



ROCK COUNTY HALL OF HONOR COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2011 - 4:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM N-1 – FIFTH FLOOR

ROCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE-EAST

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes – May 5, 2010
3. Discussion of Procedure to be Used in Selection of 2011 Hall of Honor Inductee(s)
4. Review Nominations
5. Recommendation of Inductee(s) to 2011 Hall of Honor
6. Adjournment

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NOTE: Please contact Marilyn, Rock County Administrator's Office, at 608/757-5510 and advise if you will/will not be attending this meeting.

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Rock County Hall of Honor Nomination Form

NOMINATING INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THIS FORM. Failure to complete this form will result in the nomination being returned.

NAME OF NOMINEE: Rob Wilkinson

ADDRESS: 633 Milton Ave.

Janesville, WI 53545

TELEPHONE: 608.756.2039

SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROCK COUNTY AND ITS PEOPLE:

VOLUNTEER: Rob volunteers many hours for United Way First Call. Through First Call, Rob provided thousands of callers with information and referral on availability of food pantries, meal sites, housing/shelter, utility and legal assistance, education, support groups, social organizations, healthcare and general information. Rob has been volunteering for First Call since 2003. In addition, Rob has volunteered many hours to other programs which are: Retired and Senior Volunteer Program since October 2003, ECHO food pantry; delivering free bread and food items to the Janesville Senior Center and the Gathering Place in Milton, the Letter Carriers Food Drive in Janesville. Presentations on Medicare and Fraud Protection, working the AARP booth at the Senior Fairs in Beloit, Evansville, and Janesville, set up and clean up the Senior fair in Janesville, represents the Older Adults Committee at the Rock County Health Committee meetings. In the summer, Rob also mans the Janesville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau at Palmer Park May – September. Rob is a S.H.A.R. E. Volunteer one Saturday a month. Rob also participated in two Janesville events the Convoy of Hope and the Day of Compassion,

LEADERSHIP:

Rob shows great leadership in the committees and boards that he chooses to be involved with. Some of these include past and present involvement with are: Labor Fest Committee since 1990, American Red Cross, the Rock County and Stateline Area VOAD, the Wisconsin State VOAD (Vice Chair on board), which is a Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters, Diversity Action Team in Rock County, two advocacy groups in Rock County DRIVEN and Citizens Bettering a Community, AARP Board, AARP State Coordinating Council, Rock County Council on Aging, and the HITF(Homeless Intervention Task Force)Board. Rob is also a member of the Janesville School System Communication Network, member of the Wisconsin Women Equals Prosperity Rock County Community Partnership for Older Adults, a member of the Rob is a member of the Nutrition Committee which is working on the state's Add Life program ,serves on a -committee for the Rock County Senior Fair, present member of GWAAR, Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources Board and Advocacy Team, Beloit Chapter NAACP Board, Caregivers Conferences Committee and the Martin Luther King Commemorative Events.

ENTREPRENEURIAL: _____

I am listing Rob under this category not for the money he makes by his volunteerism but the money he saves non-profits and not-for profits. Since 2003 through 2010 Retired Senior Volunteer Program has recorded Rob with 18,857 volunteer hours. He has donated many more hours through his committee and board attendance. According to the independentsector.org one hour of Wisconsin Volunteer time is worth \$17.85. Rob's calculated hours for his recorded hours equals \$336,597.45.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS: _____

Before retiring from the Janesville Police Department, Rob was a member of the Janesville Professional Police association and the Wisconsin Professional Police Association, Board of Directors. During that time he had an impact on a segment of the community by working to convince the state legislature and the Governor to pass into law, "The Police Officers Bill of Rights" and have The "Law Enforcement Officers Memorial" approved and installed on the Capitol grounds in Madison. Rob stated that "both endeavors took a great deal of time and effort, meetings, committees, campaigning, demonstrating, ECT. for a number of years, but the results were worth the effort." Rob also served as the medicare Part "D" specialist for Rock County Council on Aging 2005 through 2009.

BRIEF STATEMENT: ___ The impact of the volunteer activities of Rob on the Community can be illustrated by the improvement in the quality of life in our county of Rock. All levels of governments are involved in these services and this adds stability to the quality of the service offered to meet the needs of our citizens. This is an ongoing process of study to meet the needs of our community and citizens such as Rob who volunteer their time will continue to make an impact on the continuing services offered to our citizens. In 2005 he was awarded the AARP's Andrus Award as AARP's Top volunteer for that year, he was also recognized by United Way's Volunteer Network Helping Hands Senior Volunteer Award, in 2007 he was recognized by the Janesville Gazette as one of the Fifty that Matters' and in 2008 he was awarded the Governor's People Award Presented by Governor Doyle.

NOMINATOR NAME: _____ Barbara Wien _____

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_____ Janesville, WI 53545 _____

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NAME OF NOMINEE: Havisteen "Tina" Lomax (Deceased: 3-2-11)

ADDRESS: 2007 Vernon Avenue
Beloit Wisconsin 53511

TELEPHONE: _____

SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROCK COUNTY AND ITS PEOPLE:

VOLUNTEER: _____

LEADERSHIP: _____

ENTREPRENEURIAL:

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

City of Beloit employee for 30+ years, starting out as a Crossing Guard at Elementary schools and advancing from there.

BRIEF STATEMENT:

My mother was the City's Park Patrol Officer until her retirement a few years ago. She made sure all of the parks in Beloit were safe and clean for families and everyone who came in contact with her in the parks made her a part of their "family" and thanked her for keeping the parks safe and drug/alcohol free. At her funeral, people who knew her from the parks and adults who remembered her when they were school children, showed up; everyone loved her!

NOMINATOR NAME:

Ortese Lomax

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124 Buckridge Drive
Beloit Wisconsin 53511

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NAME OF NOMINEE: JANIS RINGHAND
ADDRESS: 412 FOWLER CIR.
EVANSVILLE, WI 53536
TELEPHONE: 608-882-5879

SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROCK COUNTY AND ITS PEOPLE:

VOLUNTEER:

Executive Director, Creekside Place senior & community center
Chaired fundraising of \$1.2 million during difficult economic times
Secretary, VFW Auxiliary Post #6905
Secretary, Evansville Community Partnership, non-profit community development
Member, Rock County Literacy Connection
Member, Evansville Economic Development Committee

LEADERSHIP:

Representative, Wisconsin 80th Assembly District, 2011 +
Mayor, City of Evansville, 2002-2006
President, Common Council, City of Evansville, 1998-2002
Member, Common Council, 2008-2009

ENTREPRENEURIAL:

Small business owner and accountant, Ringhand Meats, 17 years
New business venture, 2009-2011, Ringhand's Beer Mustard ✓
Member, Evansville Chamber of Commerce

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Member and Vice Chair, Stoughton Hospital Board of Directors
Business Agent, Brooklyn Sportsman's Club
Alumnus, Green County Leaders program.
Mother of two adult children, grandmother of four

BRIEF STATEMENT: I am pleased to nominate Janis Ringhand for membership in the Rock County Hall of Honor. I got to know Janis through her leadership as Mayor of Evansville. Since then, she has stepped forward and now serves as our Representative for Wisconsin's 8th Assembly District. However, she is more than a leader. She is an entrepreneur who ran a family business with her husband for 17 years, and now has a new venture, Ringhand's Beer Mustard. And she has been a passionate volunteer both inside and outside the City of Evansville, and inside and outside of Rock County. During an economic downturn when many - including me - thought it couldn't be done, Janis spearheaded a \$1.2 million fundraising effort as Executive Director of Creekside Place, Evansville's new senior and community center. Janis is more than a leader, more than an entrepreneur, and more than a volunteer.

NOMINATOR NAME:

MICHAEL PIERICK

ADDRESS:

126 GROVE ST.
EVANSVILLE, WI 53536

TELEPHONE:

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NAME OF NOMINEE: Eva Arnold

ADDRESS: 8344 S. Schroeder Road
Beloit, WI 53511

TELEPHONE: 608-676-4725

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SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROCK COUNTY AND ITS PEOPLE:

VOLUNTEER:

Eva is a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, served on the Parish Council, co-chaired the bingo nights, and is currently a reader and Eucharistic Minister.

Eva started volunteering at the Beloit Hospital in 1990 and will be completing her 21st year in May. She is on the Annual Fund Raising Committee for the Foundation and has worked on many fundraisers for the Hospital, such as the Festival of Trees, jewelry sales, art sales, cookie sales, gift shop, and blood drives. She has chaired the semi-annual book sale since 2003 and still considers it her baby. This spring the book fair sold more than \$15,000 in books and the money is used for equipment and repairs. She is the liaison person with the Volunteer in Partnership Board (VIP) with Beloit Health Systems and the Foundation Board where she is currently serving a 2-year term. She previously wrote articles for the volunteer newsletters. Eva served on the Beloit Memorial Hospital Board and the ER Steering Committee for the renovation and expansion of the ER.

Eva is a member of the Shopiere Garden Club where they earn money and plant trees in the park and flowers by the Shopiere clock.

She works with the Beloit Intermediate Women in their philanthropic area and is past President. This group raises money for community places in need, for example, providing dental care for those who cannot afford it in the old Beloit Mall.

She volunteers with the Turtle Fall Fest and always participates in the "Are you Smarter than a Fifth Grader" program. She gives the historical talk of the area on the hayrides around Shopiere and Tiffany.

Eva has worked with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and is past-President of RSVP. She is currently serving on the Governor's Board on Aging and Long Term Care, having been appointed to that position by Gov. Doyle. She meets monthly with this group in Madison.

She is still a member of Turtle Homemakers. She works annually at the Turtle Fire Dept. Pancake Feed, its only fundraiser, to raise funds for the fire department.

In 1989 Eva started volunteering to read to first graders at the Wright Elementary School where her daughter, Cathy, teaches. She reads stories to the class and then listens as the students read books to her. She is probably the school's biggest collector of school supplies. There is not a vendor at any convention, store manager, or restaurant owner who hasn't been targeted by Eva to provide "samples" for the students at Wright Elementary School. Those of us who attend the conventions with Eva are put to work carrying out to her car bags of school supplies, award gifts, and mementos to give to the children.

LEADERSHIP:

Eva took the census for the school district where she still lives, and worked hard for the consolidation of the Clinton schools. The consolidation allowed all the children an opportunity to learn a foreign language, be a part of music programs, intermural sports, apprentice programs, participate in better theater productions, and provide help for the handicapped. She was also on the building committee and the new community school board.

Eva has always been involved in Rock County 4-H programs as a youth and later served as a 4-H leader. She was the first female to exhibit swine at the Wisconsin State Fair. She also had home-ec entries at the State Fair because her projects always excelled at the County Fair.

She was a foods leader, co-chair, and finally chair for the Turtle Grange 4-H club. She, and others, started the food tent at the 4-H Fair because she wanted the 4-H kids to have a good, hot breakfast. She was also a member of the Home-ec group where she helped organize family dinners and Christmas programs.

Eva was hired as an instructor of English at Beloit Memorial High School where she taught for 17 years. During those years she lost her husband and grandson. She retired at the end of her 17th year to take care of her terminally ill daughter.

In 1998 Eva was elected to the Rock County Board of Supervisors representing District 6. She has served diligently on many committees:

Agriculture & Extension: 1998-2006, 2008-present (Vice Chair 2009-present)

Planning & Development: 1998-2007

Rail Transit: 2002-2004 (Chair 2002-2004)

Education, Veterans and Aging Services: 2004-2006 (Chair 2004-2006)

Hall of Honor: 2004-2006

Public Works: 2006-present

County Board Staff: 2007-present

Eva was recently recognized by the State of Wisconsin for having served 10 years on the Rock County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee. Eva has been past Secretary of the District 2 Wisconsin Association of Extension Committees. In addition, Eva represented Wisconsin for 2 years at the National Extension Lay Leaders Conference in Washington D.C. She has been a strong advocate for Agriculture and 4-H Youth Programs, and has been a strong advocate for programs that serve seniors.

She keeps many a staff person on their toes with thoughtful questions, witty comments, a warm smile, and great affection.

ENTREPRENEURIAL:

Eva was almost 40 when she found time to achieve one of her goals. She began attending UW-Rock County. She was one of the first students when it opened and came early enough to help move in the desks. She later transferred to Beloit College where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in English. She went on to achieve her Master's of Arts in Teaching.

She volunteered and then was hired to teach Adult Basic Education at Blackhawk Tech. Eva and husband, Ralph, let the students use an acre of their farm for the healthy learning of growing vegetables.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS: _____

BRIEF STATEMENT:

Eva is a mentor, leader, volunteer extraordinaire, organizer, hard worker, and never stops learning or inquiring about things. She also never stops giving or caring about her family and community. I believe there are many, many more things Eva has done in her life and unfortunately I cannot ask her about them, as she is unaware of this nomination. I know she grew up during the Depression and she and her family worked very hard, like most others, always shared with others; and she has great empathy for those in need. She has told me of her getting her driver's license at the age of 12 to drive farm machinery and later driving semi to the stockyards in Chicago.

She expresses friendship and caring to everyone she meets. Eva is the woman all us other women hope to be like when we grow up.

NOMINATOR NAME: Sandra Kraft

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 Edgerton, WI 53534

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NAME OF NOMINEE: RONNIE & DELORES THOMAS

ADDRESS: 2120 GARDEN DR.

JANESVILLE WI 53546

TELEPHONE: 608-754-4433

SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROCK COUNTY AND ITS PEOPLE:

VOLUNTEER: SHARE - JANESVILLE SITE FOR MANY YEARS, FUND RAISING FOR HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS FOR LESS FORTUNATE, ENTER FLOAT PROMOTING SHARE IN AREA PARADES.
SALVATION ARMY - RING BELL ABOUT 70 HOURS EACH, COATS FOR KIDS, BACK TO SCHOOL CLOTHES FOR KIDS, ANGEL TREE AT CHRISTMAS, DOUGHNUT FUNDRAISER. NATIONAL MUTUAL BENEFIT INSURANCE SPONSORED VOLUNTEER GROUP - HOLD HANDS DAY, EASTER EGG HUNT AT CARVER ROEHL PARK, JUST SAY NO PARTY FOR BELDIT-CLINTON CHILDREN, CARVER ROEHL CLEANUP DAY, EASTER EGG HUNT AT PALMER PARK.

LEADERSHIP: SHARE OUTREACH COORDINATORS SOUTHERN WISCONSIN - NORTHERN ILLINOIS, JANESVILLE SHARE SITE COORDINATORS 2004-2010, NATIONAL MUTUAL INSURANCE TRUSTEES, UNITED WAY VOLUNTEERS NETWORK, 2007 HELPING HAND AWARD, 2007 OUTSTANDING FAMILY VOLUNTEER AWARD, UAW OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS IN THE COMMUNITY - 2004.

DELORES ONLY - 2008 WOMAN OF DISTINCTION, 2009 SHARE SERVANT LEADER AWARD. RONNIE ONLY - VICE CHAIRMAN UAW RETIREE CHAPTER, COORDINATOR RETIREE ^{PIONEER} PICNIC, ELECTION COORDINATOR, UAW COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE, PIONEER AWARD, HELPS WITH UAW SPONSORED BLOOD DRIVES.

ENTREPRENEURIAL: _____

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS: POSTAL WORKERS YEARLY FOOD DRIVE, DELIVER MEALS FROM THE HOSPITAL, DELIVER MEALS FOR COUNCIL ON AGING, MR. AND MRS. EASTER BUNNY FOR PALMER PARK EGG HUNT, MR. & MRS. SANTA CLAUS, SPECIAL OLYMPICS - DELOIT+JANESVILLE, LABOR FEST, MONSTER MACHINES IN MOTION, FAMILY FUN FEST, YWCA RACE AGAINST RACISM
DELORES FUND RAISES & WALKS IN THE RELAY FOR LIFE MOST YEARS, AND DONATES FOOD FOR FUND RAISERS FOR THE TALLMAN HOUSE & SPECIAL OLYMPICS.

BRIEF STATEMENT: FOR ABOUT THE LAST 20 YEARS RONNIE & DELORES HAVE EXHIBITED THE TRUE SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERISM. THEY ARE A TEAM AND THEIR DEVOTION TO HELPING OTHERS IS ENDLESS. THEY HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF MANY PEOPLE IN ROCK COUNTY AND SOUTHERN WISCONSIN. PLEASE CONSIDER AND ACCEPT THEM FOR INDUCTION INTO THIS YEARS ROCK COUNTY HALL OF HONOR.

NOMINATOR NAME: TERRY THOMAS
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