

Lowe is 'Citizen of Year'



CPR crusader Gary Lowe (centre) was named Dawson Creek's Citizen of the Year for 1984 at the annual general meeting of the Dawson Creek and District Chamber of Commerce Saturday. The 1983 recipient, Ruth Wescott (left), presented the award while President Sandra Seale (right) acted as master of ceremonies. The chamber has sponsored the annual award since 1955.

Gary Lowe, CPR crusader, was named Dawson Creek's Citizen of the Year for 1984 at the annual general meeting of the Dawson Creek and District Chamber of Commerce Saturday. Over 130 people attended the meeting, dinner and dance which was held in the ski hill lodge.

Lowe, the 29th recipient of the annual award, was cited for his extensive work to establish a '1 in 5' ratio of people trained in the cardio-pulmonary resuscitation technique whereby blood oxygenation and circulation can be maintained following a cardiac arrest. Statistics show that when the ratio of '1 in 5' is achieved within a community a significant decline can be effected in the death rate.

In his remarks to the audience, Lowe couldn't pass up the opportunity to plug his favourite topic and cited a number of instances whereby the technique had already prevented the deaths of several local residents. (Lowe's wife had told him that someone had given her two extra tickets to the event and that he shouldn't pass up a free dinner.)

To receive the chamber's citizen of the year award, people are nominated by the general public and a tri-partite committee with representation from the chamber of commerce, city council and Dawson Creek Ministerial Association, makes the final selection from the briefs submitted. The committee is sworn to secrecy until the announcement is made by the previous year's recipient.

The 1983 Citizen of the Year, Ruth Wescott, officially presented the award to