



### AREA Community Service Awards – Spring, 2012

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### COMMUNITY AWARD RECIPIENTS, April, 2011

- **Elizabeth R. Baum, Retired Exchange Associate & AREA Member:** Elizabeth has spent the last six years donating one weekend a month of her time to the Ronald McDonald House in Columbus, Georgia. The Ronald McDonald House provides food and shelter for family members who have children that are undergoing treatment for cancer in the local hospitals. She is a house mother and helps family members get accustomed to a home away from home and sees that they are provided with food, shelter and assistance with transportation to and from the hospital to visit their children.
- **Gisela DeMarco, Spouse of Deceased Exchange Associate & Chapter Member:** The President of the Bundesrepublik Germany awarded Gisela the Verdienstorden of the Bundesrepublik Deutschland. In the US, this would be the order of merit for services on behalf of the country (not the military); in France it is the Legion of Honor; in Great Britain it is knighthood. The award was instituted in 1951 by then President Heuss and Chancellor Adenauer. Details on the award are at Wikipedia: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Order\\_of\\_Merit\\_of\\_the\\_Federal\\_Republic\\_of\\_Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Order_of_Merit_of_the_Federal_Republic_of_Germany)

Gisela was involved in the founding of a German Language Saturday School as part of the Dallas Goethe Center in 1990. There were a handful of small children then. Gisela directed the school, which was successful and, in the course of the following years, classes were developed for adults (even some exchange associates). The school now has 120 students, at two locations, one down-town and one in Richardson. Gisela was nominated for the award by the Consul General Roland Herrmann.

- **Lesley D. Glenn, Exchange Associate:** Lesley is active participant in her community by helping others as volunteer with Big Brothers and Big Sister. She also mentors a child and raises money for activities and personal investment in the child's life.
- **Manoj Parikh, Exchange Associate:** Following the death of his son in 2010, Manoj Parikh donated tens of thousands of dollars to the University of Michigan and the Sujal Parikh Foundation; an organization that was started to honor his son and the work he was doing as a researcher in the fight against HIV/AIDS in Uganda as a part of the Center for Global Health. Well into retirement eligibility, Manoj continues to work tirelessly for the Exchange so that he can continue financial support of the foundation named for his son. Funds raised by the foundation are used to provide scholarships to medical students as well as fund global educational initiatives. Manoj hopes to continue working for the Exchange until his contributions to the foundation are in excess of \$100,000.
- **George and Hui Cha Ashley, Exchange Associates:** George and Hui Cha are sponsoring two Hispanic churches, one in Raeford, NC. and the other on Vass, NC, and have donated care packages to

HAITI during their time of need due to the tragedy that struck the country. At the present time they are running a nonprofit organization out of Raeford, NC called Hands of Love Outreach. The mission is to feed anyone that may be physically or spiritually in need and to show love the way that Jesus did. For more details visit <http://www.facebook.com/handsofloveoutreach09at>

➤ **Lori Drummond, Exchange Associate:** Since 2010, Lori has been volunteering for the American Cancer Society in Fort Worth. She has participated in various efforts to raise money for the annual Cowtown Ball that is held not only to raise additional monies but to spread awareness for the ACS.

➤ **Ola Bello, Exchange Associate:** Ola has actively participated in Habitat for Humanity building homes across the DFW area, providing Thanksgiving meals to the homeless, and feeding low income families through Angel Food Ministry

➤ **Cynthia Franco, Exchange Associate:** Cynthia has devoted much of her spare time organizing food drives for the North Texas Food Bank. Despite several illnesses over the past few years, she's still found time and strength to support this noble effort.

➤ **Peggie Sellers, Exchange Associate:** Peggie serves her church on a regular basis and now donates her time to Hospice.

➤ **Kimberly Swinson, Exchange Associate:** Kimberly is very active in the Charleston Community and is known throughout the Exchange for her Charity Work. She became involved with a non-profit organization dedicated to bring Mardi gras into the Charleston area along with donating, time, money and services to charities throughout the year. The organization is the Krewe of Charleston and Kim sits on the board of directors as a lieutenant. The Krewe, among other things, hosts an extravagant gala masked ball once a year where the proceeds go to different local charity. Some of these charities include; The MUSC Children's Hospital, in particular the cancer ward. Through the Krewe Kim also works with Brian Brennan, a Citadel graduate and Army Captain who lost his legs in Afghanistan. His foundation "Brennan Stands Alone" helps wounded veterans receive much needed prosthetics and after care upon returning home from war. Kim also organized and executed art and fun at the Lowcountry Orphan Relief's "Make a Child Happy Day" where she painted with 100 children from foster care at the daylong event, giving them a piece of their own art to take with them, and donated bags of art supplies to each child so that they could continue to enjoy and express themselves no matter where they were. This is just a small part of Kim's commitment to the Charleston community. She has touched so many lives and continues making things better for those that are a little less fortunate.

➤ **Allene West, Exchange Associate:** Allene along with her husband, have been foster parents with the state of Virginia starting in 2007 until present. Allene was a foster child herself which gave her the desire to want to give something back to other children and her community. She has fostered eight children and currently has two children she is carrying for. She provides a loving and caring family environment that the children need and deserve to have. She empowers in them strength and confidence so that when the time comes for them to leave they have learned to know that they can succeed despite their current situation.

➤ **Patricia Wilkins, Exchange Associate:** Patricia is a 20 year volunteer in her community - Chamber of Commerce, Educational Foundation at Ready Springs, Lions Club and The Penn Valley Community Rodeo Association. She is a board member of the Penn Valley Community Rodeo Association, which was established in 2004 to provide a safe environment for folks to enjoy equestrian events and riding. The association provides two scholarships annually to High School Seniors who will be pursuing agriculture or animal science majors in college.

➤ **Jose and Peggy Bonilla, Exchange Associates:** Jose and Peggy, associates of the Waco Distribution Center, are currently engaged with the Child Protection Services in Waco, Texas and have been since August, 2011. They have taken several displaced children into their home and provided them with a safe and conducive environment until a determination can be reached for a permanent home. Even though financial assistance is provided by Child Protection Services, some expenses are absorbed by themselves. Jose and Peggy are currently seeking adoption for one child.

**Colbie Lake, Exchange Associate:** Colbie Lake is a two year member of Search One Rescue Team which is a nonprofit organization that uses specially trained Search and Rescue (SAR) K9s to assist governmental agencies in locating lost and missing persons. The team is in their 28th year serving all of North Central Texas (and beyond). The team consists of 42 members and 27 dogs providing four specific K9 disciplines to include Trailing, Area Search (or Air Scent), Human Remains Detection (HRD) and Disaster. Colbie trains with the team one day every weekend and can be called out on searches at any time, day or night.

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## AREA Community Service Awards – Autumn, 2011

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## COMMUNITY AWARD RECIPIENTS, October, 2011

➤ **Dr. Peggy A. Buckner, Retiree:** Dr. Buckner is definition of the word “humanitarian”. She is a woman of character, of grace, of humility, and of honor. She has lived a life of sacrificial giving. She is absolutely committed to helping those who need a helping hand.

For example, three days after she retired from AAFES, she received a call from a friend. This friend told her that her husband had died, unexpectedly, and she did not know what to do. For the next six months, Dr. Buckner walked this widow through the process of burying her husband, and preparing her for life after her husband.

On 12 January 2010, there was a massive earthquake in Haiti. When the earthquake occurred, she first contacted the American Red Cross and made a donation. Then, she contacted her church and asked them to provide assistance. Next, she was on the internet, challenging people from around the world to make a donation to the American Red Cross in support of Haiti.

During the summer of 2010, Dr. Buckner opened her home to four children – ages 5, 6, 8, and 11. These children were from very dysfunctional homes. She provided love, and a stable environment. She spared no expense when it came to fun and learning. At the end of their stay, the children did not want to leave.

When a ministry that she had been supporting in India for a number of years needed a vehicle, without hesitation, she donated the money for the Gospel for Tribals Social Service Society could buy a very much needed jeep. Later, she invited the founder and president, Bishop Marineni Jacob to Texas.

Dr. Buckner has financially supported churches in Ethiopia; houses being built for flood victims in Guam; freeing slaves in the Sudan; distributing gospel tracts in Iraq; spreading the gospel into Iran; getting Bibles into China. There are many other instances that I could share, but these are just a few to demonstrate her commitment to the community of mankind.

➤ **Coy Jackson, Son of Exchange Associate, Headquarters:** Coy volunteers at All Star Equestrian in Mansfield, TX every weekend where he helps handicapped children with horseback therapy. He also mucks the stalls, hauls hay, feeds and waters the horses, sidewalks (holding the children on the horse) and leads the horses. There are many more duties that he performs while at All Star, just too many to list. He volunteers every Saturday morning and during the week if they need more help. Coy has volunteered at All Star for about 2 years and loves every minute of it.

➤ **Hunter Jackson, Son of Exchange Associate, Headquarters:** Hunter volunteers at All Star Equestrian in Mansfield, TX every Saturday morning. He is only 13 so he is not old enough to walk with the handicapped children, but he feeds and waters the horses, leads the horses in and out of the barn and back to the pasture, mucks the stalls, hauls hay and helps with numerous other chores around the barn. Hunter also volunteers at our church every chance he gets.

➤ **Beryl Eugene, Brother of Exchange Associate, Headquarters (Stoneridge Calling Center, Desoto):** Beryl is recognized for volunteering advocacy and support for students with disabilities.

➤ **Catherine A. Leo, Exchange Associate, Headquarters:** Catherine has volunteered with the Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity for over 2 years serving in a verity of areas. She has helped build houses in low income areas, engage & register new volunteers, and various office and research projects. Her efforts have helped to revitalize neighborhoods and build community. Catherine has also volunteered for the past 8 yrs. in the Children's Medical Center parade working as a bleacher host, costume character and banner clown.

➤ **Tamara D. Rivera, Exchange Associate, Headquarters:** Tamara faithfully volunteers weekly and for special events at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children where she was once a patient. She believes in giving back. She believes that it is an awesome opportunity for her to give back and to make a difference in the lives of the children at TSRHC. TSRHC is one of the nation's leading pediatric centers for the treatment of orthopedic conditions. Admission is open to Texas children from birth up to 18 years of age, and patients receive treatment regardless of the family's ability to pay.

➤ **Roque Moreira, Exchange Associate, Headquarters:** Roque is being recognized for 15 Years as a Scout Leader, 10 years as a youth minister, and over 6 months providing legal services PRO BONO to indigent residents of North Texas.

➤ **Myra Towner-Rankin, Exchange Associate, Headquarters:** Myra Towner-Rankin works in conjunction with The Writers Garret, The Dallas Independent School District and the Arts Council to reach out to students in South Dallas. She has completed an apprenticeship offered by The Writers Garret for Writers in the Schools and now works, under the tutelage of the Writers Garret as a Creative Literary Specialist, serving at-risk students in third through fifth grade in an after-school program. She teaches them pride, preparedness and presentation skills so they can learn to "paint with words." Rankin has also served as an academic coach for creative writing at North Lake College.

Myra Towner-Rankin also volunteered for the Disaster Action Team (DAT) for the American Red Cross. DAT members are trained to serve clients at the scene of the disaster with services that range from hot coffee and blankets to temporary sleeping accommodations and credit cards activated in the field for immediate use. In addition, Rankin serves as a Block Captain in her neighborhood to keep her neighbors informed of crime statistics, local events, neighborhood improvement initiatives and community meetings.

Rankin is also the author of a novel titled: "The Rain Will Tell" and will have a second novel published this year.

➤ **Patrick E. Coffman, Exchange Associate( Procurement Manager), Headquarters:** Every holiday season, Patrick includes many AAFES associates, staff, neighbors, friends, and

community members together to his home for a holiday event dedicated to providing necessities to families in need.

Patrick spends endless hours in advance of the event to personally prepare food, decorate his home and tree with an annual theme, and to coordinate the event contributions.

Guests are asked to bring household goods, toys, clothes and other items which are not typically offered to families through other organizations

Patrick works directly with local charities to provide the needed contributions in time for the holiday. His selfless effort and personal financial effort to provide this event has been ongoing for a number of years and is growing with participation annually.

➤ **Lorraine K. Temple, Exchange Associate, Headquarters:** Lorraine Temple has been a volunteer USA Swimming Official since 2005 and volunteers her time every weekend to officiate competitive swimming throughout North Texas. She has been certified by USA Swimming to work at the National level and has not only worked in North Texas but has traveled throughout Texas as well as to California, Georgia and North Carolina to officiate at the elite levels of competitive swimming. These competitions run from 3-6 days, many with preliminary and final rounds of competition. USA Swimming does not pay their officials; therefore, she must pay all her own expenses to officiate at these competitions.

Lorraine is also a certified NCAA Swimming Official and has officiated meets at universities in the Dallas area to include the Sun Belt Conference Championships and the upcoming Atlantic Coastal Championships. These meets usually run over several days with preliminary and final rounds of competition and normally include 4-8 competing universities.

Lorraine is also a certified Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association (TISCA) Official and officiates on weekdays and weekends for local high school swimming meets throughout North Texas, but is highly desired in the Rockwall community, beginning each year in Sept and ending after the District and Regional meets the following February. High school swimming officials are unpaid versus other sports officials in Texas. This speaks highly towards her dedication and fairness of play to the sport for coaches and athletes alike.

➤ **Malinda Kimber, Exchange Associate, Fort Hood:** Every year for the past 2 yrs she orders T-shirts, which she then designs. Associates purchase them if they want (volunteer basis) for breast cancer awareness month. We wear them every Thursday in October to show our support for Breast cancer

➤ **Marie Henry, Exchange Associate, Fort Jackson:** Marie Henry has been volunteering and assisting with the Youth Group at her church for seventeen years. She began assisting the Youth Group when she had family who were a part of this group. Even though she no longer has family ties to the Youth Group, she continues to accompany the youth of her church on spiritual retreats.

Marie Henry will often spend her time volunteering for car washes to raise money for the needy families in the Columbia area.

Marie Henry volunteers at St. Martin the Porres which is a church located in Columbia where she helps feed the homeless.

In the winter, one can often find her volunteering to help rake yards of the elderly in her community.

➤ **Linda Rokicki, Exchange Associate, Offutt AFB Exchange:** Linda was nominated for her selfless dedication to co-workers by dedicating vacation leave and flying from Omaha to Minot, ND to help with flood relief efforts.

➤ **Louise Baltimore, Exchange Associate, Ft. Stewart Main Store:** Louise tirelessly volunteers at a senior citizens home 2 to 4 times a week. She provides a friendly smile, a helping

hand, reads to them and most importantly offers companionship. On many occasions she volunteers immediately after working an 8 hour shift at the exchange. Year around, she buys many items for the residents like toiletries, socks and other items she identifies that there is a need for. She is well deserving of this recognition.

➤ **Richard Chamberlain, Spouse of Exchange Associate, Sheppard North Express, and Retired Army:** Richard has worked with the Green Knights MMC Ch. 54 as President to bring motorcycle awareness to Sheppard AFB. He is also involved with raising funds year round to provide Christmas presents to the local children's home. Richard has planned and organized the National Ride to Work Day for the past two years.

➤ **Wilda Chamberlain, Exchange Associate, Sheppard AFB Exchange:** Wilda has in the past three years been the Secretary for the Green Knights MMC Ch. 54. She has helped every year in the raising of funds to provide Christmas present for children in the local Children's home. Wilda also is involved in the awareness and safety of motorcycle riders at Sheppard AFB due to her being on the AAFES Health and Safety Council and the annual Ride to Work Day.

➤ **Bill Burnham, Shift Manager, Express, Buckley AFB, Aurora, Colorado:** Bill has donated 65 gallons of blood and was just recognized by Bonifils Blood Center, was CNN and the local news where he received a plaque.

➤ **Merly Gofigan, Exchange Associate, Los Alamitos MCSS:** Merly drives senior citizens from the Stanton Community Center every Monday to pick up free can foods and other items that they can't afford to buy. The community center relies on volunteers to take the senior citizen to and from these organizations.

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### COMMUNITY AWARD RECIPIENTS, APRIL, 2011

➤ **Bruce E. Gibson, Exchange Associate, Headquarters:** For the past three years, Bruce has volunteered his time with the United Methodist Church “Amigos Days” ministry. Amigos Days is a hands-on ministry where urban and suburban churches are joining together with residents of urban neighborhoods to make a difference in the city. Bruce’s church (Holy Covenant United Methodist Church in Carrollton) partners with 30 area churches to help with hands-on revitalization of local neighborhoods. The goals of Amigos Days include restoring and revitalizing urban communities. They replace rotten siding, window panes, scrape, re-paint, trim trees & bushes, cut grass, replace old window screens, etc. They work on one or two houses per year and generally spend 4 days per year per house (two consecutive weekends per job) to do the repairs. Depending on the weather, magnitude of work and number of volunteers, they may put in another day or two. The work is done on Fridays and Saturdays. Bruce even takes vacation leave on Fridays to volunteer his time. In 2009 and 2010, he primarily removed/replaced and painted siding, and rebuilt and painted rotten window panes. The following is a link to where our Amigos Days photos are located:  
[www.hcumc.org/Photos/Missions/2009-amigos.html](http://www.hcumc.org/Photos/Missions/2009-amigos.html)

Most of the homes they work on are owned by elderly individuals who cannot do the work themselves and whose homes are in such bad shape that the city has given them notice to get it fixed or else.

➤ **David H. Hufford, Exchange Associate, Headquarters:** David has been playing music on Sunday mornings at the La Dora Nursing and Rehab Center in Bedford, Texas for the past couple of years. He meets a man there that delivers a sermon and David plays spiritual/gospel music and sings to the group. They all seem to enjoy the music but also the time they spend afterwards just visiting with them.

David also plays the music for Saturday and Sunday evening masses at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church and is actively involved in the men’s group CHRP (Christ Renews His Parish).

➤ **Shane H. Sellmann, Exchange Associate, Headquarters:** Shane has been an active member of both St. Barnabas United Methodist Church and the Boy Scouts of America. Shane believes he can serve the community by being a positive role model to today’s youth. Shane has volunteered to teach Sunday school at the church for the past 3 years. He has taught grades K-5, on a rotating schedule. Many of his students are also in his Cub Scout Den.

Shane has been an active Den Leader of the Scouts for 3 years. He started at the lowest level of Scouts, Tiger Scouts, and is currently molding the Bear Den. He has recently taken up the role of

being the new Tiger Den leader this year. The boys rotate through the ranks, and he goes with them. This year, however, there was a lack of parent participation in the Tiger Den, so Shane stepped up and is doing both Tigers and Bears, 1<sup>st</sup> grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade respectively.

➤ **VernNadetta Anderson, Exchange Associate, Headquarters:** VernNadetta has spent her time volunteering in different events to support kids in the Dalworth Community. She has served as the leader in a back-to-school drive, Thanksgiving dinners to seniors, and most recently lead a donation of school shirts to the David Daniels Elementary School in Grand Prairie, TX.

➤ **Oliver and Tammy Clayton, Exchange Associate's Parents, Headquarters:** My parents are always reaching out to the community. They have been transforming the lives of at-risk youth and families; supplying them with technical training in the areas of plumbing, HVAC, general office skills, and tax preparations. Because of their dedication and love for everyone they encounter, they deserve to be recognized for all that they do. (Associate: Shenequa M. Clayton – Green)

➤ **James A. Denning, Spouse of Exchange Associate, Headquarters:** Jim works to benefit St. Joseph's Indian School, Chamberlain, S.D. He buys toys, clothing, laundry detergent, pots and pans, band aids, shampoo, conditioner and lots of other things that the 200 children at the school need. Twice a year, he drives up to visit the school and help in the warehouse. This year, he entered a contest at QVC called ALL THE JOY and won \$3,500 worth of products for the kids at the school. (Associate: Marianne)

➤ **Jorge A. Calandria, Exchange Associate, Headquarters:** Jorge is an Assistant Scout Master with Troop 445 in Arlington, Texas. Troop 445 is sponsored by St. Barnabas United Methodist Church in Arlington. Jorge has actively been with the Boy Scout Program for 7 years. He works with the Boy Scouts in our community ranging from Tigers through Webelos as an assistant scout master and is currently working with Boy Scouts ages 11-18. He has assisted more than 8 Boy Scouts in becoming Eagle Scouts. Jorge has led the Boy Scouts in accomplishing community projects such as building projects at our community parks, churches and schools. The Arlington scouting program has also assisted Mission Arlington with donations as well as community projects to help the homeless and persons in need.

➤ **Steve Wood, Exchange Associate, Headquarters:** Steve is a Construction Lead for the Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity. He has been in this position for the last two years and has worked on the completion of three houses and will soon be starting a fourth house. Most of his Saturdays are spent working on constructing homes that benefit others. The organization he is working with has additional information at [www.rackwallhabitat.org](http://www.rackwallhabitat.org)

➤ **James W. West, Motor Vehicle Operator, Exchange Warehouse, Waco, Texas:** For more than 30yrs Jim has been a Volunteer Firefighter and currently serves as Assistant Fire Chief of Moody Volunteer Fire Department. He is also a volunteer Mutual Aid for the cities of McGregor, Lorena, Troy and Moody Fire Departments all located locally in the McLennan County area. Jim leads toy drives for the Christmas holidays for children and needy families. He has also played an enormous role in fundraising for Jerry's Kids by rendering his services during May-Fest which included his support during the fish fry's and barbecue fundraisers. Jim always goes the extra mile to volunteer his time to help those that may be in danger or may just need a helping hand.

➤ **Burger King Group Award, Michelle Hetcher, Manager, Spangdahlem AB, Germany:** In March 2010, an AAFES Associate's apartment burned down, (Frank Miller (74), BK, Spangdahlem AFB). Michelle, Manager of the Burger King, found Mr. Miller a new apt, and organized the move with other Burger King associates so Mr. Miller would have an easy transition into his new home. Michelle also goes above and beyond the call of duty for her own employees. She brings breakfast from home or other cooked dishes or birthday cakes to improve the morale and working environment. The associates that assisted in the move were : Local National employees: Hermine Schroeder, Gisela Aldrich, Dirk Meyer, Dimitrious Nasou, Gary Hackl, Jennifer Sanoske. US employees were: Charles Wieber, Steve Short, Michelle Hetcher, Gary Hoffman.

➤ **Juanita McFadden, Exchange Associate, Fort Gordon Main Exchange, Georgia:** Juanita goes beyond the call of duty for her fellow co-worker. When he has no way to get to work, every morning she gets up extra early so she can give him a ride - rain or shine - even on her days off, and whether it's vacation time or not. If she can't make it, she makes sure someone else gets him to work on time. She has been doing this almost one year and never has never had a second thought about it. She enjoys everything in life but number one she loves helping everyone she can help. Juanita is truly deserving of this recognition.



➤ **Tonya M. Ruppel, Exchange Associate, Fort Irwin, California:** Tonya has shown great devotion to the Exchange. When her grandfather passed away two days before inventory was to start, Tonya drove to his funeral on Friday morning to Arizona, a 7-hour drive, and then drove all of the way back to make sure she was present for the MCSS inventory on Saturday.

➤ **Betty C Mutai, Family Member of Exchange Associate – Eric K. Mutai, FA Contingency Operations Manager, Southern Iraq Exchange – Tallil:** Betty is...

▲ ...an active member and official at her school's student council where she has helped mobilize the members to undertake community clean up exercises.

▲ ...a prosecuting attorney at the Arlington Teen Court - has served for over three years.

▲ ...recognized for her academic excellence (Honors) as a senior in her school, Bowie High-Arlington. She has earned respect and admiration from fellow students who seek her help-tutoring.

▲ ...an Usher and Youth Leader in her local church. She has organized several successful bi-annual Youth Church Conferences-(International Harvest Church, Irving).

▲ ...is a role model to many immigrant children.

➤ **June Knochel, Exchange Associate, Westover, Massachusetts:** June is the Assistant Store Manager at Westover Branch Store. She is also the Family Readiness Group Leader for the Springfield Recruiting Company, Albany Battalion. She collected school supplies for Operation Home Front for the soldier's families in August 2010. During Christmas 2010, she collected over 50,000 toys for area soldiers for Operation Home Front. She donated a portion of those toys to our local USO and Airman and Family Readiness on Westover Air Reserve Base. June made personal contributions to Catholic Charities in Brockton, Massachusetts. She has assisted a soldier whose two daughters were in Haiti during the earthquake. They lost their mother during this tragedy and June assisted them when arrived to America. She provided clothing and school supplies for the 2 young girls. June has also motivated and assisted local military wives to apply and register for college. She has created a Face Book page and yahoo group for the military spouses.

**Donald H. Caver, Exchange Associate, Fort Campbell, Kentucky:** Donny has always had a love for baseball. Before getting married and having a son of his own to play the game, Donny coached the Northwest Little League team in Clarksville, TN. He continues to coach today and last year led the team to the District 9 championship, on to the state games in Bristol, TN., winning the coveted Tennessee State Championship, and took third place at the regional games in Greenville, NC. In addition Donny organized and created the Clarksville Bulldogs, a traveling baseball team. He has dedicated himself in service to these young boys and girls throughout the years and has mentored each child in sportsmanship. Donny has served as the vice president of the ball club and has respectfully declined the position of club president as he would not be allowed to follow his calling as Coach Donny to so many young people. His interaction and dedicated involvement has served the community in transforming these children into model citizens for the past 19 years.

➤ **David Young, Exchange Associate, Fort AP Hill, Bowling Green, Virginia:** David volunteers with the Boy Scouts and his church youth group. In July 2010 David volunteered for two-weeks as an archery coach at the Boy Scout Jamboree held at Ft. AP Hill. During this time he supported the gathering of 40,000+ scouts from around the nation.

➤ **Donna Carter, Exchange Associate (Spouse of Active Duty), Little Rock AFB, Arkansas:** Donna is a Key Spouse Advisor for Little Rock AFB. She helps spouses while their husbands are deployed and makes sure they are taken care of. She checks on each spouse assigned to her as often as they would like and makes sure they are taken care of after any major event in the area, such as a storm. She attends Deployment Dinners, departures, and homecomings to offer her support of the families. She receives no compensation for her time or cell phone. She is pulled away from her family quite often and does it despite having a husband that deploys often. She is very unselfish and deserves to be recognized for the compassion she shows others.

➤ **Christi Cook, Exchange Associate, Eglin Exchange, Florida:** Christi has been supporting Red Shirt Events not only during workdays but also on her own time – she goes to airport in the early mornings or late evenings to support our airmen who are either coming back from deployment or going to deploy. Christi volunteers her time, and shares her personal knowledge and expertise, to improving social health of the communities where we live and work.

➤ **Diane Ward, Exchange Associate's Sister-in-Law, Richmond, Virginia:** Diane has for years been driving her neighbor to Maryland every Saturday night to get food for the homeless people, and then they feed them. Some items are taken to area churches as well. She does this along with working her job. This takes a lot of time, energy and dedication for her, especially when she is tired. A few

times my brother has had to assist to help his wife and she is using her POV to go these extra miles to feed the hungry.

➤ **Chuck Poffenbarger, Exchange Retiree, Dallas, Texas:** Chuck is a consummate community volunteer. He is always available to help where needed and has taken on numerous volunteer roles. He was appointed by the Dallas County Commissioners Court and served for several years on the Metrocare Board of Directors (providing mental health and mental retardation services). He is the President of AREA and has served in that capacity since 2002 and has done an excellent job keeping the organization viable and supporting the retirees of AAFES, He has been at the forefront in gaining substantial financial support for the organization particularly the scholarship fund. He continues to serve because no one is willing to step forward and accept that role. This is certainly a commitment to community service. He also leads the Grand Prairie Wellness Center as its President and CEO. After serving as a Board Member, he took over the leadership in 2005. He immediately got directly involved and through his hands on approach transformed the accounting system into one that is recognized as a model in the non-profit arena. At the same time, took on the role of Grants Program Director and has done an incredible job over the last several years of managing the program. Grants received in 2005 totaled \$137,439. This past year the grants received by the Grand Prairie Wellness Center reached a new high at \$354,353. As all of this was taking place, service to our indigent clients has increased from \$252,577 in 2005 to over \$688,803 in 2010, He never seeks recognition but it most appropriate he be recognized for these accomplishments and the many others that have not been noted,

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### **COMMUNITY AWARD RECIPIENTS, OCTOBER, 2010**

➤ **Tito Villanueva, Retiree, Tacoma, Washington:** Tito has worked with the Tacoma Police Department as an unpaid desk volunteer since 2006. He has since provided more than 700 hours of valuable service to the public who, on a weekly basis, visits the Department's Northend Substation for information and to report crimes. His cheerful and helpful personality is deeply appreciated and reflects well on each and every member of the Police Department.

➤ **Tony Scanapico, Retiree, Round Top, Texas:** Tony became a Certified Texas Master Gardener in 1994 and transferred to the nearby Brazos County Master Gardener program in Round Top. (Brazos County is the Bryan/College Station area.) In 2008 he was named Master Gardener of the Year for Brazos County for his work in planning and co-coordinating the organization's Continuing Education Program. He is currently setting up the 2011 Continuing Ed Program.

\*\*He's a Fellows Garden Volunteer at The International Festival-Institute at Round Top, known as Festival Hill. The Fellows level program recognizes volunteers who devote more than 100 hours a year to Festival Hill activities. Tony normally helps in the gardens several hundred hours each year and volunteers for over two weeks straight in each March in support of Festival Hill's Herbal Forum. As part of the Forum he co-hosts the Plant Sale, an excellent fund raising activity.

\*\*Tony has chaired the Round Top based Herb Society of America (HSA) Pioneer Unit (chapter) activities. He's still a member of the local Board occupying various positions. As a member of HSA, Tony was elected to and served on The Society's National Board of Directors as the South Central District Membership Delegate. He has also served on national committees. He recently received a Certificate of Appreciation for his work in The Society. That award was presented at HSA's Education Conference in Boston.

\*\*Tony has been active on the UT, Austin, Center for American History, Winedale Advisory Council. At the recommendation of the Center's Director, he was appointed to the Council by the President of UT about 10 years ago. Tony was asked to serve two terms as Chair of that body. His placement on the Council came about because of Tony's interests in history and gardening and his work on the UT historical gardening program, Oktober Gartenfest. (The Winedale Historical Center was originated by the Ima Hogg Foundation. It is located near Round Top.)

\*\*Additionally, about six years ago, at the recommendation of the UT Shakespeare Department Director, the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts appointed Tony to UT's Shakespeare at Winedale Advisory Committee. As a very active member of that committee Tony has been in charge of each year's annual Gala set up, also a very successful fund raiser.

➤ **Deo Nabar, AAFES Associate, HQ, AAFES:** Deo is engaged with community, professional groups and AAFES in the best interest of economic development. Here are some examples:

- AAFES Asian Pacific Exchange (Diversity Resource Group) Worldwide Program Manager.
- Worldwide Oracle Retail User Group – Director-at-Large
- Carrollton/Farmers Branch Independent School District (ISD) Board of Directors (Strategic Planning & Development)

➤ **Jorge A. Calandria, AAFES Associate, Hq, AAFES:** Jorge is an Assistant Scout Master with Troop 445 in Arlington, Texas. Troop 445 is sponsored by St. Barnabas United Methodist Church in Arlington. Jorge has actively been with the Boy Scout program for 7 years. Jorge works with the Boy Scouts in our community ranging from Tigers through Webelos as an Assistant Scout Master and is currently working with Boy Scouts ages 11-18. He has assisted more than 8 Boy Scouts in becoming Eagle Scouts. Jorge has led the Boy Scouts in accomplishing community projects such as building projects at our community parks, churches and schools. The Arlington scouting program has also assisted Mission Arlington with donations as well as community projects to help the homeless and other persons in need. This has been a great opportunity to assist our youth with an outdoors adventure to learn about nature, the environment and the happenings in our community.

➤ **Lois Garza, AAFES Associate, Lackland AFB, Texas:** Lois is being recognized for these community projects:

- Thanksgiving Dinner served at Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center to feed the needy.
- January Cowboy Breakfast. All proceeds go to randomly picked schools each year.
- February Stock Show and Rodeo at the Rib Corral. Proceeds are given to High School seniors for college.
- April Susan B. Komen Breast Walk for breast cancer research.
- N.I.O.S.A (Night in Old San Antonio) four day Fiesta Time. Proceeds are provided for the beautification of San Antonio.

**Pam Thompson, AAFES Associate, HQ, AAFES:** Pam is being recognized for her tireless efforts in serving our Military Service members. Not only does Ms. Thompson eagerly support our troops on a daily basis as the jewelry buyer for the Exchange Online Store, she also provides on-going service by attending week-end deployment events at the DFW airport.

Pam rarely misses an opportunity to attend these events, lending a helping hand where needed to ensure the events are a complete success for our troops. She's one of the very first to extend her sincere appreciation to our military members for their service and to offer words of encouragement, hugs, smiles and follow-up care packages. And she's remembered! Service members often contact "The AAFES Lady" to assist them with their special jewelry purchases. Pam has received countless letters of appreciation along with pictures of the "perfect" engagement or wedding!

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- **Tidewater Chapter, Hampton, Virginia:** The chapter and its members are commended for their proactive volunteer program. In addition to Jane Cutler, Nancy Van Camp, Ursula Foust and Elizabeth Wyman, the chapter is proud of the contributions of all of its members, including Mary Ebron (makes hats for homeless, is a bell ringer for the Salvation Army, and a driver for the blind and elderly), Gwen Peace (assists at both the Langley and Ft. Eustis exchanges during the holidays bagging merchandise and performing other customer service functions), and Ernestine Gibson (volunteers in a day care for children). Chapter members also represent the AREA Executive Board at the annual Hampton Roads American Logistics Association (HRALA) Benefit Luncheon in early December in which a donation is given to AREA in support of its Scholarship Program. Sadly, the Tidewater Chapter deactivated on December 31, 2009 due to a decline in membership and lack of volunteers to fill the officer positions. However, you can still contact the group as we have listed the Tidewater Chapter in the Chapter's link of our web site as one of the Informal Chapters, with Ursula Foust as the point of contact. Ursula's e-mail is Fousturs@aol.com. Thank you for agreeing to do this, Ursula.
- **Javier and Marilyn Cerna, Alamo Chapter, San Antonio, TX.:** Javier and Marilyn willingly give of their free time to help others – to chapter members by providing them transportation; spending time with retirees who are ill, and assisting them both physically and financially; and assisting and volunteering to help church members. Recently, Javier and Marilyn volunteered two weeks to help kids at summer camp. Additionally, Javier repaired numerous appliances, and did some plumbing and electrical work at the facility.
- **Gary Lee Zalatan, spouse of AAFES Associate, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO.:** Sharon Zalatan is a Shift Manager at the Ft. Leonard Wood Shoppette/Gas facility. Her husband, Gary, is a volunteer/reserve Deputy Sheriff with the Pulaski County Sheriff's Dept. and also a reserve officer with the city of Richland, Missouri. He has trained and uses two K-9 partners, who live at their home full time, and who are certified to do search and rescue, sniff out drugs, explosives. Gary does not get paid to do this or for the equipment or care of the dogs. Gary is also a volunteer fire fighter with the city of St. Robert, Missouri. After retiring from the Army he still feels the need to give back to our community/county and can be found volunteering for several other projects as the needs arise, such as taking deployed soldiers children fishing or hunting
- **Doris Douglas, AAFES Associate, Ft. Campbell, KY.:** Doris is active in the church and at work ensuring those who need care or assistance receive it, and she is always the first one to offer assistance. She provided phenomenal support to the family of a deceased AAFES associate, providing care and worship; donates and cooks food for the local shelters; is a youth advisor at her church providing food, clothing, and other types of assistance required; is on the "Mother" board at the church which provides assistance as needed to female members of the church of any age; she is a member of the "Touched by an Angel Ministry" which provides assistance and ministers to those who have lost a loved one; buys food for lunches for the kids so they have a nourishing lunch for the

weekend, and also assists in packing the backpacks; and is a member of the Missionary Group. Doris has taken in many members of her immediate family as well as her extended family during times of need.

➤ **Sharon Anderson, AAFES Associate, Ft. Jackson, S.C.:** Sharon is nominated for the strength and caring that she has shown for a former AAFES associate and her family. The former associate, Rachel, worked in the Accounting Office at Ft. Jackson several years ago. Recently, she had a C-section and is now having major complications after giving birth. Sharon has traveled to Savannah, GA to hold this former associate's hand and pray for her. Rachel is in CCU and is in a non responsive condition. She does not know her family members or her husband. She has never seen or held her newborn child. Sharon thought that if she could just sit and talk to this associate, she could bring the associate back. This associate's medical condition is critical. She has swelling on her brain. Sharon has established a circle of prayer to give comfort to Rachel and her entire family. Sharon is also very actively keeping all associates at Fort Jackson who know and love Rachel informed of her medical condition. Sharon is a caring person who goes above and beyond to provide care and comfort to both Rachel and her family.

➤ **Sue Catanch, AAFES Associate Shaw AFB, S.C.:** Sue Catanch donates breakfast items weekly to the Breakfast Ministry at Mt. Pisgah AME Church and also provides care boxes to the elderly and the sick and shut in the community. She donates items to community churches for the children in the community.

➤ **Willie Weeks, AAFES Associate, HQ, AAFES, Dallas, TX.:** About 6 years ago, Willie was coaching the Oak Cliff Jets when he decided to branch off and start his own organization, the Mid-Cities Giants. There are currently 5 football teams in the organization which is part of the Pop Warner League. Their season begins 1 August and the teams play through the end of October. Mr. Weeks spends hours and hours of his own time each year for these kids. He has touched hundreds of kids over the past years and has given them a role model to look up to. He encourages healthy habits of exercise and team building.

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### **COMMUNITY AWARD RECIPIENTS, 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER, CALENDAR YEAR 2009**

- **Alicia Cook:** Alicia is an AAFES Associate at Sheppard AFB, TX. She volunteers much of her time with the Meals on Wheels Program. She is very involved in Ministry of Helps through her church and also acts as a translator for the community of Wichita Falls.
- **Constance D. Hicks:** Constance is an AAFES Associate at Sheppard AFB, TX. She has volunteered extensively with Hospice of Wichita Falls to include working with Building Bridges which assists grieving children between the ages of 6-8. ([www.hospiceofwf.org](http://www.hospiceofwf.org)). Constance is also active with the Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC) ([www.cwjcwichita.org](http://www.cwjcwichita.org)) which helps women rehabilitate and be a contributing member of society. She has done several speaking engagements at various functions throughout the city of Wichita Falls.
- **Grant R. Fry:** Grant is an AAFES Associate at the Elmendorf Joint Military Mall, AK. He works with the Hmong community youth programs, and has started several scout troops units (club scouts, boy scouts, and ventures). Grant works with boys and girls club as a liaison to the Hmong community. As a volunteer he teaches Hmong Adults English as second language. He also works on their Community Council as an advisor for business development. Grant goes above and beyond in all aspects of his life to better the communities.
- **Shane Crossen:** Shane is an AAFES Associate at the Elmendorf Joint Military Mall, AK. He actively volunteers his time and carpenter skills to help build homes for the Anchorage Habitat for Humanity program when not working and spending time with his family. He is truly valued for the job he does with AAFES and the surrounding community.
- **Willie Mae Wood:** Willie Mae is an AAFES Associate at the Fort Sill Main Exchange, OK. She has volunteered service at the Southwest Oklahoma Juvenile Center in Manitou for nine years. Service includes a variety of social activities, but the primary focus is placed on one-on-one mentoring.
- **Bruce E. Gibson:** Bruce is an AAFES Associate at HQ, AAFES, TX. His community work resulted in revitalized local neighborhoods under the United Methodist Church "Amigos Days" ministry.
- **Deborah Jenkins:** Deborah is an AAFES Associate at Tinker AFB, OK. She has deployed twice, once to Bosnia and again to Iraq. During 2008, Deborah completed a 12 week Master Gardener course through the University of Oklahoma. Completion of the course required an additional 60 hours of volunteer duty manning the phone lines at the County Extension Center answering home gardening questions concerning plants, soil and insects. Even though she has completed the required hours, Deborah continues to volunteer to work on the county extension phone lines. Deborah also volunteered at the

Oklahoma State Fair Worm Booth where she answered questions concerning earthworms and their value. As a certified Master Gardener and AAFES associates, Deborah answers customers' many questions about Outdoor Living products and shares her knowledge with AAFES associates.

➤ **Beverly Saperstein**: Beverly volunteers as a docent conducting tours at the Liberace Museum as well as assisting at all Museum fund raising events. Additionally,

- > She volunteers at Spring Mountain Ranch State Park special events portraying Vera Krupp – one of the Ranch's previous owners.
- > At special events at the Springs Preserve.
- > She passes out surplus bread to the homeless and also distributes surplus bread, snacks, and drinks at the Clark County Social Services Office to people waiting hours in line for rent and utilities assistance.
- > She assists at ice cream socials sponsored by the Southern Nevada Chapter of AREA at the Rescue Mission and the Shade Tree Shelter for Women and Children. In conjunction with the ice cream socials, she also puts on puppet shows for the children at both facilities.
- > She uses her talent as an entertainer performing as a clown at senior centers.
- > She volunteers as an AARP Safety Driving Course instructor.

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- **Jeanne Streeter:** Jeanne was the Historian for the Nottingham Neighbors Club during 2007-2008. As such, she was responsible for capturing the pictorial history of all the Club's activities. She developed a record of each activity by using scores of pictures taken of each event, and designing a theme to fit each event. For her efforts and her expenditure of approximately 500 hours, Jeanne was selected as the Nottingham Neighbors Club Woman of the Year for 2007-2008.
  - **Keiko Guy:** Keiko gives generously of her time to Mid-County Community Center (her local Senior Center where she is a member) as a volunteer in many areas. She donates her time to MCCC two days a week at our Mealsite on a regular basis. She also volunteers to help at Fundraisers and other activities. When time and items are needed, she is first to volunteer.
  - **Gil Betts:** Gil wears several leadership hats in the AARP Tax-Aide program to include: Local Coordinator, District Coordinator, Instructor and District Technology Coordinator. Gil has been involved in Tax-Aide since 1994, the year after he retired. Gil serves as Secretary of the Board of Directors for our local library in Seven Points, TX, and volunteers there often. He is a past President and Treasurer of the Best Friends of the Library. Gil has served for more than five years as Secretary/Treasurer for our Emergency Services District in Trinidad, TX.
  - **Ursula Foust:** Ursula purchased yarn and crocheted 60 baby hats for newborns for local churches. She also graded papers, completed art & craft projects at the Gloria Dei Christian School and volunteered at the nursery at the Ivy Memorial Baptist Church.
  - **Nancy Evans:** Nancy is a children's footwear buyer in the Sales Directorate (SD), HQ, AAFES. She is a member of the Catholic Women's Organization, which supports several organizations in her area. Their activities include supporting unwed mothers, supporting the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, as well as visiting the sick and senior citizens. One of the organization's major events is the Jesse Tree, in which they provide gift wrapped presents for over 300 children in need.
- Additionally, four times a year Nancy helps with the Knights of Columbus fundraisers. She also volunteers in October with another fundraiser, the St. Jude Church bazaar. She is a Eucharist minister and Sacristan at St. Jude Church. She also serves on several different Church committees such as the Welcoming Committee, First Communion, Breakfast Committee and Seasonal Environment. Nancy is a member of the Christian Foundation and sponsors a young boy in Bolivia. Nancy is also a member of the Mary Jo Sheppard PTA.

- **Joanne Gates:** Joanne is a sales associate in the Wiesbaden Military Community. Untiring efforts on her part promote safety and educate children about shoplifting through Community Awareness and Community Outreach programs.
- **Robert F. Haver:** As an AAFES retiree, Bob has stayed active in his community through participation in several fund raising events over the past year. Through his leadership the Desoto Masonic Lodge has been able to raise money from a yard sale, fish fry, chili lunch and a BBQ to support the Lodge's effort to contribute \$500 each to the Desoto Public Library and the Desoto Public Schools. This money has provided needed assistance to the students and teachers for the purchase of books and other education related items. He has also been actively involved in support of The Bridge in Dallas, volunteering his time every month to the service of that organization by serving meals to the not-so-fortunate residents in the Dallas area.
- **Tony Hutchinson:** Tony is an AAFES associate who volunteers as coach of two area Basketball teams, even though he has no children of his own:
- ❖ Age 8 Team Name: Titans. These team players are based out of the Plano/McKinney areas (Suburban based) and are part of the Plano Sports Authority Sports League.
  - ❖ Ages 14-16 Team Name: Next Step Basketball. These young men are based out of Pleasant Grove (Dallas), East Dallas (Urban based). This organization is part of the National & Select American Amateur Union (AAU).
- Tony has coached for 3 years and views coaching as an opportunity to mentor and teach young men the game of basketball, and to prepare them for life's challenges.
- **Michael Sean Raich:** Sean is an AAFES Associate. He is a 12 year member currently serving as president of the Northeast Tarrant County Kiwanis Club. He has held the position for six years as the Texas-Oklahoma District Chair on Circle K, acting as the District Administrator to each year's 9-12 member collegiate district board for Circle K International. He also serves as a voting member of the board for the Texas-Oklahoma District Kiwanis Foundation.

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- **Robert (Bob) Askew**: Bob served as President of the Alamo Chapter for the years 2007 and 2008 and currently serves on the Alamo Chapter board as immediate past president. He serves as Vice President of the Timberwood Homeowners' Association, and Chairman, Senior Adult Ministry Advisory Team at Northside Church of Christ in San Antonio. With his church group, he and his wife, Virginia, donate food and supplies and drive to the Fisher Houses at Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston two Saturdays each month to prepare and serve breakfast to wounded soldiers and their families.
- **Virginia Askew**: Virginia is a mentor with "Apples of Gold" at Northside Church of Christ. "Apples of Gold" is an organization of older women mentoring younger women. As Chairman of Fisher House ministry for Northside Church of Christ, Virginia raises donations for paper goods, food and cleaning supplies for Lackland AFB Fisher Houses, which provide living accommodations for wounded warriors and their families. She also works with Lackland AFB Fisher House management to raise funds to satisfy specific needs of the residents. With their church group, Virginia and her husband, Bob, donate food and supplies and drive to the Fisher Houses at Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston two Saturdays each month to prepare and serve breakfast to wounded soldiers and their families.
- **Guilford (Gil) McDonald**: Gil performed over 2,600 hours of volunteer work for the Calhoun County, Florida community during the period November 2007 thru December, 2008.
  - Over 2200 volunteer hours were spent working on construction of a new building for the Magnolia Volunteer Fire Department. The completed building is valued at over a half million dollars. It was built using grants, donations, and volunteers for all the labor involved.
  - He is a founding member of the volunteer fire department that was formed in August 2002. He has been Assistant Chief for 5 1/2 out of 6 years since unit start up. He is also the unit Chaplain. To achieve his positions, he has taken over 350 hours of training classes/courses in the past 6 years and been elected by his fellow firemen of the unit.
  - Over 200 hours were spent responding to various incidents throughout the period. Incidents included house fires, brush fires, farm equipment fires, auto accidents, Responder calls, and manning helicopter landing zones. Other hours were spent on monthly business/training meetings, equipment R&M, annual equipment testing, accounting, and other duties as needed of an Assistant Fire Chief
  - He performed over 160 volunteer hours at the Altha Church of God. He worked 2 hours every Wednesday night in the Youth program Heart Rock Cafe, serving meals and snacks before youth services. He was appointed as Secretary/Treasurer of the church during the

past year, requiring auditing the church's accounting, attending periodic financial meeting/presentations, and attending monthly Elder meetings. He also works on a food distribution program one Saturday each month

➤ **Sandra Wicker:**

- As a member of the AAFES IT Black Affinity Program, Sandra has been instrumental in coordinating with Paul Quinn College (PQC) to implement at AAFES an *e*-mentoring program with the Affinity Program members and the students at PQC. The Affinity team participated in the PQC Freshman Orientation last fall and then again at the PQC Open House, bringing AAFES' Human Resource team in the Career Fair portion of the event.
- As Program Manager of the AAFES Federal Women's Employment Program (FWP), Sandra has led this program's team in developing special informational and educational programs for AAFES associates. In 2007, the FWP hosted the first AAFES Women's Leadership Conference, which offered skill-building and leadership workshops. The conference this year is "How GREEN Can You Go" and includes informational sessions on how we can make a difference in conserving our environment. In addition, the local Mayors from the Best Southwest Partnership are participating in this year's General Session, telling what their cities are doing to make a difference by going green.
- Through AAFES Strategic Planning and Partnerships' Outreach Program, Sandra serves as AAFES "Ambassador" to the Cedar Hill Chamber of Commerce. Her representation of AAFES extends from attending the monthly luncheons and Chamber's Education Council meetings, to helping with special events such as Cedar Hill's National Day of Prayer, last year and this year again.
- In July 2008, Sandra was part of a local mission team that went to Belize to help repair damage caused by Tropical Storm Arthur and to conduct Vacation Bible School for the local children.

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### COMMUNITY AWARD RECIPIENTS, 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER, CALENDAR YEAR 2009

- **Tom Harmon**: Tom has been involved in many community projects of the Duncanville Rotary Club, including placing flags out on holidays and packaging donated books to send to third world countries. Tom has also made trips to third world countries distributing wheel chairs on behalf of Rotary Club International.
- **Leslie R. Watson**: Leslie has volunteered over 1,000 hours with the Civilians on Patrol Program (COPS) over the past year, and is currently performing patrols once or twice a week. He is attending an advanced class one night per week given by many sections of the police department and FBI to better educate himself and to understand the effect of crime control by the civilian population. He has also volunteered at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery run by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. He is retired from the Marine Corps.
- **William "Bill" Langley**: Once each month Bill volunteers by serving food to the homeless at the City of Dallas Homeless Shelter.
- **Diane E. Van Loan**: Diane was diagnosed with breast cancer in December 2007. She is now receiving follow-up treatment, and is recovering nicely. Not content to be "just" another breast cancer survivor she has thrown her energies into being a Kirklin Clinic (Birmingham, AL) Breast Care Center "Angel", someone who befriends and counsels other breast cancer patients who are facing her type of surgery, or worse. In addition she has volunteered to be part of a study group that is looking at the effects of varying levels of treatment (estrogen therapy, chemotherapy, radiation therapy; any or all the three) on women with her same likelihood of having a recurrence. In doing so she may have to withstand more severe treatments and harmful side effects than what her recurrence level would normally call for. We are all extremely proud of Diane and her selfless concern for others.
- **Karen Smith**: Karen has been volunteering on Mondays for the local Habitat for Humanity in their Thrift Store, mostly sorting incoming clothing, but also bringing dirty (but otherwise good condition) clothing home to wash and dry, and iron if necessary, to enhance value to the local Habitat affiliate. She also volunteers during the school year on Tuesday through Friday as a reading tutor for first grade students who are in serious need for help to learn how to read. She has been doing both these community volunteer functions for 9 years.
- **Robert Haver**: Once each month Bob volunteers by serving food to the homeless at the City of Dallas Homeless Shelter. Although not a member, he has assisted the Duncanville Rotary Club on several of their Community Projects - placing flags out on holidays and packaging donated books to send to third world countries.
- **Lawrence Lefkof**: Larry has been providing food for the needy in the Dallas area since 1986 by obtaining excess food products from various producers, such as Mrs. Bairds, and transporting them at his own expense to the Network of Community Ministries in Richardson, TX. Volunteers from about 50 churches and synagogues go to the Network to collect food for needy families in their communities. Larry also makes deliveries from the Network to organizations (such as Hopes Door for abused women) and needy families.



## AAFES RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

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### AREA Community Service Awards – October, 2008

AREA recognizes retirees and AAFES Associates who volunteer their time and devote other resources, such as personal knowledge and expertise, to help improve the economic, civic and social health of the communities where we live and work. The Review Committee met on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Richard Fregoe and AREA members Chuck Poffenbarger and Larry Phillips reviewed the nominations and, along with the entire AREA membership, are pleased to recognize six people from the Tidewater Chapter for their super-volunteering efforts this past year.

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#### **COMMUNITY AWARD RECIPIENTS, TIDEWATER CHAPTER, VA.**

- Nancy Van Camp: In addition to volunteering her time, Nancy also pays for the gas to deliver meals for the Meals on Wheels program several times a month.
- Ernestine Gibson: Ernestine helps with day care at Bayley, Hampton.
- Elizabeth Wyman: Elizabeth has delivered meals to the elderly and disabled for several years now, and has continued doing so this past year even though the price of gas has skyrocketed.
- Jane Cutler: Jane assists in programs for feeding the homeless. She's also a City of Hampton Police Academy volunteer, and a City of Hampton court watch volunteer.
- Ursula Foust: Ursula volunteers as a teacher's assistant at the Gloria Dei Lutheran School. She also volunteers at the Ivy Memorial Baptist Church Vacation Bible School and at the Ivy Memorial Nursery. She crocheted an Afghan that was auctioned off for \$140.00 at Ivy Memorial for a youth program.
- Mary Ebron: Mary makes hats for the homeless, makes lap robes for VA hospital personnel and takes people to the doctor.

#### **CURRENT AREA PROGRAM FEATURES**

Nominations may be submitted AREA, Chapter and AAFES personnel for:

- Collective recognition of chapter, exchange (or branch/unit) community service accomplishments
- Recognition of Chapter and AREA members and their spouses.
- Recognition of AAFES and assigned military personnel and their spouses.

Community Service Award nominations any time throughout the year. Award recipients are notified shortly after the completion of each quarter, i.e., just after March 31st, June 30th, September 30th and December 31st. Profiles will be featured in the follow-on editions of the AREA Newsletter and Exchange Post. They will also be posted to the AREA web site [www.aafes.com/area](http://www.aafes.com/area). The important thing is to recognize people for what they have done, regardless of the time frame.

Print off the [Community Service Award Nomination](#) form on our web site, complete it, and mail to the address on the top of the form.



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### AREA Community Service Awards

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### COMMUNITY AWARD RECIPIENTS

- Peter Heerens, *Hq, AAFES Real Estate Directorate, Dallas, TX*. Offers directions and other assistance to passengers at Dallas/Fort Worth airport as a Goodwill Ambassador. Started volunteering in 1999 and continues to help out in the USO Lounge. For further information on this volunteering opportunity, contact the Airport Ambassador Volunteer Program Office at 972.574.1492, or send an e-mail to [katurner@dfwairport.com](mailto:katurner@dfwairport.com)
- Ken and Pat Weaver, *DWF Chapter*. The Weaver's are both very active in Duncanville's civic affairs, and Pat is also a volunteer AREA board member. Ken is a City Councilman, Treasurer for the Duncanville School Foundation and Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce. Pat is the President of the Police Academy Association, a board member of the Fireman's Alumni Academy, a Medical Corps representative for Duncanville, a Certified Emergency Response Person for all of Duncanville, and the AREA Membership Chairperson.
- Carl R. Ericsson, *Pearland, Texas*. After graduating from the Pearland Police Academy Alumni Association in 2003, Carl has spent in excess of 700 hours in volunteer police work. He patrols handicap parking areas and writes tickets for illegal parking, assists in enforcing city codes, works at all major public activities sponsored by the city and generally assists police officers where required.
- C. Shelton Beck, *Southeaster Chapter*. Shelton works an average of 16 hours per week as a volunteer at two local Catholic churches. He does landscaping, performs various administrative tasks and assists parishioners who are either physically and/or financially unable to perform different types of jobs within and around their homes.
- Harlan Tucker, *Col Ret., Bowie, Maryland*. Harlan has been committed to community affairs for over 40 years. During his tenure as a park volunteer, he was responsible for opening five new parks in the city, and prepared its recreation master plan. His proudest moment was the dedication of the National Wildlife Visitor Center on the Patuxent Research Refuge in October 1994. When asked what he would recommend for others, he said "Don't be afraid to volunteer, don't be reluctant to ask for help and don't be afraid to find your niche." Lastly, he said "As long as I can give back, I will. I intend to keep going as long as I can stay physically and mentally fit."



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(Program was suggested by Bunny O'Neill, New England Chapter, in 1978)

### 2007 Community Service Awards

AREA annually recognizes retirees and AAFES Associates who volunteer their time and devote other resources, such as personal knowledge and expertise, to help improve the economic, civic and social health of the communities where we live and work. The 2007 Review Committee met on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Chairman Richard Fregoe, AREA members Chuck Poffenbarger and Gerry Cloud, and the entire AREA membership are pleased to recognize the thirteen fine people and one chapter for volunteering efforts this past year.

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### TEN AREA 2006 COMMUNITY AWARD RECIPIENTS & 1 CHAPTER

➤ Harry & Ellen Marshall, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas. Harry & Ellen are both docents for the William Jefferson Clinton Presidential Library. They completed more than 40 hours of specialized training before beginning their service, and have contributed 300+ hours of volunteer work with schools groups (their specialty) and adults as well. Their commute to the library from Hot Springs Village is more than one hundred miles round trip for each day that they spend there. However, they get to meet and greet people literally from around the world. Twice they have received volunteer awards from former President Clinton at local award ceremonies, and an engraved paving brick in front of the library notes that they are the founding volunteers of the library.

➤ Alfred and Billie Mitchell, Augusta, Georgia. She is active in the Masons' Eastern Star and Daughters of Isis. She is also a past vice-president of AREA's Augusta Chapter and attends all monthly meetings, despite having suffered a stroke. Alfred writes a monthly newsletter for his church is active in Shriners, serves as a counselor at a summer camp for children, and volunteers at a VA hospital.

➤ Mary Westbrook, Poquoson, Virginia. Mary is a member of AREA's Tidewater Chapter. She helps with bingo at the local VA hospital and nursing home each month, bakes cookies for the patients, and provides soft drinks.



- Jane P. Cutler, *Tidewater Chapter, Hampton, Virginia*. Jane assists in programs for feeding the homeless. She's also a City of Hampton Police Academy volunteer, and a City of Hampton court watch volunteer.
- Elizabeth Wyman, *Tidewater Chapter, Hampton, Virginia*. Elizabeth has delivered meals to the elderly and disabled for several years now, and has continued doing so this past year even though the price of gas has skyrocketed.
- Nancy J. Van Camp, *Tidewater Chapter, Hampton, Virginia*. In addition to volunteering her time, Nancy also pays for the gas to deliver meals for the Meals on Wheels program several times a month.
- Ursula Foust, *Tidewater Chapter, Hampton, Virginia*. Ursula volunteers at a teacher's assistant at the Gloria Dei Lutheran School. She also volunteers at the Ivy Memorial Baptist Church Vacation Bible School and at the Ivy Memorial Nursery.
- Beverly Saperstein, *Southern Nevada Chapter, Las Vegas, Nevada*. Beverly helped to organize and host three ice cream socials – two at the Shade Tree Shelter for women and Children, and one at Child Haven. She has worked as a volunteer docent at the Spring Mountain Ranch State Park since 1997. She takes visitors on tours of historic areas, shows the ranch house and tells about its history and previous owners. She also volunteers as a docent at the Red Rock National Conservation, assisting visitors at the Information Center. On Christmas Day, 2006, Beverly helped a homeless couple, with an 8 year old child, obtain a motel room for 3 days and, though her husband, Jerry, a board member of Help of Southern Nevada, was able to assist them in getting temporary housing, employment and school enrollment for the child. Beverly also volunteers at numerous Help of Southern Nevada charity events throughout the year.
- Southern Nevada Chapter, *Las Vegas, Nevada*. The chapter is commended for its proactive volunteer program. Ice Cream socials are featured at Child Haven and the Shade Tree Shelter for Women and Children. At each event, ice cream is served to 90 to 100 guests, providing a much needed treat to many women and children living in stressful shelter environments. The chapter again supported the Shoes for Children Program, purchasing 13 pairs of shoes and donating them to Catholic Charities for distribution. Chapter members also assisted the Sergeants Association in December at their annual Christmas gift wrapping booth at the Nellis Exchange mall. .

### **THREE AAFES 2006 COMMUNITY AWARD RECIPIENTS.**

- Carol Chandler, *HQ, AAFES, Dallas, Texas*. Carol is the night Learning Center Manager for the LIFT (Literacy Instruction for Texas) program. She oversees 10 volunteer teachers and 60 students a week for literacy instruction. Carol was recently featured in the February, 2007 issue of the Dallas Weekly newspaper for the difference she is making in the lives of others.
- Thomas C. Steiner, *Fort Drum, New York*. Thomas is the youth baseball manager and football coach in Carthage, New York. He also assists in the youth basketball league. He has received local recognition at year-end ceremonies and a team trophy for his efforts in developing children in sportsmanship and in team sports.
- Sonia Lin, *Presidio of Monterey, California*. Sonia is located at the home of the Defense Language Institute. She's an Army Family Team Building (AFTB) ~ Master Trainer. The Garrison Commander recently awarded her recognition for 250 volunteer hours. She is also the 229th Delta Company Family Readiness Group Leader. She was elected in April for AFTB Master Training through the Army Family, Morale, and Welfare Command.

### **2006 Community Service Awards**

The AAFES Retired Employees Association (AREA) annually recognizes retirees and, for our third year, AAFES Associates who volunteer their time and devote other resources, such as personal knowledge and expertise, to help improve the economic, civic and social health of

the communities where we live and work. The 2006 Review Committee met on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Richard Fregoe, AREA members Chuck Poffenbarger and Jerry Cloud, and the entire AREA membership are pleased to recognize seventeen fine people and one chapter for volunteering efforts this past year.



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### **ELEVEN AREA 2006 COMMUNITY AWARD RECIPIENTS & 1 CHAPTER**

- Leo Sandefur, *Augusta Chapter, Georgia*. Even though Leo suffered a stroke, he still continues to volunteer his time between various programs at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Augusta. He also volunteers at the Golden Harvest Food Bank, giving out food for the needy.
- Jane Cutler, *Tidewater Chapter, Hampton, Virginia*. Jane assists in programs for feeding the homeless. She's also a City of Hampton Police and Court Watch volunteer, and a bingo volunteer at St. Mary's school.
- Nancy Van Camp, *Tidewater Chapter, Hampton, Virginia*. In addition to volunteering her time, Nancy also pays for the gas to deliver meals for the Meals on Wheels program.
- Ursula Foust, *Tidewater Chapter, Hampton, Virginia*. Ursula volunteers as a teacher's assistant for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Dei Lutheran School, at the Ivy Memorial Baptist church as a nursery worker, and helps with projects for the homeless.
- Elizabeth Wyman, *Tidewater Chapter, Hampton, Virginia*. Elizabeth has delivered meals to the elderly and disabled for several years now, and has continued doing so this past year even though the price of gas has skyrocketed.
- Tidewater Chapter, Hampton, Virginia. The chapter is commended for its proactive volunteer program. In addition to Jane Cutler, Nancy Van Camp, Ursula Foust and Elizabeth Wyman, the chapter is proud of the contributions of all of its members, including Mary Ebron (makes hats for homeless, is a bell ringer for the salvation Army, and a driver for the blind and elderly), Gwen Peace (assists at both the Langley and Ft. Eustis exchanges during the holidays bagging merchandise and performing other customer service functions), and Ernestine Gibson (volunteers in a day care for children).
- Ann Brogan, *Alamo Chapter, San Antonio, Texas*. At the Incarnate Word home for retired nuns and lay persons, Ann visits bedridden patients to cheer them up. She leads group sing-alongs, helps conduct parties and helps transport wheelchair patients. Previously, Ann was a volunteer for 5 years at the Seton Home for unwed mothers, teaching them how to care for their babies, cook and keep house. She also helps the Alamo Chapter host luncheons/dinners, and is on the telephone committee.
- Chuck Poffenbarger, *AREA President, Dallas, Texas*. In addition to performing his duties as the AREA president, Chuck is a founding board member of the Grand Prairie Wellness Center, which provides free and low cost health care to low income families unable to access mainstream health care. He is currently the president and grants coordinator. He's also a board member and vice-chairman of the Finance Committee, Dallas Metrocare Services, the Dallas County Mental Health and Mental Retardation (MHMR) agency.
- Joe Manske, *AREA Member, Duncanville, Texas*. Joe volunteers as a cashier for the Duncanville Outreach Ministry thrift store. The organization also provides food for the poor and financial assistance with utility charges.

- James Howard, *AREA Member, Duncanville, Texas*. Jim volunteers with pricing and stocking merchandise for the Duncanville Outreach Ministry thrift store. The organization also provides food for the poor and financial assistance with utility charges.
- Barbara Long Ciebien, *AREA Member, Arlington, Texas*. Barbara volunteers as a receptionist for the Duncanville Outreach Ministry. The organization runs a thrift store, provides food for the poor and financial assistance with utility charges.
- Pat Weaver, *AREA Membership Director, Duncanville, Texas*. In addition to Pat's duties as AREA Membership Director, she volunteers as a member of the Duncanville Citizens on Patrol Team, is secretary to the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni, and is active in the Chamber of Commerce. She also serves on the Duncanville Teen Court.

### **SIX AAFES 2006 COMMUNITY AWARD RECIPIENTS.**

- Michael Immler, *HQ, AAFES, Dallas, Texas*. Mike serves as a judge for the Duncanville Teen Court Program. This program allows teens a chance to learn how a courtroom operates. Additionally, it gives teens a chance to get back on track to being a successful member of society. Mike has changed the lives of many teenagers who were headed down the wrong road. Mike is also a Colonel in the Air Force Reserve and a soccer coach for a girl's team.
- Robert Maier, *HQ, AAFES, Dallas, Texas*. Robert is a part of the newly activated Homeland Security Emergency Air Transport System (HSEATS), an extension of Angel Flight America. The South Central pilots were activated on September 2, 2005 to begin relief support for Hurricane Katrina victims, and later provided support for victims of Hurricane Rita. Robert flew over 20 missions during the period, picking up food and medical supplies from Austin, Texas and flying them to Slidell, LA, and other stricken towns. He then brought separated family members and children out of Baton Rouge back to Dallas or Houston to be reunited with their families.
- Cindy Counts, *HQ, AAFES, Dallas, Texas*. After the death of a close friend, Cindy so impressed the personnel of the hospital that she was asked to serve on the Advisory Board of the Community Hospice of Texas, Fort Worth Chapter. Cindy has begun an 8-week intensive training class so she can work directly with the hospice patients.
- Lurlene Gordey, *Tyndall AFB Exchange, Florida*. Throughout the year, Lurlene bakes cookies and sells them at the exchange to raise money to buy Christmas presents for children who might not otherwise receive presents. Lurlene has been doing this at Tyndall AFB since 1998 and is again in full swing for 2006.
- Sheila Kennedy-Martin, *Fort Drum Exchange, New York*. Sheila is a member of a singing trio – The Sounds of Joy. They visit nursing and cerebral palsy homes in the local community and sing Christian songs. The classic hymns touch the patients' hearts and create unity and joy.
- Leon Williams, *Fort Drum Exchange, New York*. Leon has been the Fort Drum Parish Council president for 1½ years. He coordinates all activities for the Post Chapel. Prior to being elected to the council president position, he volunteered in assisting activities at the church.

### **2005 Community Service Awards**

We annually recognize retirees and, beginning this year, AAFES Associates who volunteer their time and donate other resources, such as personal knowledge and expertise, to help improve the economic, civic and social health of communities where we live and work. The 2005 Review Committee met on May 6th. Chairman Richard Fregoe, AREA members Chuck Poffenbarger and Don Streeter, and the entire AREA membership are pleased to recognize these 11 fine people and one chapter for their volunteer efforts this year.

### **Twelve Awards**

## 2005 Community Award Recipients

Gary A. Neddo, Jr., *Fort Drum Main Store, New York*. Gary is the coach for the Black River, NY Little League and coach for Carthage, NY AYSO Soccer. He also refurbished four baseball fields for seasonal play, and does pre-game maintenance.

Sheila Kennedy-Martin, *Fort Drum Exchange, New York*. Sheila assisted in the Rummage Sale sponsored by Seventh-Day Adventist Church using donated items to raise funds for a local food pantry and its programs. She also works food drives to benefit the Urban mission's food pantry program.

Eileen Jex, *AREA Member, Duncanville, Texas*. Eileen volunteers at the Duncanville Outreach Ministry stocking the food pantry and sacking food for needy people who are experiencing a financial hardship.

Gerald L. Cloud, *North Texas Chapter, Mansfield, Texas*. Jerry has a long history of volunteering to help others. Since moving to Mansfield several years ago, Jerry has been associated with the Mansfield Education Foundation, Independent School District, Library, High School, Kiwanis Club, Citizens Police Alumni Association, St. John Lutheran Church and Arbors of Creekwood HOA. He's also participated in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life run, is a board member of the North Texas Chapter – AREA, and was the 1997 AREA Convention Coordinator for the convention held in San Diego, California. Additionally, He has been the Annual Team Leader for the Tyler Cup.

Jerry Saperstein, *Southern Nevada Chapter, Las Vegas, Nevada*. Jerry serves on the Board of Trustees and volunteers for Help of Southern Nevada working on the organizing committees for the Annual Mardi Gras and Charity Golf Tournament. He assisted in the Help of Southern Nevada's Thanksgiving Program where over 1,000 needy families were provided food for Thanksgiving dinner. He volunteers for the Salvation Army Tree Program in which thousands of needy children are provided one clothing and one toy item for Christmas. Additionally, he volunteers at Catholic Charities and works at the Southern Nevada Chapter's "Ice Cream Socials" for women and children.

Beverly Saperstein, *Southern Nevada Chapter, Las Vegas, Nevada*. Beverly volunteers at Catholic Charities Social Services every week distributing clothing and food to the needy. She serves as a docent at the Spring Mountain Ranch State Park taking visitors on tours and assisting visitors at the Information Center. She volunteers at numerous Help of Southern Nevada charity events, and also works at the Southern Nevada Chapter's "Ice Cream Socials" for women and children.

Mike Villyard, *Alamo Chapter, San Antonio, Texas*. Mike was featured in the October Newsletter for his many volunteering efforts, including Alamo Chapter Vice-President and Vice-Chairman of the San Antonio City Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Board has the authority to hear and decide appeals from a decision made by an administrative official in the enforcement of the City's Unified Development Code, hear and decide special exceptions and to authorize variances from the terms of the Unified Development Code. Mike is also President of District 9 Neighborhood Alliance, Council Chairman for the Academy of Learning in Retirement, Founding Member and a member of the Board of San Antonio Neighbors Together, and member of the Stone Oak Advisory Council.

Lee Rux, *Alamo Chapter, San Antonio, Texas*. While Mike Villyard goes from meeting to meeting, Lee takes out his saws, hammers, drills and other building equipment and concentrates on building houses across South Texas as a crew leader for Habitat for Humanity. In 1995, Lee traveled to Houston where he met President Carter during the "Jimmy Carter Blitz", building 100 houses in one week. Over the past several years,

Lee has assisted in the construction of over 40 homes in the San Antonio area. He has also worked with crews in Cuero, Kerrville, Laredo, and Corpus Christi, Texas.

Nancy J. Van Camp, *Tidewater Chapter, Hampton, Virginia*. In addition to volunteering her time, Nancy also pays for the gas to deliver meals for the Meals on Wheels program for York County, Virginia.

Jane P. Cutler, *Tidewater Chapter, Hampton, Virginia*. Jane volunteers as a bingo worker for St. Mary's school, with HELP, a feeding and sleep-over for the homeless, with the Hampton Citizens Police Volunteers and assists in training for Homeland Security personnel.

Ursula Foust, *Tidewater Chapter, Hampton, Virginia*. Ursula volunteers at the Gloria Day Christian School by assisting with Arts & Crafts projects, copying teaching material and grading papers; at the Ivy Memorial Baptist church by participating in the program to write letters to newcomers in the community; and by providing childcare on Sunday mornings.

Tidewater Chapter, Hampton, Virginia. The chapter is commended for its proactive volunteer program. In addition to Nancy J. Van Camp, Jane Cutler and Ursula Foust, the chapter is proud of the contributions of all of its members, including Mary Ebron (made hats for homeless and shelters, takes senior citizens to doctor appointments and to the grocery store, delivers bread to seniors and many more volunteering areas), and Elizabeth Wyman (delivers meals for the Meals On Wheels" program).

### **2004 Community Service Awards**

#### **Eleven AAFES Retirees**

Guilford McDonald, *Gulf Cast Chapter*. Served as sponsor for a youth group for an out-of-town Winterfest, helps with repairs at his church, and is the Assistant Fire Chief for the Magnolia Volunteer Fire Department of Calhoun County.

Betty Kenyon, *Gulf Coast Chapter*. Serves as Scholarship Chairman, Sons of Italy Lodge, and expanded the program to all six high schools in Okaloosa County this year.

Noma Parkhouse, *North Texas Chapter*. Served as President, Cedar Creek Civic League, promoting civic, social, cultural and philanthropic activities in the Cedar Creek Lake area in Texas.

Marion Maddock, *Grand Junction, CO*. Repairs and alters garments for three nursing homes. Makes cloth bags to hang on wheelchairs. All materials and time are donated.

John Pully, *North Texas Chapter*. Volunteers at Brady Center's Emergency Food Pantry, contributes his time and talents to the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, volunteers at the Dallas Arboretum., and serves as a docent, DeGolyer House.

Tidewater Chapter, Jane Cutler, President. Chapter has a pro-active program supporting volunteering efforts.

Ursula Foust, *Tidewater Chapter*. Volunteers at Christian school by assisting with arts and crafts projects and grading papers, participates in a program to write welcome letters to newcomers to the Tidewater area, and assists at church on Sundays.

Mary Ebron, *Tidewater Chapter*. Member of the "Pass it Along Foundation" which donates kitted hats to veterans, homeless and many charitable agencies, helps with Salvation Army's recycling program and takes elderly people to stores.

Marvin Krushen, *Tidewater Chapter*. Visits children in foster care and monitors their progress to make sure that the children do not get lost in the social services system, as has happened in other states.

Mary Westbrook, *Tidewater Chapter*. Helps with the school carnival at her grandchildren's school, and volunteers with the American Legion Auxiliary to operate

bingo at the VA Medical Center Nursing Home,  
Jane Cutler, *Tidewater Chapter*. Volunteers as bingo worker at St. Mary's School, and at feeding the homeless.

### **Sixteen AAFES Associates**

The Heerens Family, Peter Heerens, *Hq, AAFES Real Estate Directorate, Dallas, TX*.

Offers directions and other assistance to passengers at Dallas/Fort Worth airport as a Goodwill Ambassador.

Clara Waters, *Wright-Patterson Base Exchange, Area C*. Reads to challenged students in kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades.

Diana Rushing, *Wright-Patterson Exchange, Area C*. Works with Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack, active in her church, and participates in American Legion Memorial Day ceremonies.

Maria Rivera, *Hq, AAFES Financial Management & Acctg Directorate, Dallas, TX*.

Volunteers in Frontier of Flight Museum gift shop and raises money for Combined Federal Campaign (CFC).

Frances Horvath, *Langley AFB BX*. Works with scouts, participates in food drives and is a member of a hospice care team.

Jessie Gordon, *Selfridge ANGE Exchange*. Life Guard trainer, and water therapy provider for the Arthritis Foundation

Merly Gofigan, *Los Alamitos MCSS (L.A. Consolidated)*. Received Tan Chong Padula Humanitarian Award for the extensive time she devoted to the Padula Scholarship Fund, donates to the children's hospital, and cooks for the homeless.

Nabuhiro Gushiken, *Kadena Main Store, Okinawa*. Works with youth sports and coaches for youth basketball

Thomas Steiner, *Ft. Drum*. Active in local community, coach of Carthage, N.Y. Little League Youth Baseball, coach of Youth Baseball in Lawton, Ok while stationed at Ft. Sill in 2002/2003.

Barbara & Clark Linden, Vacaville, California. Barbara work in children's classrooms and takes school pictures; both Barbara and Clark and help in youth sports.

Joe Gray, *Hq, AAFES Sales Directorate, Dallas, TX*. School Trustee, Duncanville TX School Board, Master of Ceremonies for the Golden Age Games for U.S. military veterans, and President of the Duncanville High School Baseball Booster Assn.

Kathryn Donaldson, *Fort Myer PX*. Knits & crochets outfits for teddy bears donated to the Salvation Army for their annual silent action fund raiser, and won the Dolls and Bears Category at the Arlington County Fair.

Joni Hagler, *Hq, AAFES Sales Directorate, Dallas, TX*. Installed as President, Meadowbrook Business and Professional Women, and supports ERA Campaign Network and Career Advancement Scholarship Program.

Robert Maier, *Hq, AAFES, Information Technology Directorate*. Pilot for Angel Flight, which transports patients at no charge to get medical treatment. See website [www.angelflightsc.org](http://www.angelflightsc.org) for Angel Flight program details.

William & Debra Slavik, *Waco, TX*. William is Cubmaster and Deborah is Committee Chairman for Pack 806, and both are members of the Longhorn Council of Boy Scouts of America.

Susan Griger, *Hq, AAFES Financial Management & Acctg Directorate, Dallas, TX*.

Supports the Colony High School Jr. R.O. T. C. program by volunteering administrative work, and working in fund raisers.

*We're people helping people...it's the right thing to do!*

**2003 Community Service Awards**

Jane Cutler	Tidewater	Certificate & \$50 Gift
Mary Ebron	“	“
Ursula Foust	“	“
Gisela Fregoe	North Texas	“
Ed Hourigan	Northern California	“
Jean Huwyler	So. Nevada	“
Marvin Krushen	Tidewater	“
Therese Morgan	So. Carolina	“
Nacianceno (Chino) Rodela, Jr.	Alamo	“
Beverly Saperstein	So. Nevada	“
Jerry Saperstein	“	“
Jeanne Streeter	North Texas	“

Note: Eight of the 12 \$50 gifts were Lillian Vernon gift certificates for use when purchasing from their catalog. This Friends & Neighbors corporate sponsorship donation was arranged by Cory Belkov, Mohawk Marketing Corp. The remaining 4/\$50 gifts were checks written by AREA but paid for out of our Friends & Neighbors corporate donation program.

The 2003 Selection Committee met on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Members were Richard Fregoe, Chairman, and AREA members Chuck Poffenbarger and Don Streeter.

**2002 Community Service Awards**

Tidewater Chapter	Tidewater	Plaque
...and members:		
Paul Frederickson	“	Individual Certificate
Jane Cutler	“	“
Ernestine Gibson	“	“
Ursula Foust	“	“
Mary Ebron	“	“
*Marvin Krushen	“	“
So. Nevada Chapter	So. Nevada	Plaque
Jose Diaz	N/A	“
Harlan Tucker	“	“
Norma McNair	North Texas	“
Claze & Sarah Washington	No. Carolina	“
Sarah Greenberg	So. Nevada	“
Imogene Huwyler	“	“
Richard Fregoe	North Texas	“
Larry Grewelle	Metro Montgomery	“
Ken Weaver	North Texas	“
Winston Kavanaugh	“	“
Else Horosko	“	“
Larry Phillips	“	“

The 2002 Selection Committee met on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Members were Richard Fregoe, Chairman; and AREA members Tom Harmon, Pat Weaver and Larry Phillips.

**2001 Community Service Awards**

Bette Hussey	Puget Sound	Plaque
Ginette Cortez	N/A	“
Delores Nelson	“	“
Tony Scanapico	North Texas	“
Ken Penny	“	“
Bob Haver	“	“
Jerry & Beverly Saperstein	S. Nevada	“
Ned Silva	North Texas	“
Ken Weaver	“	Certificate
N.E. Stapleton	Metro Montgomery	“
Rosel Frederickson	Tidewater	“
Jane Cutler	“	“
Marvin Krushen	“	“
Tidewater Chapter	“	Plaque
So. Nevada Chapter	So. Nevada	“
High Country Chapter	High Country	Certificate

The 2001 Selection Committee met on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Members were Richard Fregoe, Chairman; and AREA members Tom Harmon, Pat Weaver and Larry Phillips.

**2000 Community Service Awards**

Jean Huwyler	So. Nevada	Plaque
Lynn Jones	“	“
Gilbert Betts	N/A	“
Tony & Grace Marma	North Texas	“
Fred Hitchcock	N/A	“
<i>Special AREA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Awards recognizing the best of the Quarter Century Community Service participants.</i>		
*Bob & Lottie Allen	Kansas	Plaque
*Kansas Charter	“	“

The 2000 Selection Committee met on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Members were Richard Fregoe, Chairman; and AREA members Don Streeter and Jeanne Streeter.

**1999 Community Service Awards**

Norma Woodward	Puget Sound	Plaque
Imogene Huwyler	So. Nevada	“
Beverly Saperstein	“	“
Betty Brown*	High Country	Certificate
Jim Brown*	“	“
*Husband & wife		
Kansas Chapter	Kansas	Plaque



So. Nevada Chapter	So. Nevada	“
High Country Chapter	High Country	Certificate

The 1999 Selection Committee met on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Members were Richard Fregoe, Chairman; and AREA members Don Streeter and Otha Atherton.

**1998 Community Service Awards**

Bob Allen	Kansas	Plaque
David Talley	Virginia Lovers	“
William Chapman	N/A	“
Fred Hichcock	N/A	Certificate
Richard Hamilton	Tampa Bay	“
Tidewater Chapter	Tidewater	“
Kansas Chapter	Kansas	“

The 1998 Selection Committee met on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Members were Richard Fregoe, Chairman; and AREA members Otha & Pat Atherton and Francis Sullivan.

**1997 Community Service Awards**

Bill & Ruth Yingst	North Texas	Plaque
Tomiko Matsuoka	So. Arizona	“
Bob & Lottie Allan	Kansas	“
Sara Tyler	Metro Montgomery	“
Margaret Register	North Texas	Certificate
Marvin Krushen	Tidewater	“
Fred Hitchcock	N/A	“
Jim Brown	High Country	“
Kansas Chapter	Kansas	“
So. Nevada Chapter	So. Nevada	“

The 1997 Selection Committee met on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Members were Richard Fregoe, Chairman; and AREA members Otha Atherton, Ken Wilson, Jerry cloud and Jerry Keltner.

**1996 Community Service Awards**

Dot Bruner	West Georgia	Plaque
Josephine Johnson	Rocky Mountain	Certificate
Imogene Huwyler	So. Nevada	“
Fred Hitchcock	N/A	“
Bob Allen	Kansas	“
North Texas Chapter	North Texas	Plaque
Augusta Chapter	Augusta	“
West Georgia Chapter	West Georgia	Certificate
Kansas Chapter	Kansas	“

The 1996 Selection Committee met on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Members were Richard Fregoe, Chairman; and AREA members Otha Atherton, Don Streeter and King Hazle.

**1995 Community Service Awards**

Bob Allen	Kansas	Plaque
Sydney Bate	No. Carolina	“
Fred Hitchcock	N/A	“
Georgia Shannahan	Alamo	“
Raymond Holden	High Country	Certificate
Ed Hourigan	“	“
Penny Ishikawa	Aloha	“
Marian Rohrer	Space Coast	“
Tony Scanapico	North Texas	“
Jean Spitzer	Rocky Mountain	“
Virginia Dougan	West Georgia	“
Kansas Chapter	Kansas	“

The 1995 Selection Committee members were Richard Fregoe, Chairman; and AREA members John Ellis and Ned Silva.

**1994 Community Service Awards**

Al & Mary Kulakoff	North Texas	Top Pick Plaque
Sarah Tyler	Metro Montgomery	Runner Up Plaque
Ernest Merlino	Puget Sound	“
Lottie Allen	Kansas	Certificate
Imogene Huwyler	So. Nevada	“
Ruth Stacy	Puget Sound	“
Hazel Gaunt	Rocky Mountain	“
Kansas Chapter	Kansas	Patch for chapter banner
John Ellis	North Texas	Special Community Service plaque

The 1994 Selection Committee members were Richard Fregoe, Chairman; and AREA members John Ellis, Bill burns, Phelps Pond and Ron Wulff.

**1993 Community Service Awards**

Anne Schaff	Virginia Lovers	Top Pick Plaque
Jo Steele	Rocky Mountain	Runner Up plaque
Dorothy Nelson	High Country	Certificate
Fay Kramer	San Francisco	“
Robert Morris	Columbia, S.C	“
Mel Cohen	North Texas	“
Augusta Chapter	Augusta	Patch for chapter banner
North Texas Chapter	North Texas	Certificate

The 1993 Selection Committee met on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Members were Richard Fregoe, Chairman; and AREA members Dave Frame, John Ellis and Ned Silva.

**1992**

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Thomas Bavaria  
Robert & Lucille Henry  
Earl Bensen

**1991**

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Jeri Matsuoka  
Venda Conduff  
Mary Lavoie

**1990**

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Juanita Carbonaro  
Harlan Tucker

**1989**

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Pete Oetjen  
Phyllis Wharton  
New England Chapter

**1988**

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Tony Marma  
James Spitzer  
Robert Henry

**1987**

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Waverly Wilson  
Al Kulakoff

**1986**

Larry Lefkov

**1985**

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Josephine Johnson  
Augusta Chapter

**1984**

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Jerry McCabe  
Charles Simone  
New England Chapter  
Chapter One

**1983**

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Jim McQuoid  
Chapter One

**1982**

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Ruth Barber  
New England Chapter

**1981**

Jerry McCabe  
NY/NJ Chapter

**1980**

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Tom & Margo Bond  
Chapter One

**1979**

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Fred Behrens  
New England Chapter