

A lifetime of volunteering, McCarty receives top honor from GRADD

By Ralph Dickerson

Recently, the Green River Area Development District named Carolyn McCarty as its 2017 Volunteer of the Year. Carolyn is an AmeriCorps Senior Connections member that volunteered with Hospice of Western Kentucky for two years, and is in her last year with AmeriCorps serving at Hancock County Public Library.

In the press release announcing her award, David Clark, the AmeriCorps Program Director at GRADD, referred to Carolyn as a life-long volunteer. Those words accurately describe Carolyn.

"I volunteered when I was a girl scout," Carolyn said. "I remember in high school volunteering on service days."

Carolyn said she remembers helping to paint at her school, and also helping to pick up trash alongside the road with her Girl Scouts. As an adult, Carolyn kept on volunteering.

As a young adult, her volunteer activities centered around her children. She stayed involved in her children's activities.

"I volunteered to be a room mother," Carolyn said. "The more things they became involved in, the more things I became involved in."

Carolyn and her husband John, one of the 38th Judicial District Judges, have four children: Zack, Ben, Chris and Emily. All became involved in the scout organizations. Emily became active in the Girl Scouts, and all three

boys became Eagle Scouts.

"My oldest son's Eagle Scout project had to do with recycling," Carolyn said.

She said that he learned recycling at home because she always recycled. Seeing this example helped him practice recycling as he grew older.

Daughter Emily now lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and credits Carolyn's volunteerism with sparking her interest in volunteering in her community. Carolyn said Emily told her that she remembers taking part in the Ohio River Sweep on Earth Day when little. That memory prompted her to volunteer for an Earth Day project in Minneapolis this year.

Over the years, Carolyn

volunteered with the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and 4-H. She served on the 4-H council, the Parent-Teacher Organization in each of her children's schools, served on the Hancock County Public Library Board, been a room mother and a member of the pastoral council at her church. Carolyn estimates she served at least 10 different organizations over the years.

"Volunteering, I guess it just comes naturally to me," she said.

Carolyn said her time with Hospice of Western Kentucky was very rewarding. She did basically anything they needed done at the time. She made bereavement calls to family members when a loved one passed, ordered supplies for patients, delivered floral arrangements to patients and various other jobs.

"I found it very rewarding to get to meet people in their homes," she said. "That's been a real blessing to me."

Each year GRADD honors a Volunteer of the Year at a luncheon. While Carolyn knew someone would receive the honor, she did not know it would be her because her boss, Dave Clark,

did not tell her he nominated her for this year's award. "I was flabbergasted!" Carolyn said. "I was so surprised to win the award!"

Carolyn's time with AmeriCorps ends in August, and she already has plans to vol-

unteer with several more organizations. Carolyn said she did not plan to slow down anytime soon.

"There is always a need," she said. "When I am asked if I have the time, I will always say yes."



Carolyn McCarty holds the Volunteer of the Year award she received from Green River Area Development district. —Clarion photo D.W.

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By Elizabeth Harris
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Congratulations to Dr. Maurice and Virginia Fuchs who will celebrate their 71st wedding anniversary May 11th. We hope you will have many more. I will always have great memories of you. April 17, 1960 you delivered my daughter who just celebrated her 57th birthday.

A special birthday party was held last Sunday at the patio in honor of Edna Boswell who turned 92. She was very blessed with all her family present. Those who attended were Judy Boswell, Sondra Fischer, Joseph Fischer, Cory and Joy Kaye Abel, Myles, Fischer and Minor, Sara Aud and Ellington, Adam and Kaitlyn Fischer, Joel and Joyce Boswell, Chad and Amy Boswell and Arison, Tiffany and Jarrod Rust, Peyton and Janzen, Gerald and Linda Boswell, Aaron and Nicole Boswell, Ryan and Tiffany Boswell, Katelyn, Brooklyn and Brylyn, and Madison Boswell.

Juanita McManaway celebrated her 82nd birthday with lunch with her family at the Patio Sunday. Those celebrating were Gerald and Debbie Burks, Joey and Leisa Porter, Carla and Jeff Thren and Joel, Donald and Denise McManaway.

Sandy Richards visited last Monday with her sister Ernie and Kathy Coons at Owensboro.

Suzanne Miller spent Tuesday afternoon with Linda Boling.

June DeJarnette and Peggy Jackson visited Donna Swope Wednesday.

Linda Boling went to Clarksville, Indiana to Derby Dinner Theater Friday. Kenneth and Janet Burk

visited Mr. and Mrs. Dave Livingston at Louisville Wednesday.

Kali Jackson spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jackson.

Janet Burk visited Billie Edge and Barbara Johnson Thursday.

Mark and Lisa Boling spent Saturday visiting with Kelly Boling and Nelson Dant in Bowling Green. They had lunch at Chili's celebrating Lisa's birthday.

Dennis Russ spent Friday night and Saturday with Kenneth and Janet Burk.

Sandy Richards visited Courtney Bevil Wednesday. Alisa Hagan visited Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jackson Saturday.

Lisa Boling, Debbie Baker, Gary Baker and Ben were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Harris.

We send happy birthday wishes out to Bro. Mark Watson on May 9th, also to David Schlack in Bonaire, GA, Vickie Boling, Linda Sue Boling, Sarah and Sammy Huff.

Happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Ball on May 9th.

Last week visitors of Rickey and NaDean Boling were Kim and Debbie McManaway, Jade Hamilton and Ganner, Colton White, Zayne Boling and Rebecca Well, Randall Muffett and Ray Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Huff visited Evelyn Huff Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Boling and Timmy Boling were visitors Sunday of Terry Boling.

Colton White had surgery Monday and is home and doing well.

Rick Boling will be going to Vanderbilt Thursday for tests and follow up checkup. We hope everything will be good for him.

We still want to remember Tina Morris in our prayers. She will be going to Lexington this week.

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