

## **2022 Marion & Matty Penick Outstanding Community Service Award**

### **Name of Nominee: Carol Graff**

*Name of Nominators: Elizabeth Cusack, Fran O'Shaughnessy and Alex Zaharieff*

It is our distinct honor and pleasure to nominate Carol Graff for the 2022 Marion and Matty Penick Outstanding Community Service Award. Carol has practiced Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self" throughout her lifetime in making this community a better place in which to live.

Carol has dedicated her life to serving Beaver Creek, Greene County, and the Miami Valley as an educator, politician, and volunteer. Professionally, she is a retired teacher where she taught at Beaver Creek High School for a short time and then joined the faculty of Wright State University as an adjunct instructor in both the Mathematics and Computer Science Department. She worked for the provost in part-time administrative positions at WSU introducing a gifted student program for high school and with the student and faculty exchange with a Japanese University. As an educator, Carol has impacted many lives through her ability to inspire the love of learning, especially in math.

Carol's civic leadership has been instrumental on the development of the community. Her civic service includes over 40 years in appointed and elected positions as a Beaver Creek Township Trustee (26 years), City of Beaver Creek Councilmember (8 years) and Mayor (2 years), City of Beaver Creek Planning Commission (2 years), Beaver Creek Township Board of Zoning Appeals (4 years). She served on the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission for decades and was Chair twice. Carol retired from elective office Dec. 31, 2017. Carol's ability to scrutinize numbers, to ask tough questions, and to effectively work with fellow civic leaders has served the community well for decades.

Her volunteer work is as impressive and impactful as her civic leadership. Her volunteer work includes the Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County, the Beaver Creek Women's League — President, Treasurer, Newsletter Chair. Her current volunteer work includes: the Greene County Library Board member and President, the City of Beaver Creek Youth Development Council, Greene County Sanitation Source Water Area Protection Committee, the Beaver Creek Wetlands Association Spotted Turtle Trail Committee, and Temple Israel as a Board member and Secretary of the Board, the Beaver Creek Township Fire Department Auxiliary with which she was able to work with the Greene County Health Department at the COVID-19 clinics in 2021

Carol Graff is truly a significant asset to the community of Beaver Creek and beyond. She was just recently recognized as a "Dangerous Dame of Dayton" by the League of Women Voters for the incredible impact she has on the community. Carol is a mentor to many and a legend to all.

In summary, Carol Graff has dedicated her life to serving others. She exemplified Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self" through her generous service to the community of Beaver Creek. Carol Graff is extremely deserving of the 2022 Marion and Matty Penick Outstanding Community Service Award. Carol's late husband, Colonel Lee Schatzley was the recipient of this award in 2019. It would be a great gesture to have Carol receive this award alongside him.