passion for pickleball became quite contagious with his volunteer efforts to establish drop in pickleball at the Terwillegar Recreation Centre. This once fairly unknown sport took off with leaps and bounds with Glenn's initial and then ongoing discussions as the value of the sport for seniors and others. As interest grew, the creation of a drop in league at Riverbend Community League was developed by Glenn.