

2008 Marion & Matty Penick Outstanding Community Service Award

Name of Nominee: Roberta Shiverdecker

Name of Nominators: Gussie Jones / Mike Zwick

I have known Roberta for the last twenty years and during that time she has dedicated her life to making the lives of others better. She has been a woman entrepreneur, a member of numerous organizations and a community activist during those years. Even now she continues to operate a small business out of her home.

Among Roberta's activities are:

- Membership in both the Beavercreek Chamber of Commerce and its Women-in-Business subcommittee
- Past President (and continuing member) of Beavercreek Women's League (BWL)
- Member of the Board of Habitat for Humanity
- Volunteer for the Family Violence Prevention Center of Green County Volunteer for the American Cancer Society
- Volunteer at the new Beavercreek Senior Center Volunteer for WORDS
- Member of the Beavercreek Enrichment Association

During her tenure as President of the BWL the Woman in Transition Scholarship program was instituted. The program originally provided one scholarship to a woman who was returning to college to complete degree work after a prolonged absence. (Today there are several scholarships awarded for this purpose.)

As a Board member of Habitat for Humanity Roberta has coordinated fund raising efforts, a drive to obtain a storage facility for tools and supplies and also the donation of food for construction workers.

As a volunteer for the Family Violence Prevention Center, Roberta has been instrumental in securing and preparing food as well as obtaining needed supplies and materials for those who are temporarily residing at the shelter.

As a volunteer for the American Cancer Society, Roberta coordinated the sale of daffodils at schools in every community in the county - a venture that raised more than \$15,000 annually.

As a volunteer for the Beavercreek Senior Center, Roberta has secured food donations and coordinated pick up efforts for them from Panera Bread. She also spends numerous hours weekly at the center doing whatever needs to be done while she is there.

As a longtime volunteer for WORDS. Roberta reads the Sunday newspaper every week to people who are visually impaired and who would otherwise have no access to current events.

As a member of the Beavercreek Enrichment Association Roberta has been actively engaged in raising funds needed to match grant monies - first for the Senior Center itself and now for the Beavercreek Community Theater. Without her efforts - and those of other committee members, the funds necessary to match grant funds would have gone unused and the center would not have been completed. despite the generosity of the Lofino Family.

In addition to all these activities, Roberta has, in the past, worked on providing costumes for the various performing ensembles for Beavercreek City Schools and currently finds time to do prep work for the next day's meals at the Life Enactment Center in East Dayton. And, as if those activities were not enough to keep her busy, Roberta has pledged her support and active involvement in the project to construct Owen's Place, a fully accessible playground for individuals of all ages in Victory Park. This endeavor will include 2 baseball diamonds and a tree house as well as the playground. this creating a venue for interaction between those with special needs and those without.

Many people in the community are not aware of this woman's many contributions to the community. Presenting her with the Rotary Award would certainly go far in alleviating this situation.