



*Welcome to the Annual  
Volunteer Recognition  
Ceremony & Presentation  
of Awards by the  
InterService Club Council  
of the City of Fairfax,  
Virginia*

**Stacy C .Sherwood  
Community Center  
3740 Old Lee Highway  
Fairfax, Virginia**

**Wednesday, August 1, 2018**

## *Program*

Welcome..... Pete Conklin, Master of Ceremonies  
Introductions ... Pete Conklin, Master of Ceremonies  
Remarks..... Honorable Mayor David Meyer  
Presentation of Awards..... All  
Closing..... Pete Conklin, Master of Ceremonies

## *Acknowledgements*

- Facilities by the City of Fairfax Government
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The **InterService Club Council** thanks everyone who participated this evening in honoring these  
Volunteers of the Year for 2017

### **2017-18 Inter-Service Club Council Officers**

President, Pete Conklin

Vice-President, Kathy Hoffman

Secretary, Cathy Kelleher

Treasurer, Connie Lauther

## 2017 Volunteers of the Year

Chocolate Lover's Festival Committee.....	<i>Beverly Myers</i>
Civitan Club of Fairfax.....	<i>Howard Oberheu</i>
Fairfax Ferns Garden Club.....	<i>Virginia "Ginny" Warren</i>
Fairfax Harley Owners Group .....	<i>Jack Causa</i>
Fairfax Host Lions Club .....	<i>Marilyn Tanner</i>
Fairfax Station Railroad Museum ...	<i>Karely Carbello &amp; David Perry</i>
Friends of the City of Fairfax Regional Library .....	<i>Carole Smith</i>
Historic Fairfax City, Inc. ....	<i>Linda Baringhaus</i>
Inter-Service Club Council .....	<i>Mariann Gabor</i>
Knights of Columbus-Father Diamond Council .....	<i>Patrick Murray</i>
Optimist Club of Central Fairfax .....	<i>Sharon DeBragga</i>
Rotary Club of Fairfax .....	<i>Jennifer Rose</i>
Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary .....	<i>Sylvia Laiti</i>
ServiceSource, Inc. ....	<i>Kelsey Hall</i>
Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke.....	<i>Robin Lanning</i>
Woman's Club of Fairfax .....	<i>Betty Powell</i>
Zonta Club of Fairfax .....	<i>Gale Allen</i>

## **Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee**

The Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee is a non-profit, volunteer organization that promotes, organizes and conducts the annual Chocolate Lovers Festival. The goal of the event is to bring kids, community members and downtown merchants together around the theme of chocolate for a fun and tasty time. Each year, a local organization is awarded the Chocolate Lovers Festival Grant.

### ***Volunteer of the Year: Beverly Myers***

Beverly Myers was the recipient in 2012 of The Mayor's Award for Outstanding Community Service and Dedication to Volunteerism and in 2010 received the VFW Post #8469 Americanism Award Citation. She is also the chairman of the Independence Day Celebration Committee as well as a member of the City of Fairfax Police Chief's Advisory Committee, the Towing Committee, and the Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) group. She is a past board member of the Comstock Homeowners Association and Friends of Fairfax. As Chairman of the Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee, Beverly was instrumental during this past Festival for getting participants to enter the Chocolate Challenge as well as reaching out to businesses in Fairfax City and the surrounding area to donate items for a Silent Auction – items included an autographed baseball by Washington Nationals to have a successful Silent Auction ... over \$4,000 was raised at the Silent Auction that included items such as an autographed baseball by Washington Nationals pitcher, Stephen Strasburg and, from his personal collection - a Hall of Fame football autographed by Darrell Green.

## **Civitan Club of Fairfax**

Civitan International is a large association of community service clubs that was established in 1917. Civitan members are dedicated to building good citizenship and also seek to serve the community, especially people with developmental disabilities. Civitan Club of Fairfax was chartered in 1962. Members provide volunteer services and also raise funds for many worthy causes including the Civitan International Research Center at the University of Alabama, an interdisciplinary center dedicated to improving lives through brain research and treatment of developmental disabilities.

### ***Volunteer of the Year: Howard Oberheu***

Howard Oberheu and his wife JoAnn became members of Civitan in April 1987 with encouragement from friends. This was at a time their daughter Lisa left home for college and they decided to join a service organization that welcomed both men and women. They have remained active in the Fairfax Civitan Club since joining, and Howard has served in all the various offices of the Club. He has been on the Club's Board of Directors for many years.

The year he was President, Fairfax Civitans was named an honor Club by Civitan International. For many years, Howard served as Treasurer of the Club, and most recently he has been serving as Secretary. He has participated faithfully in many Club service and fund-raising projects and has led Fairfax Civitans yearly sale of White House Christmas ornaments. He is truly a stalwart and key member of our Club.

Through the years, Howard has served the community in other ways as well, for example in his Lutheran Church, as a blood donor, and as a friend of Fellowship Square Foundation (affordable housing and services for low income elderly).

### **Downtown Fairfax Coalition**

The Downtown Fairfax Coalition is a private nonprofit organization that provides guidance and oversight and promotes the positive redevelopment of Old Town Fairfax and the surrounding downtown.

### **Fairfax Ferns Garden Club**

The Fairfax Ferns Garden Club was organized in 1960. It promotes all facets of gardening and offers support to the community. The Club is a member of the National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc., District III. The Ferns support the City by decorating Old Town Hall for the holidays, maintaining the planters and landscaping at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, designing, planting and maintaining the Kitty Pozer Memorial Garden and the Barthol Memorial Garden in the City of Fairfax. Members are delegates to the Community Appearance Committee and the Downtown Beautification Committee. Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

### ***Volunteer of the Year: Virginia "Ginny" Warren***

Ginny is the recording secretary for the Fairfax Ferns. She has a great sense of humor and is always willing to help as needed. Fairly new to the organization she is very active in planning for club. Recently she volunteered at Rock the Block and Kitty Pozer Garden Day.

### **Fairfax Harley Owners Group**

The Fairfax VA Chapter of the Harley Owners Group was established in 1999 at the opening of Patriot Harley-Davidson. The Chapter's mission is to ride, have fun, promote safe riding skills and give back to the community along the way. The Chapter's involvement and relationship with the Greater Fairfax Community has grown over the years. Taking an active role in making the community better is a source of pride for its members. The Chapter organizes and leads the annual *Ride of the Patriots* to honor those in uniform who protect our nation and community. They support the Salvation Army, the Lamb Cen-

ter, Adopt-a-Spot, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Blood Drives and other charitable activities. They also participate in annual visits with wounded warriors at Bethesda and Fort Belvoir.

***Volunteer of the Year: Jack Causa***

Jack has been involved in the HOG chapter for ten years and has been an officer for the past eight years. He is currently the Secretary of the Chapter. Jack volunteers his time for several charities including Jill's House Ride supporting mentally and physically challenged children and the Officers Down Memorial Ride supporting fallen police officers and first responders. He also volunteers at Washington Area Easter Seals where he plays Santa Clause during the University of Dayton's Annual Christmas Off Campus party for handicapped children of military families. While Jack supports these and other worthy causes, his charity of choice is Boulder Crest Retreat for Military and Veteran Wellness in Bluemont, VA. As a previous member of the Board of Directors, Jack wanted to find a way to promote and raise funds to support Boulder Crest Retreat, which is committed to improving the physical, emotional, spiritual, and economic wellbeing of our nation's military, veterans, first responders, and their family members. Boulder Crest Retreat programs ensure they have the opportunity to live lives of passion, purpose, and service at home.

In an effort to raise funds and awareness of Boulder Crest Retreat, Jack helped start and has served as Chairman of the Healing Heroes Ride, a motorcycle poker run, since its inaugural ride in 2014. The Healing Heroes Ride attracts hundreds of motorcycle riders who travel a 100 mile route ending in Bluemont Va. To date, the Healing Heroes Ride has raised more than \$130,000 for Boulder Crest Retreat. With Boulder Crest Retreat's expansion to Arizona, Jack was instrumental in expanding the Healing Heroes Ride to Arizona.

**Fairfax Host Lions Club**

With more than 1.35 million members in more than 46,000 clubs worldwide, Lions Clubs International is the largest service club in the world. The Fairfax Lions are best known for fighting blindness, but they also feed the hungry, aid seniors and the disabled and care for the environment. Membership is open to men and women.

***Volunteer of the Year: Marilyn Tanner***

Lion Marilyn Tanner has been a dynamic and valued member of the Fairfax Host Lions Club since 2003. She is a repeat Volunteer of the Year. She has exemplified herself through service—with a special place in her heart for local community outreach to the poor and needy. Not only is she a hard worker

and volunteer, she is also a leader who plans and executes activities with precision. Some of her volunteers activities include, Lions Eyeglasses for the Poor Program, leading Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets for the Poor Program, organizes “Food for Others” Food drive, leads “Road-kill Saturday” Program to clean up streets, runs the Lions Reading Action Program, along with regularly volunteering for many other committees and programs in the Lions organization.

### **Fairfax Station Railroad Museum**

The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum was dedicated in 1987 to preserve and promote local history. It is a family friendly community gathering place. A variety of events and activities educate two to three thousand visitors annually on the importance of railroads in regional development and the unique role the station played during the American Civil War.

#### ***Volunteer of the Year: Karely Carbello & David Perry***

Karley and David came to the museum as interns from the West Springfield High School Applied History course. The museum has benefitted from this excellent program for many years but David and Karley set particularly high standards. Their contributions to our program and activities led to more meaningful and enjoyable experience for our visitors. They took on every task willingly, no matter how mundane it may have seemed at the time.

David and Karley helped us fulfill our educational mission and made a significant impact in a short time. Their abilities and sense of social commitment are demonstrated in their future academic careers. David will attend University of New Hampshire under a full football scholarship while pursuing a degree in nursing. Karley will enter George Mason University, majoring in Conflict Identification and Resolution with the aim of assisting families and individuals in crisis.

Karley and David represent the best qualities of Fairfax County Public Schools, students and educational programs.

### **Friends of the City of Fairfax Regional Library**

The Friends support the library by holding biannual book sales to raise money for library programs, services and supplies. The Friends meet every Tuesday morning to sort donations for the book sales.

#### ***Volunteer of the Year: Carole Smith***

Carole came to Friends of the Fairfax Regional Library soon after we moved into our new building ten years ago. A voracious reader she brought a wide

knowledge of books, a natural system of organization, and charmed us all, including the person who had been doing the ongoing sale of periodicals who, within a short time, departed leaving Carole with the responsibility.

Carole is a quick study, a assiduous organizer, and possesses an uncanny ability for determining what our patrons want and for proving for a quick sale. Every Tuesday morning Carole sits at her desk—in fact she is the only one of us who actually has a desk! - and sorts through hundreds of magazines from New Yorker to New Republic, People to Parenting, then prices and restocks our sale shelves,. She even has a fan club that awaits her offering each week.

Carole's government career gave her many opportunities for foreign travel including sevral posing to the British Embassy. She follows in her mothers footsteps as a avid needle pointer.

Carol is a great friend to our library and to the community we serve.

### **Historic Fairfax City, Inc. (HFCI)**

Historic Fairfax City Inc. (HFCI) is dedicated to promoting the appreciation and preservation of the history and artifacts of the City of Fairfax. HFCI develops an awareness of the value of local history and the importance of its preservation; recommends policies for use and operation of our historic buildings; raises funds for preservation of our historic sites and artifacts, and presents programs that raise awareness of our history. month at 7 p.m.

#### ***Volunteer of the Year: Linda Baringhaus***

Linda moved to Fairfax City in 1989 and since that time has been a work-horse for many different volunteer organizations in the City. Linda has served first the Westmore Civic Association and later the Cobbdale Civic Association in various capacities including President of both. For 20 years, Linda was involved with IDCC and the Chocolate Lovers Festival as Treasurer and Chair of both. The list of organizations for which Linda has volunteered and the positions she has held in them tell a story about her talent, her energy, her widespread interests and her leadership ability.

She has been just as active in her Church, St. Leo the Great, where she has done about everything a parishioner can do.

Linda served for many years as a docent at the National Zoo and in her spare time, she received a Masters' Degree in (pre-Columbian) Archeology. Luckily for HFCI, Linda also became a member of our Board of Directors. Linda has served as a docent at the Ratcliffe Allison Pozer house; participated in HFCI activities at Fairfax History Day, the Holiday Craft Show and Fall Festival. At the present time, Linda is simultaneously serving HFCI as Secretary,

Membership Chair and Chair of Taste of the Vine. Taste of the Vine is HFCI's biggest fundraiser of the year. Under Linda's leadership, our 2017 TOV broke all records for raising funds to support our mission of supporting the City's historic sites.

### **Independence Day Celebration Committee, Inc. (IDCC)**

Founding father John Adams wrote that Independence Day "ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward, forevermore." The IDCC works tirelessly to make Adams' vision a reality. Every year for the past 51 years, the committee members have successfully brought the citizens of the City of Fairfax and the surrounding area a fun, inspiring and patriotic Independence Day Celebration.

### **Inter-Service Club Council**

The Inter-Service Club Council welcomes to its membership organizations that are focused on and dedicated to serving others through community service. Its purpose is to enhance communications and coordination among our members, to increase volunteerism and make our member's activities and efforts more effective and worthwhile.

#### ***Volunteer of the Year: Mariann Gabor***

Mariann Gabor has represented the Kiwanis Club of Fairfax to the ISCC for the last ten years. Mariann joined Kiwanis fifteen years ago to get involved in the Fairfax community. She had no specific inspiration, but Kiwanis was supporting youth as well as families in need and she decided to get involved. Her quiet and genuine personality has contributed significant help to the development of youth and the success of community events. Over the years she has been counted on to help with programs including Meals for Young Minds, Girl Scouts, Key Club Advisor at Fairfax High School, Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for families in need, Fall Festival, Festival of Lights and Carols and the Pancake Breakfast during the Chocolate Lovers Festival. Mariann's reliable and continued involvement in the ISCC has contributed to its success and support of member groups.

Mariann traveled from Northwest PA thirty one years ago to take a job in the Federal Government and later moved to a position with Fairfax County giving back time and effort to her community.

### **Knights of Columbus-Father Diamond Council #6292**

The Knights of Columbus is an international fraternal benefit organization of Catholic men with more than 14,000 councils and 1.8 million members. The Father Diamond Council, which was established in 1974, supports

member families in need and a variety of charities at the local, national and international level.

***Volunteer of the Year: Patrick J. Murray***

The Knights want to use this opportunity to recognize his contributions to the entire Community. As a Knight, in addition to supporting the multiple council service activities including Christmas Tree Sales, and charity collections, Mr. Murray served as Youth Programs Director, and successfully implemented two community wide soccer and basketball competitions this year. These events drew not only members of the Church but attracted external community members at large. Mr. Murray also serves St. Leo's as a Lector, and a Confirmation Team Leader and Youth Retreat Leader for St. Leo Religious Education. Additionally, Mr. Murray is the leader of the Annual St. Leo's St. Patrick's Day Celebration, providing an evening of live Irish music and entertainment for the community.

Mr. Murray is in his second year as the Cub Master for St. Leo's Cub Scout Pack 1113, having previously served as Den Leader. In 2017-2018 school year, Mr. Murray has served as a Soccer Coach with FPYC Youth Soccer, a scorekeeper with St. Leo's CYO Basketball, and is a Coach with Fairfax Little League. He also started and continues to run the Country Club Hills Youth Tennis Program. Mr. Murray has previously served on the Country Club Hills Recreation Corporation, and the Country Club Hills Swim Team Board. He is also Past Treasurer at the Country Club Hills Pool and currently serves as the Swim Meet Announcer for home swim meets at Country Club Hills.

**Kiwanis Club of Fairfax**

Kiwanis International was founded in 1915 in Detroit, Michigan. Their slogan is "Serving the Children of the World." There are more than 8,400 clubs in 96 nations with approximately 606,608 active members representing nearly every culture on every continent, all seeking to improve people's lives. The Kiwanis Club of Fairfax was founded in 1956. It works closely with local organizations such as the Friends of the Fairfax City Library to promote leadership in youth and to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

***Volunteer of the Year: Shirley Rich***

Shirley Rich has been an active member of the Fairfax Kiwanis Club for well over ten years. Her support of many Kiwanis community service events including delivering Meals 4 Young Minds to Daniels Run Elementary and regularly helps prepare the meals. She also heads up the Thanksgiving and Christmas food planning and shopping for families served by the Club. She is the Club representative to Bethany House and coordinates help for

abused and displaced women and their families. Her efforts also are instrumental in helping the Club function. She currently is the Chairperson of the Club Meeting and Speaker Committee. As such she organizes the meeting site and speaker for the weekly meeting. Member birthdays and Kiwanis anniversaries are remembered and celebrated under her leadership.

Shirley is a longstanding member of Kiwanis, whose input and opinions are valued greatly. Shirley and her husband, Jerry, are transplants from Pittsburgh. Both are retired from the dental and pharmacy professions. Their contributions and support to the Fairfax community and the Kiwanis Club are welcome.

### **Optimist Club of Central Fairfax**

Volunteers from The Optimist Club of Central Fairfax conduct a wide range of service projects to improve the lives of children and to respond to the special needs of our community. More than 20 Optimist-sponsored activities include Childhood Cancer, five scholarship contests, books for kids, Respect for Law, help for needy families, leadership opportunities, Halloween festivals and more. We do community service according to the needs of the community and the interests of our members as we strive to Bring Out the Best in Kids.

#### ***Volunteer of the Year: Sharon DeBragga***

Sharon DeBragga has only been a member of our Club since November 2017, but she has been very active and assumed leadership roles managing important activities and programs. Especially noteworthy is the successful execution of town scholarship contests: The Essay Contest and the Oratorical Contest, which may not have been as successful without Sharon's leadership and follow through.

Sharon recently retired after 30+ year career with Fairfax County Public Schools. Throughout her career Sharon worked as a school counselor in elementary and middle schools, a career specialist in high schools, and in student services at the senior college level. She has served as the president of the Virginia Career Development Association, and twice as its Professional Development Chair. Sharon has been recognized for numerous leadership and education awards over the years.

History is her avocation, and she has been on the board of directors for the Centreville Community Foundation, the Historic Centreville Society, the Friends of Historic Centreville, and as a member of the Sully Historic Workforce Committee of the Preservation of the Historic District.

## **Rotary Club of Fairfax**

The purpose of Rotary International is to bring business and professional leaders together to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards and build goodwill and peace. Membership is open to all people regardless of religion, race, color or gender.

### ***Volunteer of the Year: Jennifer Rose***

Jennifer Rose is a 15-year Rotarian who exemplifies the Rotary ideal of Service above Self. She has served as Club President, Vice President, Secretary, Programs Chair, Membership Chair, Fundraising Chair, and Newsletter Editor. In addition, she has worked on many Rotary projects and activities including, July 4th float committee, social media, annual holiday outreach party for children (where she provides stockings for all children in attendance AND emcees the event), annual family picnic, Fairfax Fall Festival, bell ringing for the Salvation Army, Service ABOVE Self project, and more. Ms. Rose is a graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute and is a two-time Paul Harris Fellow. She has won her club's highest honors: the "Rotarian of the Year" Award for 2018 and the "Service above Self" Award in 2016.

### **Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary**

The Fairfax Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary, founded in 1972, functions as a fundraising entity and a volunteer service group to the Fairfax Corps of the Salvation Army. It provides enriching fellowship with likeminded community service women who desire to "do the most good" by meeting human needs without discrimination. For the past 37 years, a yearly Fashion Show/Luncheon and fundraiser has raised thousands of dollars for the Corps projects. Current activities include assistance with Christmas programs, stuffing backpacks for elementary school children and hosting monthly birthday parties at the Salvation Army's Adult Rehabilitation Center.

### ***Volunteer of the Year: Sylvia Laiti***

A dedicated and loyal member for 29 years, Sylvia readily undertakes all the tasks that make any organization function successfully. This year she started with the Salvation Army's Back Pack program, filling over 500 bags for youngsters in need. At Thanksgiving she and members of her family helped to assemble over 1000 boxes to be used for holiday assistance programs. When the needy came to the Corps, she registered their children for toys and clothing for Christmas. Prior to distribution, Sylvia and other members of the Auxiliary, sorted through over 1500 stockings for items not suitable. Sylvia coordinated the 39th annual Fashion Show Luncheon in April of this year. She spent hundreds of hours in making this event a huge success. In addition she co-chaired the Silent Auction. There were a record number of items in the auction, resulting in thousands of dollars raised for the Salvation

Army programs.

The Auxiliary is blessed to have such a committed and caring person in our organization!

### **ServiceSource, Inc.**

ServiceSource is a nonprofit organization with a mission to deliver exceptional services to individuals with disabilities through innovative and valued employment, training, habilitation, housing and support services. Its proven collaborative approach with government, business and non-profits helps foster a more inclusive and supportive community where individuals with disabilities can succeed and thrive.

#### ***Volunteer of the Year: Kelsey Hall***

Kelsey has been a dedicated volunteer with the newly formed ServiceSource Volunteer Services Program since February 2017. She supports the 65+ participants who attend our Oakton Long Term and Community Integration Services site by giving her time every other Monday for two hours. Kelsey has been incredibly flexible during her past year and a half with us and has worn multiple hats to support those served through our person-centered programs. Her volunteer positions have included supporting the participants in an educational setting by acting as a class aide, assisting those engaged in our self-employment program by helping them make one of a kind pieces that are than sold in the community (100% of the proceeds go back to the artisan), and by helping during our Annual Holiday Giving Campaign as a holiday gift wrapper. Kelsey's natural ability to connect with the participants in both a professional and personal manner and willingness to support the program as needed are just a few of the reasons she is nominated as our 2018 ISCC Volunteer of the Year.

### **Shelter House**

Shelter House, Inc. is a community-based, non-profit organization serving homeless families in Fairfax County, Virginia since 1981. Its mission is to provide crisis intervention, safe housing and supportive services to promote self-sufficiency for homeless families and victims of domestic violence in Fairfax County.

### **Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke (SCFB)**

Formed in 2006, the Shepherd's Center is a non-profit organization of faith communities, individuals, civic and business organizations committed to enriching the lives of older adults and enabling them to live independently in the Fairfax and Burke communities. Programs include bi-monthly luncheons, educational and exercise classes and free transportation to medical appoint-

ments and shopping.

### ***Volunteer of the Year: Robin Lanning***

Born in Central New Jersey and having lived there over 50 years, Robin moved to Burke about 17 years ago to be near her daughter and grandsons. Recruited by her friend Kim to volunteer for the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke, Robin got involved when the chapter was just starting 12 years ago. . Since retirement, over the last seven years, Robin has been involved in many programs and services that SCFB offers, including companion shopping driver and friendly visitor. She also has served on the Development Committee (helping with Bingo and Fashion show fundraisers), the Website Committee, the AIL Speaker Committee, and the 10-year Anniversary Gala Committee. Robin attends the monthly Council of Representatives meetings and serves as Corresponding Secretary. The assignment she most enjoys is interviewing clients and writing articles for The Shepherd's View, the SCFB bi-yearly newsletter.

She serves on the Board of Directors of her condominium association, recently as President, and is an active member of her church. Robin enjoys international travel and has been an avid Jazzerciser for 37 years. She also likes attending the Lunch N' Life and Adventures in Learning programs that SCFB offers.

### **Soroptimist International of Fairfax County (SIFC)**

Soroptimist International is a professional women's service organization dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls in our communities and around the world. Signature program include Live Your Dream, a grant to a female head of household to improve her family's life through education. SIFC also supports Bethany House, Second Story, and INOVA Cancer Center.

### ***Volunteer of the Year: Cathy Kelleher***

Cathy Ann has been a member of SIFC since 1988 and has served as President three times and has been Treasurer since 2011. She also has managed the SIFC annual ornament sales for the past ten years. In addition, she has represented SIFC on the InterService Club Council since 2008 and produces the ISCC Newsletter. Outside of SIFC, Cathy spends a great deal of time volunteering with the Institute of Catholic Culture.

A native of Michigan, Cathy graduated with a BA Degree from Alma College and came to Washington in 1969 to work for the Department of Defense as a logistician and planner. She also earned a MBA from American University. After retirement in 2007, she has devoted her time and effort to multiple volunteer activities. She has been married to Donal for 43 years.

## **Woman's Club of Fairfax**

Since 1956, the Woman's Club of Fairfax, as part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, has been a unified group of women dedicated to enhancing the lives of families and strengthening their communities through volunteer service. Activities include maintaining the historical exhibit at the Ford House and supporting local family service and educational organizations. The club also raises funds to provide an annual college scholarship to a local high school graduate.

### ***Volunteer of the Year: Betty Powell***

Betty has been a member of WCF since 1992. During her time with WCF, Betty has tirelessly committed herself to Club activities and volunteers with true spirit and passion. In addition to WCF activities, Betty volunteers for Operation Christmas Child, Celebrate Fairfax, Fairfax County Retired Employees Association, Northern Virginia Football Hall of Fame and Fairfax Methodist Church.

## **Zonta Club**

Zonta is an international organization whose mission is to improve the status of women worldwide. Goals include improving the legal, political, economic, health, educational and professional status of women. Through advocacy and service, Zonta promotes justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. For more than 60 years, Zonta has served Fairfax County.

### ***Volunteer of the Year: Gale Allen***

Gale joined Zonta in 2009 and has been a member of the Zonta Club of Fairfax County since then. She has served two terms as club secretary; one term as vice president; and one term as president. Gale initiated the club's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) scholarship for a high school senior majoring in a STEM field in college. She also led the effort to establish a Z Club at Langley High School in McLean. Currently, Gale is the Area Director within District 3, which includes seven clubs (Arlington, Charles County, Fairfax County, Hampton Roads, Prince Georges County Area, Prince William County, Washington, DC). Gale consistently volunteers for all club service, advocacy and fundraising activities and is a tireless advocate for Zonta and for its efforts to improve the status of women worldwide.

## *Member Organizations*

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*Please contact any of our officers, or visit our website for more information*

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