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AUGUSTA -- Bob Moore worries he's less deserving than others of being named "Outstanding Citizen of the Year" by the Calumet Club.

He tries to deflect the honor -- or at least share it.

"There are so many people who've done the same thing, which is what makes this such a wonderful community," says Moore, who has been executive director of Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed for the past three years.

Moore -- listed on the awards dinner invitation as Robert M. Moore Jr., but known to all as "Bob Moore" -- is a facilitator, someone who finds grants for projects, solutions for problems and ways to get things done.

That's been his role through several jobs and volunteer activities, most of them based in the Augusta area, his adopted community.

The Franco-American club annually selects a nonmember for the honor. It awards Le Medaille d'Honneur to one of its own each year.

A dinner in Moore's honor is set for Friday at the club on West River Road.

"The committee chose him because of all his accomplishments, activities in the community, and his work with the Cobbossee watershed," said Norman R. Veilleux, head of this year's selection committee.

"Bob Moore's involvement in sports for young people over the past 20 plus year is outstanding," said Andre Lacasse, also a committee member. "He's helped shape students' lives."

Moore, born and raised on Attleboro, Mass., was introduced to Maine at age 10, when he accompanied a childhood friend, Peter Benson, to Benson's family's Maranacook Lake summer place.

"Here I am, years later, and they're members (of the Friends) and Maranacook is one of the lakes that's part of it," Moore said.

His formal affiliation with Maine began when he entered Thomas College at age 18. He had already sent a deposit to Bentley College in Waltham, Mass.

But then got a letter from the Thomas basketball coach.

"I wasn't going to play basketball at Bentley," he said.

Two feet of snow on the ground in April didn't discourage him, and a chat with coach Dick Meader, now at the University of Maine at Farmington, encouraged him.

Moore almost left after the first semester -- Waterville was too quiet compared to Attleboro -- but he stayed and graduated in 1979 with an accounting degree.

Now you couldn't tear him away.

"If you can find a way to make a living in Maine, it's a wonderful place to be," Moore said.

Moore, and his wife Susan, who live in South China, have four children, all of whom attended Cony High school: Jason Moore, class of 1995; Ryan Moore, class of 1999; Andrea Tyler, class of 2005; and Dan Tyler, class of 2007.

Moore's work history is as diversified as his talents.

He took his degree to the former Etonic Shoe Co. in Richmond, where he was a junior industrial engineer and set the rate for the piece work.

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