

## 2014 Marion & Matty Penick Outstanding Community Service Award

*Name of Nominee: Barb DeMarey*

*Name of Nominators: Jim Rudd*

Barb has been dedicated to the Beaver creek community her entire life. Born and reared in the Beaver creek area, her education was accomplished locally through the Beaver creek School system, Sinclair Community College and Wright State University. Her first career was in the Banking industry, serving as a Bank Officer and Branch Manager for 19 years. After several bank mergers had taken place, she decided to pursue a new career path. In January 1995, she became an exclusive agent for the Allstate Insurance Company and opened her office in her hometown of Beaver creek. During this entire time, Barb has devoted herself to the Beaver creek community through her business ventures and community involvement.

In addition to her desire to keep her entrepreneurship alive in Beaver creek, in order to provide service to the community she loves, her devotion to her community is further exemplified by her numerous volunteer activities. She began her community service early in her life through her active participation on the Beaver creek High School Student Council, General Assembly, President of the Speech Club and Block B. She continues to support her school through her active involvement in the Beaver creek High School Alumni Association. She has helped to make a difference in the local community through her significant contributions to the following organizations: Beaver creek Chamber of Commerce; Beaver creek Parks, Recreation and Culture Department; Beaver creek

Fourth-of-July Committee; and sponsor of the Eager Beaver Football Club. Barb has also made a difference in the larger community through her active participation and leadership in the National Association of Female Executives, National Association of Business Women, Optimist International, and National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. Barb is totally dedicated and committed to making the Beaver creek community a better place in which to live.

Barb is also dedicated to the Beaver creek Rotary Club, where she has been an active member for 19 years. Every organization has a member that is the "glue" that holds it together, someone the other members go to if they need something done. Barb has been that person for the Beaver creek Rotary Club. When approached by the Nominating Committee to be a candidate for President Elect for 2010-2011, she voiced her concerns to do so at that particular time because she was in the process of relocating her office and reestablishing herself as an Independent Insurance Agent. This was a crucial time in her life regarding her livelihood. Because she was convinced by the Nominating Committee that her leadership was direly needed by the Club, she placed service to the Club above her own personal and career needs. This is typical of her practice of Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self." Similarly, when Ed O'Shaughnessy stepped down in 2006 after serving as the Club's Treasurer for many years, she placed the needs of the Club above her own to serve as Treasurer.

Additionally, Barb has also served as the Chair of the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Committee, is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow recipient, and played a crucial role on the Interact Subcommittee that established the Beaver creek High School Interact Club. Beaver creek Rotary Club members have gone to Barb with their needs even when their needs go beyond her official responsibilities within the Club because she has a way of getting things done. She indeed has been the "glue" that holds the Beaver creek Rotary Club together.

Barb has previously been recognized for her community service by receiving the Allstate Insurance Agency in the Community Award twice as well as the Central Trust Company Outstanding Service Award. Barbara DeMarey is indeed worthy of the 2014 Marion & Matty Penick Outstanding Community Service Award.