

# HILLSBORO

*Where the Stars Shine*

20 ANNUAL  
10 AWARDS

**Emma C. McKinney Distinguished Citizen**

- 2009 Tom Hughes
- 2008 Denzil Scheller
- 2007 Don McCoun
- 2006 Lloyd Baron
- 2005 Gene Zurbrugg
- 2004 Judy Willey
- 2003 Darlene Greene
- 2002 Marilyn Helzerman
- 2001 Rick Van Bevern
- 2000 Gordon Faber
- 1999 W. Arden Sheets
- 1998 Jerry Willey
- 1997 Robert L. Terry
- 1996 Russell L. Wilkinson
- 1995 Grant Johnson
- 1994 JoAnn Heinrich
- 1993 Shirley Huffman
- 1992 Eldon Mills
- 1991 Herman Woll
- 1990 Mervin Brink
- 1989 Jim Harp
- 1988 Patricia Graham

**Bob Herb Leadership Award**

- 2009 Debbie Clarke
- 2008 Tim Erwert
- 2007 Jerry Willey
- 2006 Dick Inukai
- 2005 Arden Sheets
- 2004 Rick Van Bevern
- 2003 Shirley Huffman
- 2002 Marj Vuylsteke
- 2001 Jeanette Hamby
- 2000 Marilyn Helzerman
- 1999 Robert Evans
- 1998 Jim Harp
- 1997 Grant Johnson

**Business of the Year**

- 2009 Advanced Technology Group
- 2008 West Coast Bank
- 2007 Columbia Community Bank
- 2006 Hillsboro Pharmacy
- 2005 Seabold Family of Senior Housing
- 2004 Metro West Ambulance
- 2003 Dick's Country Dodge / Dick's MacKenzie Ford
- 2002 Hillsboro Aviation
- 2001 Garland, Griffiths, et al.
- 2000 Brethauer Oil
- 1999 Baker Rock Resources
- 1998 Jones & Roth, P.C.
- 1997 BCA Financial Services
- 1996 McDonald's of Hillsboro
- 1995 Intel Corporation
- 1994 Ben Rogers MacKenzie Ford
- 1993 Moments in Time
- 1992 Zurbrugg Construction
- 1991 AB Farms Bill Hesse
- 1990 Power Rents, Inc.
- 1989 Oregon Roses
- 1988 Washington Federal Savings Bank

**Organization of the Year**

- 2009 Oregon International Airshow
- 2008 Tuality Healthcare
- 2007 Hospice of Washington County
- 2006 Centro Cultural
- 2005 Community Action Organization
- 2004 Hillsboro School

- Foundation
- 2003 Tualatin Valley Garden Club
- 2002 Jackson Bottom Wetlands
- 2001 A Child's Place
- 2000 SOLV
- 1999 Volunteer Airshow Committees
- 1998 Friends of H.A.R.T.
- 1997 Hillsboro Boys & Girls Club
- 1996 Hillsboro Rotary Club
- 1995 Hillsboro High School Key Club
- 1994 Tuality Hospital Auxiliary
- 1993 Hillsboro Elks Lodge
- 1992 Sunrise Rotary of Hillsboro
- 1991 Active 20-30 Club
- 1990 Alpha Upsilon, ESA
- 1989 Kiwanis
- 1988 Kiwanis

**Chairman's Award**

- 2009 Jonathan Williams
- 2008 Brett & Tiffany Estes
- 2007 Debbie Clarke
- 2006 Ron Powne
- 2005 Domestic Violence Resource Center
- 2004 Ron Louie
- 2003 Perry Gruber
- 2002 Bob Terry
- 2001 Manuel Castaneda
- 2000 Dennis Griffiths
- 1999 Matt Brink
- 1998 Robert R. French
- 1997 Rick Van Bevern
- 1996 Darlene Greene
- 1995 Bob Evans
- 1994 Long Range Planning Committee
- 1993 Grant Johnson
- 1992 Timothy J. Erwert

**Special Merit Service**

- 2006 David Lawrence
- 2005 Lynn Adamo
- 2004 Jack and Jan McGowan
- 2003 John Coulter
- 2002 Intel Corporation
- 2001 Kathy Murphy-Hogan
- 2000 The Hillsboro Argus Walter McKinney & Dick McKinney
- 1999 Thomas A. Huffman
- 1996 Gayle Darr
- 1995 Bob Evans
- 1994 Bruce Hochstein
- 1993 Charles Noble
- 1992 Wes Hebron
- 1991 Cecelia Carroll JoAnn Heinrich

**Outstanding Professional**

- 2009 Kurt Koehler
- 2008 Bob Grover
- 2007 Steve Callaway
- 2006 Judge Gayle Nachtigal
- 2005 Dr. Edmundo Rosales Dr. Michael O'Neill
- 2004 John Newell
- 2003 Catherine Crooker
- 2002 Judy Baines
- 2001 Lila Ashenbrenner
- 2000 Russ Sterenberg
- 1999 David Lawrence
- 1998 Al Miller

- 1997 Richard V. Stenson
- 1996 Darlene Greene
- 1995 Frank Wallender
- 1994 Tim Erwert
- 1993 Jerralynn Ness
- 1992 Lloyd Baron
- 1991 Flo Rhea
- 1990 Kay Kirkbride
- 1988 Nikki Squire

**Agricultural Achievement**

- 2009 Tom Duyck
- 2008 Dobbin Farms - Ron Dobbin & Vince Dobbin
- 2007 Tim & Pamela Dierickx
- 2006 Hertel & Herb Farm, Dave & Sally Herb Dick & Sue Hertel
- 2005 Hoffman Farms, Jay & Kelly Hoffman
- 2004 Pearson Tree Farm Daral and Virginia Pearson
- 2003 Duyck Farms, Mike Duyck
- 2002 Pacific Harvest Supply Co., Jeff Duyck
- 2001 Hertel Farms Chris, Vicki & Charlie Hertel
- 2000 Vanderzanden Farms Bob, Crystal & Tad Vanderzanden
- 1999 Kenneth & Jeanne Buel
- 1998 VanDyke Seed Company
- 1997 Marsh Homestead, Inc. George & Judy Marsh
- 1996 Matt & Kathi Unger
- 1995 Elmer & Lillian Grossen
- 1994 Vanasche Farm
- 1993 Oregon Garden Products
- 1992 Ziegler Olson Farms, Inc.
- 1991 Simantel Farms, Inc.
- 1990 Dixie Mountain Tree Farm
- 1989 John Thomas
- 1988 Jossy Farms

**Distinguished Youth**

- 2009 Muni Sharon Reddy
- 2008 Lyssa Richmond
- 2007 Tucker Dane Walker
- 2006 Kevorik Isikbay
- 2005 Jade Sheldon
- 2004 4-H Tech Wizards
- 2003 Megan Jones
- 2002 Tim Ober
- 2001 Mac Morris
- 2000 Julie Schulmerich Rachel Unger
- 1999 Marilyn Hinds Myra Coe
- 1998 Julia K. Krautscheid
- 1997 Megan Ostrem
- 1996 Glencoe High School National Honor Society
- 1995 Brookwood Elementary
- 1994 Cesar Garcia
- 1993 Hillsboro Alternative School
- 1992 Girl Scouts Rainbow Valley
- 1991 Sidney Brunswick
- 1990 Civil Air Patrol
- 1989 Thomas Jr. High School Leadership
- 1988 Girl Scouts Rainbow Valley

**Philanthropic Leadership**

- 2008 The Baker Charitable Trust - Gary T. Baker & Jan Baker-Carlson
- 2007 Richard Inukai
- 2004 Glenn and Viola Walters
- 2003 Doug and Retha Wetter

**Volunteer of the Year**

- 2009 Michael & Susan Warrens
- 2008 Don Suhrbier
- 2007 Alyce Dawes
- 2006 Chamber Ambassadors Committee
- 2005 Kim Juskiewicz & Mary Jones
- 2004 Michael Terhorst
- 2003 Mary Phillips

**Distinguished Citizen Senior**

- 1987 Raymond Hertel
- 1986 Robert (Bob) Herb
- 1985 Harold Eastman
- 1984 Andy Sichler
- 1983 Don McCoun
- 1982 Herman Woll
- 1981 Shel Scarrott
- 1980 Herb Mohr
- 1979 Lloyd Baron (Man of the Year)
- 1978 Jack Heinrich (Man of the Year)
- 1977 Grant Johnson
- 1976 Walt McKinney
- 1975 Dennis Binkerd
- 1973 Bill Morgan
- 1972 Howard Davis
- 1970 Edwin Bowman
- 1969 Kenneth Pickett
- 1968 Glenn Holt
- 1966 Phil Mussotto
- 1965 Verne McKinney
- 1964 Orange Phelps
- 1963 J.W. Barney
- 1962 Dr. A.O. Pitman Sr.
- 1949 Mrs. William B. Chandler
- 1948 Mrs. Emma C. McKinney
- 1947 Reverend Clifford Trout
- 1940 Mrs. E.L. Erickson

**Junior**

- 1987 Jeffrey Schuh
- 1985 Fred Bass
- 1984 Doug Johnson
- 1983 Don White
- 1982 John Meek
- 1981 Stan Rickard
- 1980 Dave Pool
- 1977 Al Young
- 1976 Charles Cleveland
- 1975 Dan Mevis
- 1973 Don Karlbom
- 1972 Ross Mathews
- 1970 Don Blem
- 1969 William Wilkerson
- 1968 Dick Beeler
- 1966 Ad Rutschman
- 1965 David Frost
- 1964 Harold Ruecker
- 1963 Lance Mushaw
- 1962 Dave Hurford
- 1950 Richard Wiley
- 1949 Walter Grosjean
- 1948 Tom Bronleewe

**Emma C. McKinney Achievement Award Senior**

- 1987 Adrienne Peterson

- 1986 Mayor Shirley Huffman
- 1985 Helen Jeremiah
- 1984 Beverly Jeanne Miller
- 1983 Lucille Woll Edith Lippert
- 1982 Betty DuCharme
- 1981 Bertha Bostad
- 1980 Marlene Faber
- 1979 JoAnn Ruecker (Woman of the Year)
- 1978 Sharon Blanchard (Woman of the Year)
- 1977 Arlene Eslinger
- 1976 Hazel Cyrus
- 1975 Margaret Sievers
- 1973 Mrs. Leon Mohr
- 1972 Ruth Brink
- 1970 Gloria Ferguson
- 1969 Mrs. Arthur Kroeger
- 1968 Idylia Manley

**Junior**

- 1987 Sharon Evans
- 1986 Joan Cason
- 1985 Addie Hesse
- 1984 Connie Thiessen
- 1983 Rennia Meek
- 1982 Annie Rogers
- 1981 Carol Loughner
- 1980 Jan Young
- 1977 Claudia Hale
- 1976 Pat Johnson
- 1975 Loretta Milnes
- 1973 Carolyn Snyder
- 1972 Marilyn Turnbull
- 1970 Susan Blem
- 1968 Pauline Madenwald

**Past Achievement Award Winners**

- Business of the Year
- 1999 Baker Rock Resources
- 1996 Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club
- 1995 KUIK Radio
- 1994 New Tech Electric
- 1993 Country Gardens
- 1992 Oak Knoll Winery, Inc.
- 1991 Reedville Cafe & Catering
- 1990 Horton's Sav-On Office Supply
- 1989 Gratter's Tire and Wheel Center, Inc.
- 1988 LaHaie's Man's Shop

**Scholar of the Year**

- 1996 Walter Hellman
- 1995 Stan Miller
- 1994 Marilyn McGlasson
- 1993 Michael Tinnesand
- 1992 Jim Van Dyke
- 1991 Dr. Dwight Sangrey
- 1990 Michael McCullough
- 1988 Teresa Ann Bruce

**Sportsperson of the Year**

- 1996 Tiffeny Milbrett
- 1995 Vern Petrick
- 1994 Richard McKinney
- 1993 Ted Zehr
- 1992 Jim Roofener
- 1991 Mark Neffendorf Ron James
- 1990 Elden Kellar
- 1988 Tiffeny Milbrett

**Visual and Performing Arts**

- 1996 Karen Thayer
- 1995 Bernie Kuehn
- 1994 Kim Sandstrom

EMMA C. MCKINNEY DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD

Because of this person, hundreds of local agencies have received valuable funds, jets fly high and orchestra music can be heard in downtown Hillsboro. Because of this person, roads are more easily traveled, new businesses believe in Hillsboro and Hillsboro has a vision for the next 10 years and beyond.



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KEITH PEAL

This person is Keith Peal. Keith is the director of marketing for Baker Rock Resources, but he's much more than that to Hillsboro. He is a beacon for our community. Keith continues to work for the betterment of the community with the highest regard to colleagues, his family, friends, business partners, and complete strangers.

Keith is the most honest and sincere man, and has a "no nonsense" approach, frequently asking probing questions, testing assumptions, and deftly articulating views of the Hillsboro business community. He does this all the while listening with the interest of others and always trying to build consensus around practical common sense solutions.

Keith Peal is a graduate of Leadership Hillsboro and served on its advisory council from 1998-2000. He was the first two-year chair of the board for the Hillsboro Chamber during 2008-2009 and is current chair of the board of the Oregon International Airshow. Deanna Palm, president, Hillsboro Chamber described Keith as "the inspiration and director of action." Keith is not afraid....Keith is not

afraid to roll up his sleeves to volunteer for community projects, like the Fourth of July Parade and Celebrate Hillsboro, to name a few. He brings balance to a very busy life with great hobbies such as his love for planes, trains, and automobiles. He is a dedicated family man who has coached his kids' soccer, basketball, and football teams.

As a leader you must be able to balance the demands of work, support the community through a variety of events as well as maintain the top priority of being a leader in your personal life. You must do this while preserving integrity and humility. These are Keith's strengths. Mayor Jerry Willey says, "I have often seen him step up to lead a project or advocate for a potentially controversial position while communicating sensitivity to those who may not agree."

Barry Starkman, plant manager for Genentech, says "Keith took a sincere interest in my integration into the community." Barry was one of the first employees to relocate and command Genentech in Hillsboro. He knew connecting with the community would be a very important part of that move, and Keith was one of the first people to welcome him and provide an understanding of what a great support system Hillsboro has in place.

Many in Hillsboro are indebted for Keith's participation, support and kindness. The community as a whole is especially grateful for the contribution of his ideas, initiation and completion of so many projects to serve Hillsboro. ☐



# PHILANTHROPIC LEADERSHIP AWARD

Jean Gratteri annually carries forward a dream her deceased husband Leonard pioneered with the Hillsboro Rotary Club.

Jean heard Leonard talk often about local young people with talent who would enter the world of work immediately after high school graduation with little or no training. He felt students should be encouraged to take technical training or community college career classes and financial assistance should be available if needed to make that next step.

Leonard prompted the Hillsboro Rotary Club to launch a program to provide scholarships to high school seniors who might not otherwise pursue higher education. First funding came from a giant garage sale and soon shifted to the annual Rotary Rose Sale.

After Leonard passed away, Jean stepped forward with an annual incentive pledge of \$10,000 a year to match the Rose Sale income which brought the annual amount of



JEAN GRATTERI

scholarships to the range of \$25,000 a year. Rotarians from the Scholarship Committee conduct the interviews in cooperation with school counselors.

As a special part of the Hillsboro Rotary Foundation, a permanent Leonard Gratteri

Scholarship Fund has been established in hopes the program and the opportunity will continue to provide to so many deserving youth. Rotarian Cece Clitheroe, chairman of the scholarship committee, keeps Jean informed on the future lives of the young folks who benefit from scholarship money.

Andy Duyck, newly elected chairman of the Washington County Board of Commissioners, says, "As a Hilhi graduate in 1979, I applied for and received a Rotary scholarship to attend PCC. Had I not received this scholarship, I would have had a limited ability to excel in any field. The \$600 scholarship gave me the education to enter a rapidly developing field, and within three years, start my own manufacturing business in machine technology. I now employ 15-20 people at Duyck Machine Incorporated, and manufacture components for high tech, alternative energy and traditional industries." He thanks Rotary and the scholarship for planting the seed that grew into an exciting business. ☪

# CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

Hillsboro's economic development department is responsible for the city's business recruitment and retention efforts as well as the city's downtown revitalization program. To do this properly requires dedication and hard work indeed, but most importantly, vision. John Southgate epitomizes the best of each of these elements.

John came to Hillsboro with a history of generating results. He worked with the Portland Development Commission, where he managed the Interstate and Lents Urban Renewal Plans. John also worked in the Pearl District and Old Town/Chinatown. Prior to his work with PDC, John worked with the Portland Bureau of Planning, where he ran the city's historic landmarks among other duties. He also worked briefly with the City of Gresham as a senior planner and economic development manager.

Under his tenure, the city of Hillsboro's economy has flourished. New commercial developments, new employers and new opportunities have all come about because of



JOHN SOUTHGATE

John's leadership, guidance and versatility. He has accomplished this by quickly developing a keen understanding of how our community works and collaborating with so many of Hillsboro's moving parts, like the Hillsboro Chamber, Hillsboro Downtown Business Association, Tanasbourne Business District and a multitude of government officials.

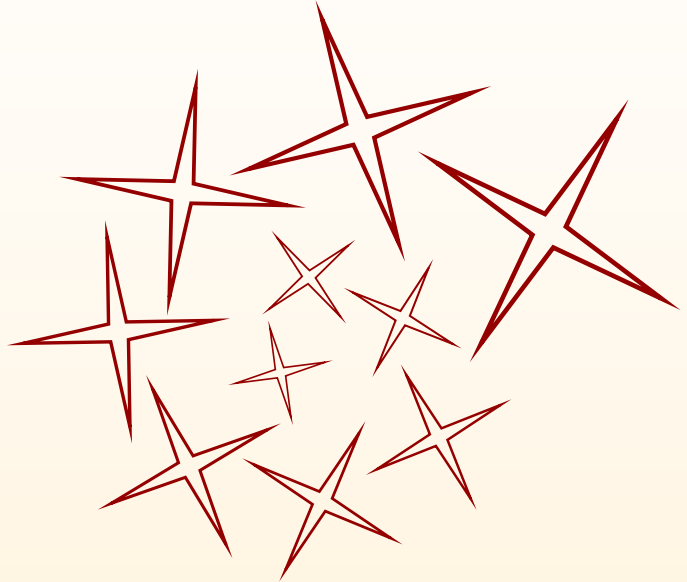
Hillsboro has seen some great successes over the past 10 years, like the Walters Cultural Art Center, the Hillsboro Artist's Repertory Theatre, Civic Center and the Venetian Theatre. One of John's first accomplishments when he joined the city team resulted in the restoration of the long abandoned Venetian. John felt deeply about this project because he believes downtown Hillsboro has always been part of the community's fabric, and many people consider it the heart of Hillsboro.

John is a strong advocate for Hillsboro and doing things right. His enthusiasm is infectious and his goal is invariably to improve Hillsboro's livability and prosperity. He gives 100% to make Hillsboro a better place to live, work and play. John most recently has been spearheading efforts to develop an urban renewal plan, which will likely affect our City for generations to come.

A lifelong Oregonian, John is a graduate of the University of Oregon and an avid Duck fan. John and his wife Julie have three daughters – Audrey, Emily, and Jane. ☪

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## AGRICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Berryhill Nursery is a nursery that doesn't do berries. Imagine that. But they do feature more than 500 varieties of rhododendrons, dwarf Cyprus, juniper, umbrella pine, camellia, hydrangea, honeysuckle, escallonia, photinia, azalea, laurel and rubus.

Originally Berryhill Nursery focused mostly on raising rhododendrons when it first opened in 1962. Today, the nursery's containerized plants are sold to retail nurseries, wholesalers and landscapers in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California. Rooted cuttings and liners are shipped throughout the United States.

Berryhill Nursery was started by Arda Berryhill and her late husband Roger without any real knowledge or experience in the field of nurseries or harvesting plants. But with a huge amount of determination and some failure, the nursery is still strong almost 50 years later. When the nursery began, Roger was working full time for Hyster, and Arda



**BERRYHILL NURSERY**

Pictured: Arda Berryhill

was juggling the business and their three children. The nursery started on 2.5 acres and has now grown to 30 acres.

These days Arda is still one of the only female nursery owners in the area. She

has a true love for raising plants and getting involved. She was the first woman president of the Western Region of the International Plant Propagator's Society in 1984. She served on the Board of Directors of the Oregon Association of Nurseries and was the association's treasurer for several terms during the mid-90s. She was elected to the Oregon Association of Nurseries Hall of Fame in 2000.

When Arda and Roger weren't working in the nursery, they enjoyed traveling and spending time with family. They traveled to every continent and to more than 120 countries. Needless to say, they found time away from the business.

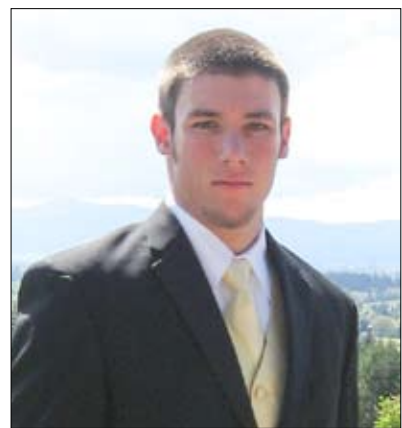
The Berryhills have established a reputation as world class propagators and staunch representatives of the nursery industry. Dick Joyce, owner of Joyce Farms, has known the Berryhills since 1971. He said "they have an impeccable reputation in terms of their product and their character." ☞☞

## DISTINGUISHED YOUTH AWARD

One word to describe high school sophomore Matthew Ferguson is humble. This 15-year-old distinguished youth without a doubt exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism and being a role model - not only to his peers, but to every person he meets.

Matt's generosity started at an early age when he saw how much his parents gave back in their business, Visiting Angels Home Care. Matt began making blankets for Rock Creek Retirement Community in the 4th grade. When his mom was diagnosed with breast cancer in August 2008, Matt knew he had to do something. Just a high school freshman at the time, Matt juggled being new to Liberty High School, playing sports, academics and his mom's battle with breast cancer.

Matt's mom, Julie, was being treated with chemotherapy at Northwest Cancer Center when she received a care package from her sister. Matt saw how much comfort that care package gave his mom. Matt said the chemo sessions were pretty miserable and the goodies included in this package helped ease the time and pain.



**MATTHEW FERGUSON**

Immediately, Matt started making and distributing "Matt's Chemo Comfort Bags." Since the beginning of December 2008, his work has spread from 8-10 bags per month to about 20 bags per month. Using his resourcefulness, Matt receives product contributions from local businesses and individuals, in addition to a \$2,000 mini grant from the Susan G. Komen Foundation for the

Cure. Julie says Matt has accomplished this mostly on his own with little help from her or Matt's dad, Gerry. An initial donation from Visiting Angels facilitated the mass production of Matt's Chemo Comfort Bags.

When Matt isn't procuring items and assembling bags, he is busy on student government as sophomore class president, playing football and baseball, and is a decorated 4-H board member, including winning the 2008 Sheep Showman of the Year at the Oregon State Fair. Matt has raised goats and sheep all of his life and has participated in 4-H since kindergarten.

Matt received the 2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Award, the President's Volunteer Service Award, Breast Friend Compassion Award and acknowledgment from Representative Mitch Greenlick, Senator Suzanne Bonamici and Governor Kulongoski. After high school, Matt is considering college in Arizona to study health and business. ☞☞

## SPECIAL MERIT

Former Oregon governor Tom McCall said, "Heroes are not giant statues framed against a red sky. They are individuals who say this is my community, and it is my responsibly to make it better."

That was a Tom in the 1960s and 70s, and today we have a Tom, by the name of Tom Brian who is a real hero to Washington County. Tom Brian has served as the chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners since 1999. With the announcement that he would not run for office for a fourth term came some tears, joy, excitement and a void.

Tom has served Washington County as city councilor and mayor of Tigard from 1979 to 1988, and as a state representative in the Oregon Legislature from 1989 to 1998. Tom has more than 30 years experience making this county a better place to develop as individuals, businesses and families. From light rail, business expansion, county fairground



**TOM BRIAN**

development, urban and rural reserves and highway improvements Tom has established Washington County as the economic engine of Oregon. Through much dialogue, key partnerships and the

right people around the table, Tom has made a significant and lasting impression on Washington County that will be celebrated by generations to come.

Washington County, the second most populated county in the state, gave Tom and the other commissioners a chance to showcase the county's collaborative efforts with other governments, including its investments in infrastructure, quality of life programs and services, schools, parks and jobs.

Tom Brian will now have more time to spend with his family, travel and write. He may consider business opportunities, but will not seek any other elected office. At 61, he has served the community and made it a better place - something he can now benefit from in a different perspective. A soft-spoken, collaborative, and determined county advocate, his hands on the helm will be missed. ☞☞

## ROBERT R. HERB LEADERSHIP AWARD

Growing up in a small town, Gayle Darr knew exactly what it took to make a small community thrive and prosper. Gayle moved from Cascade Locks after graduating high school to attend Pacific University. Upon graduating from college, she developed her sense of involvement and leadership skills.

In 1980 her husband Jimmie was elected mayor of Hillsboro. At the same time at a town hall meeting, the citizens of Hillsboro had called for more cultural arts in downtown Hillsboro. It was almost 20 years until that appeal was realized with the opening of the Glenn and Viola Walters Cultural Arts Center, something that Gayle and Jimmie were extremely proud of and deeply involved with.

Even before the Walters Cultural Arts Center opened, Gayle was busy taking charge and making change happen in Hillsboro. In 1981 Hillsboro Community Arts was established, and a year later the Shute Park Concert Series was born. For 15 years Gayle guided the series to what it is today with her ability to procure



**GAYLE DARR**

supporters, hire bands, promote attendance and solicit community participation.

One of Gayle's biggest accomplishments is the establishment of Leadership Hillsboro. She's still heavily involved 27 years later, and the program remains strong in the business community. With the Hillsboro Chamber's backing, Gayle and a very active group launched Leadership Hillsboro

with the purpose of developing a sense of understanding of what makes Hillsboro strong and also to educate businessmen and women on what they can do to get involved in community service. To date, approximately 700 individuals have graduated from Leadership Hillsboro.

Gayle has never forgotten her roots in Cascade Locks. Prior to the high school closing due to budget cuts in 2008, she organized a career fair for students to see exactly what the possibilities are after high school. Students saw beyond Cascade Locks; you could become an engineer, astronaut, political figure, an accountant, doctor or teacher. Like Gayle, these students will learn to be role models and civic leaders.

Today, Gayle sits on the board for BRAINet, which is a friends group of the OHSU Brain Institute. She too is a docent for ONPRC in Hillsboro assisting with tours. She is extremely busy cheering on her grandkids at their lacrosse games, traveling and opening herself to whatever she would like to do. She credits her successes on her relationship with Jimmie and his encouragement and support. ☞☞



# BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Lithtex Printing is a Hillsboro staple when it comes to printing needs. It is also a Hillsboro business with the values and loyalty to serve the Hillsboro community. The business thrives partly because of their well-built relationships and partnerships in Hillsboro, and remains at the top of their game despite changing times.

Lithtex Printing started in 1973 as a small printing company. Les Davis, owner, has worked in printing since getting his first job at Noblecraft in Hillsboro, cleaning a small printing press. When Les enlisted in the military, his initial curiosity of the printing process led him to choose the Army printing school for his Army advanced training program. Upon graduating, Les was assigned to the military print shop in the Pentagon and later reassigned to Frankfurt, Germany to print for the military newspaper known as "The Stars and Stripes." It was there Les was able to apply and expand his knowledge of printing.



LITHTEX PRINTING

Today, Lithtex has grown from a quick printer to a large commercial printer with more than 45 employees and a modern 30,000 square foot plant. Over the years, new technology, the finest employees, and Les' leadership and innovation took Lithtex to the next level of business. It is now the best staffed and equipped plant in Washington County serving the printing needs in Oregon and the Portland metro area.

Lithtex Printing and Les Davis support a variety of community events and projects. They've provided in-kind printing support for "Make-a-Wish Foundation," the Western Farm Workers Association and recently helped KUIK print a fundraiser project to support the troops. Lithtex was an early supporter of Jackson Bottom Wetlands, Noble Woods Park, and the Glenn and Viola Walters Cultural Arts Center. Lithtex has supported the Hillsboro Air Show by volunteering and supplying in-kind printing. Les and his wife, Pamm, also donate to Young Life in Hillsboro, and many of the Beaverton Rotary Club projects through the years.

Les Davis says, "It feels good to know what the Lithtex team does for the community is appreciated and it feels great to be able to share this award with the employees at Lithtex Printing." He said he's also very impressed with the folks in the Hillsboro community where everyone works to make Hillsboro a better city. "We are humbled and honored to receive this award when we know there so many other deserving companies." ☐☐

# ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

Essential Health Clinic has always looked at the patient first and figured out how they can best serve that person. Their doors opened October 25, 2001. It is open Monday through Thursday only in the evening from 5-9 pm. The clinic serves uninsured, low-income individuals and families who need help with urgent medical problems before they become more serious or suffer from chronic conditions. Annually the clinic sees about 6,000 patients with 65% employed but do not have health insurance. Essential Health Clinic is the only free clinic in Washington County.

Shelia Hale, executive director, says the clinic could not run without the overwhelming support of the more than 200 volunteers. Volunteers include physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, medical assistants and clerical personnel. The team also includes six staff, board of directors and students from Pacific University and Oregon Health Science University, Schools of Physician Assistant Studies.



ESSENTIAL HEALTH CLINIC  
Pictured: Shelia Hale

Essential Health Clinic and Project Access Washington County involve the entire community. From health students to healthcare systems, community partners and organizations help support the overarching mission of the clinic – to improve health in Washington County.

The collaborative efforts of community partners and volunteers provide high quality urgent care and access to healthcare services for those with the fewest resources and the greatest barriers to care. Project Access Washington County enrolls patients with a specific primary or specialty care need upon screening and referral from Essential Health Clinic or an existing partner.

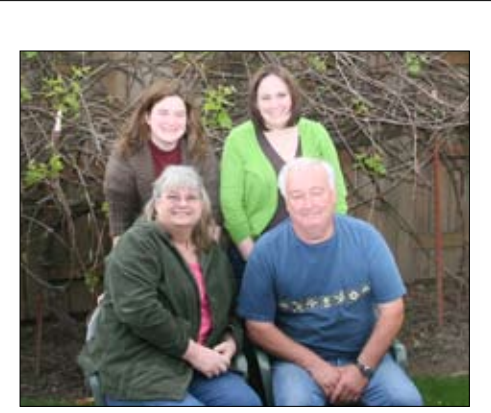
Shelia says the clinic focuses on the entire well-being of the community so every one can be healthy and thrive. She says the board of directors is truly visionary, and believe Essential Health Clinic plays an important role of survival in the community.

Dick Stenson, president and CEO of Tuality Healthcare, says Essential Health Clinic "embodies the essence of what it means to be a caring and good citizen in our community." ☐☐

# VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Need is not a word in the Kemper family's vocabulary - only give. And that's what they've been doing for the Hillsboro community for the last 10 years. The entire family is committed to providing for the homeless in Hillsboro through the Washington County Girl Scout Christmas Breakfast and Family Day for the Homeless. The entire family are official Girl Scouts – mom Valerie, dad Bill, two grown daughters Melissa and Heather, and now granddaughters.

The Kemper's devotion began in 2000 when the oldest daughter Melissa saw a need in Hillsboro to provide a hot meal to those less fortunate on Christmas morning. Melissa and the family had been volunteering for Christmas breakfast for the homeless in downtown Portland for five years, but decided to make the same service available in their hometown of Hillsboro. Melissa, just out of college along with her sister Heather, their parents, and other Girl Scout troops were able to procure canned



KEMPER FAMILY

food, toys, clothing, hot breakfast items, boxes and volunteers. Nearly 350 meals were served that first year.

Behind these two amazing women, Melissa and Heather, and supporting them every step of the way are their parents Bill and Valerie Kemper. Valerie has been a Girl Scout leader for 22 years as well as holding many leadership positions with the Girl Scouts

in Hillsboro. Every year, she organizes the food drive for the food boxes that are handed out during Family Day, which is no small endeavor. Bill helps out where needed, often picking up last minute perishable donations, many trips to and from the storage area, setting up tents, handing out bags of potatoes and escorting participants through the event.

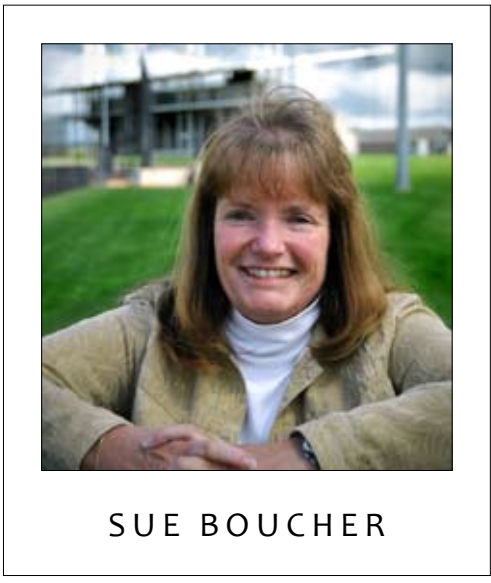
Valerie and Bill instilled the value of giving to Melissa and Heather at a very young age through their service with Girl Scouts. That value carries on today as their lives take different directions. The Christmas Breakfast tradition continues with the support of up and coming Girl Scout Troops. Making a difference in someone else's life keeps Bill, Valerie, Melissa and Heather devoted to the advancement of Hillsboro's underprivileged. This entire family has made significant contributions of time, skills and resources toward the improvement of everyone in Hillsboro's community. ☐☐

# OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL

Never stop reaching and don't take no for an answer. Those are just some of the words of wisdom from Sue Boucher, recreation services manager for Hillsboro Parks & Recreation. As a 30-year staff member of parks and recreation, Sue has made a monumental, positive impact on this rapidly growing community. Her never-ending enthusiasm and passion for expanding opportunities and partnerships enable valuable access and equity within Hillsboro's recreational realm. She has done this with her tireless leadership, dedication, compassion and professionalism to improve the quality of life in Hillsboro.

Sue has championed a better community through professional partnerships with numerous community groups including: the Hillsboro School District, the Hillsboro Schools Foundation, Washington County Bicycle Transportation Coalition, Hillsboro Boys Baseball Association, Hillsboro Girls Softball Association, Tuality Healthcare, Intel and the Hillsboro Community Foundation.

One of her most notable and significant accomplishments is forming a solid



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school children every year. By collaborating with so many different community agencies Sue is able to demonstrate her passion for students and families of Hillsboro, while at the same time looking at problems with equitable solutions.

One of Sue's most demanding tasks was taking on the scheduling of seasonal youth sports and adult facility users. This can be difficult with so many groups with competing interests. With Sue's visionary bridge-building actions, she formed "Diamond Sports" that brought together representatives from the many sport groups and directly addressed and helped solved the scheduling and facility challenges.

partnership between the City of Hillsboro and Hillsboro School District with the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) that was solidified in 2007 after many years of hard work. This agreement shares facilities and cost between the district and the city, it established after school sports and enrichment programs at nearly every Hillsboro elementary school and at all four middle schools, impacting around 5,000

After three decades, Sue is approaching retirement and is continuing to emulate and share her dedication to the parks and recreation profession and a love for this community. "Sue has been a key player in taking Hillsboro's parks and recreation offerings from virtually nothing to something amazing", says Steve Greagor, Hillsboro Parks & Recreation Director. ☐☐