



LEBANON COUNTY
Commission for Women



Honoring Outstanding
Women of Lebanon County



ANNUAL HALL
OF FAME



Luncheon & Awards Celebration

March 5, 2014



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Welcome

Kathy Kulbitsky chair



Welcome to our 5th Annual Women's Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony. March 2014 marks the 34th anniversary of National Women's History month. This year's theme is celebrating *Women of Character, Courage and Commitment*. Women have demonstrated these attributes as mothers, educators, institution builders, business, labor, political and community leaders, relief workers, women religious, and CEOs. Their lives and their work inspire girls and women to achieve their full potential and encourage boys and men to respect the diversity and depth of women's experience. As we celebrate the accomplishments of women nationally, it is fitting to celebrate the accomplishments of some exceptional women locally. Today, the contributions made by the fifth inductees into the Lebanon County Women's Hall of Fame will be written into the history of the Lebanon Valley.

The proceeds from the Hall of Fame luncheons gives us the opportunity to allocate funds to community organizations that impact the lives of women, children and families in Lebanon County. In 2013, we were able to present a \$2,000 check to the Lebanon County Historical Society to help their efforts in preserving and promoting the history of women in Lebanon County. Another \$1,000 went to the Lebanon H.O.P.E.S. Emergency Shelter Resource Center, and \$250 to the Lebanon County Coalition to End Homelessness. Unfortunately, homelessness continues to be a need as evidenced by the fact that the shelter now hosts an average of 35 guests every night, including families and about 15 children.

Today we are honoring 13 exceptional women who have played a vital part in the development of implementation of projects that have benefited residents of the Lebanon Valley. They have all worked behind the scenes as "Hidden Heroes" or as leaders in the forefront, contributing to the quality of life in our community. The result of their work is significant and will touch lives for many years to come. We are truly fortunate to have so many outstanding women in the Lebanon Valley.

On behalf of the entire Lebanon County Commission for Women and especially our Hall of Fame committee, thank you for being part of this annual event of local history.

Luncheon Agenda

10:45 am Registration

11:00 am Music by Lee Moyer

11:30 am Lunch Served

12:00 pm Welcome — Kathy Kulbitsky

Introduction of Alicia Richards

Introduction of Award Recipients and Nominators

Closing Remarks – Bev Heishman & Loreen Burkett

1:00 pm Conclusion



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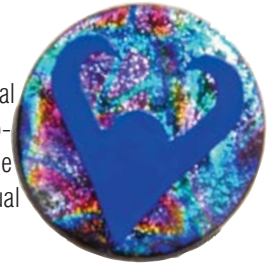
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About the HALL OF FAME AWARD

Our inductees will receive a Hall of Fame pin. It is an original work of art created by local artist, and past HOF award recipient, Yasmin Brown. Each pin is an original handcrafted, one of a kind creation that is as unique as the individual receiving it.



The pin base is made of multicolored dichroic glass. This type of media provides different ways to create a unique play of colors on each pin. The uniqueness of the base symbolizes the uniqueness of the award recipient.

The feminine image on the pin represents three characteristics of the recipients. The base of the image is the shape of a diamond which represents the solid foundation of the recipient. The raised arms represent the innate strength of the recipient. The heart shape of the reaching arms represents the recipient's warmth and caring.

About US



LEBANON COUNTY
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The Lebanon County Commission for Women was established in 2003, by the Lebanon County Commissioners. The Commission serves as a conduit to the County Commissioners on issues of concern to women in Lebanon County. The mission of the Commission is to promote awareness, be a catalyst for change and facilitate action in matters pertaining to women and their families.



Guidelines for Nomination

Women who live and/or work in the Lebanon Valley, or have played an integral part in the development and/or implementation of project(s) that have benefited the Lebanon Valley or have worked as Hidden Heroes touching lives in a positive way.

Mistress of Ceremonies



Alicia Richards

Alicia Richards co-anchors abc 27's 6:00 & 11:00 p.m. newscasts. She holds a degree in journalism from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

Over the years, Alicia has become well known for her efforts on behalf of breast cancer awareness. Her Buddy Check 27 series won two Pennsylvania Association of Broadcaster awards and she and her mother Karen are featured in public service announcements promoting the importance of early detection. In addition, Alicia was awarded a first place Associated Press award for "Lori's Story," a moving ten-part series on a local woman's determined battle against breast cancer.

Alicia takes great pride in her extensive involvement with the Central Pennsylvania community. In addition to regular speaking engagements, she serves on the Community Action Board at Harrisburg Academy and on the Essence of Humanity Board.



The gift being presented to Alicia Richards is by the artist Susan (Susie) Kenney Afflerbach who recently passed. She was a talented individual whose specialty was capturing wildlife.



Today, we honor women who have made a difference in our community. Often, these women go unrecognized, and when recognized, soon forgotten. Since our inception, we have been both researching and recording women's history, then posting it to our web page listed on the back. A copy of this booklet will be published online as well.

During Women's History Month 2014, the Lebanon Daily News will feature articles highlighting various women on Sunday's editorial pages. Their stories will also be published on the Women's Commission web page.

Women Promoting Agriculture

Deb Tice

[actively working to preserve and promote agriculture]

Nominator: Sue Werner

Deb Tice is a substitute teacher, farm owner and volunteer 4-H leader. As a substitute teacher, Deb teaches at the Northern Lebanon Agriculture Science Program, where she also volunteers with its Future Farmers of America activities. Deb serves as the Organizational Leader of the Lebanon County 4-H Livestock Club, the largest Lebanon County 4-H Club. In this capacity, she oversees 4-H members with swine, beef and sheep projects. She works closely with about seventy-five 4-H members, teaching them animal husbandry and leadership skills as well as record keeping. Deb is also employed by the Lebanon County 4-H program developing, preparing and teaching the County's livestock ethics training, responsibility and Meat Quality Assurance Programs. She organizes and presents at many livestock judging clinics, veterinary science workshops, and various other livestock oriented activities.

During the spring, Deb's volunteer efforts are concentrated in agricultural safety as she coordinates and teaches at the Lebanon County Farm Safety Day, giving agricultural safety information to over one hundred youth and their parents. She is a volunteer and the main contact person for the Lebanon County CART (catastrophic animal rescue team). In the summer, Deb coordinates a small army of volunteers for the small and large livestock auctions and shows at the Lebanon Area Fair. She is a member of the Lebanon Area Fair Livestock Committee.

Deb's agricultural commitments are demonstrated in her membership on the Beef Committees for both the Pennsylvania Farm Show and the Keystone International Livestock Exposition. She is a recipient of the Lebanon County 4-H Spirit Award and a wonderful behind the scenes asset to Lebanon County Agriculture.



Women Contributing to the Arts



Photo: Bill Stronge

Judy Williams Henry

[promoting the expression of the performing arts, visual arts, and literary arts]

Nominators: Yasmin Brown; Emily Guilliams; Jody Lazorcik; Albertine Washington

Judy Williams Henry is the spirit of dance in Lebanon County, contributing to the arts as a professional dancer, actor and international choreographer. She has inspired young dancers to fulfill their dreams. Judy has performed with many dance companies and studied with the School of American Ballet and Martha Graham. She has taught at the Hungarian State Ballet, Brandeis University, Harvard, MIT, Boston Conservatory, Lebanon Valley College, Elizabethtown College, and Millersville University.

Judy founded the Movement Laboratory in 1970 as a cultural exchange “Goodwill thru Dance” program which has traveled to 14 countries. She believes that movement is a universal language which can be used as a vehicle for peace and understanding. Her life’s journey has been intertwined with her love for children. Her greatest satisfaction has been seeing her students succeed. Many of them have gone on to careers in dance and theater. Her students have performed at the United Nations and she has led exchange programs, giving students international performance opportunities while enriching the lives of Lebanon County youth. In 2008 the Friendship Ambassadors Award was presented to Ms. Williams Henry at the United Nations in recognition of 20 years of global outreach.

Judy was named Executive Director of the International Year of the Child in Pennsylvania under Governor Thornburgh, was a consultant to the Massachusetts State Board of Education, and has evaluated dance proposals for the Pennsylvania State Arts Council. She received the Coretta Scott King Award for regional achievements in the arts from the Martin Luther King Family Life Center and the Lucy Wheelock Alumni Award for innovation in early childhood education. She has choreographed for Children’s Television Workshop, Fulton Theater, Gretna Theatre, Theatre Harrisburg and innumerable schools and youth ballets. Judy holds a BFA from the Boston Conservatory of Music and a M.S.Ed. from Wheelock College.

Women Creating Community

Diana Reilly

[contributing to the quality of life by supporting the social growth of the community]

Nominator: Judy Feather

Diana Reilly is a Lebanon County native who has put lifelong energy and focus into improving the local area. She has always invested her time, talents and treasures to making Lebanon County a place of which to be proud.

Diana graduated from Lebanon Catholic High School and earned degrees from both Penn State University and Lebanon Valley College. She is the widow of James Reilly, a prominent local attorney, a mother and grandmother. Diana worked as an aide to Representative Ed Krebs, and her community work has included service as both President and Treasurer for the League of Women Voters, President of Quest, President of Catholic Charities and service on the Lebanon Zoning Board. In addition, she gave her time to her church and the local Catholic school, serving as chairperson of the Parent-Teacher Organization at St. Mary's elementary school and on finance council for both St. Mary's church and for the Diocese. Recently, Diana was Chair of the Board of Trustees for Cornwall Manor and is currently Chair of their Capital Campaign.

Diana has not only served all of these organizations, but has done so with efficiency, commitment and cheerfulness. She exhibits a strong sense of responsibility and firmly believes that living in a community brings with it the responsibility to improve that community. A leader who leads with intelligence and grace, Diana creates a sense of community by treating each person with respect and helping in any way she is able. She is very worthy of the creating community award and has made Lebanon a better place for us all to live by her unselfish service.



Women Demonstrating Leadership in Education



Carol Maurer

[promoting innovation and inspiring personal growth]

Nominator: Rita Moore

After graduating from Bloomsburg University, Carol Maurer moved to Lebanon County to begin her teaching career. She, along with Rita Moore, founded the Jack and Jill Preschool in the early 1970s, which venture began as starting up a “little school” and eventually became three different learning centers which educated thousands of children. During her years teaching at Jack and Jill, Carol inspired countless young parents who brought their children to school and learned from her the importance of limiting television time, reading together with their children, developing healthy food habits, the importance of classical music, the power of positive, self-discipline and other issues vital to young families. Those young families were forever changed by her influence.

Carol has always involved herself in the Lebanon Community as well. She started a group through St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church organizing quilting get-togethers to make quilts for the Domestic Violence Intervention shelter. That group produces 75-100 quilts per year which are donated to the children who come in to the shelter. Carol was a Girl Scout for 35 years, as a camp counselor, leader, and neighborhood chairman. She is also involved with Habitat for Humanity, serving as the Faith Relations Committee Chair and publishing the organization’s monthly newsletter, as well as traveling to different work sites to photograph volunteers, and initiating community Praise Concerts to raise money and public awareness for the cause.

When Carol was diagnosed with breast cancer, she turned that, too, into an opportunity to educate others. After her recovery, she began to actively visit other post-op patients in the Reach to Recovery Project, as well as becoming as PA state trainer for new volunteers. Finding that many post-mastectomy patients lacked a comfortable person with whom to discuss follow-up care, she opened “Carol’s Specialty Shoppe”, a “fitting service” for women in need of breast prosthesis and other post-mastectomy needs. Carol also served on the Board of the American Cancer Society and started the Hand Bell Festivals, gathering 15 different local hand bell choirs to present concerts to raise funds to fight against cancer.

Women Promoting

Kristy Ludwig and Emily Simone

[educating, conducting research or promoting fitness]

Nominator: Kim Kreider Umble

Kristy Ludwig and Emily Simone are two individuals pursuing one dream although neither was looking for a volunteer opportunity; neither had a great deal of spare time; and neither was seeking to earn money. Kristy and Emily came together to form Mentor a Mother because they shared the same vision wanting to make a difference in the lives of young women. For years, each had independently considered the idea of creating a mentoring program for young mothers although neither knew the other. They became acquainted when, as Registered Nurses, Kristy trained Emily as her replacement at Lebanon Family Health Services. Through their acquaintance, they discovered their shared desire and passion to work with young mothers, and Mentor a Mother was launched in February 2012.

Mentor a Mother strives to link young mothers and their families with experienced mothers who can provide support in education, family, career and social responsibility. The program focuses on self-worth, purpose and values that may be missing to help the young mothers achieve, attain and self-actualize.

Three in ten teenagers will become pregnant and eighty percent of those will not finish high school. They are fifty percent more likely to have another child within two years. As the child of a teen mother, Kristy is fully aware that she could have followed the same path and did not because of the involved and supportive adults who gave her guidance. As a single mother, Emily is fully aware of the demands of parenting. Both recognize that, for many young mothers, the element of support is missing and their program provides this component.

They took on the tasks of developing an organizational manual, protocols, committee structure and operating procedures. They established a Board of Directors and began a circuit of speaking engagements to promote the program. Kristy and Emily secured a location for the program, write grants, do the fundraising, coordinate family fun nights and activities, train mentors and link them with mentees, market the program to the

Healthy Lifestyles



Kristy Ludwig



Emily Simone

community, work with school personnel, attend mentoring seminars, plan monthly educational events, secure volunteers, involve themselves in many community organizations, network, and do just about anything necessary to keep the program viable.

Kristy is an RN working as the Clinic Manager at Lebanon Family Health Services where she supervises all medical operations of the facility. She is a member of the Community Health Council and the Lebanon County Council of Human Service Agencies. As a busy mother of three children herself, she also volunteers her time with her children's school and is an active member of Zion Lutheran Church.

Emily is a prenatal nurse at Lebanon Family Health Services and the single mother of a seven year old son. Emily is both an athlete and artist in her spare time and has volunteered on medical mission trips to Africa, assisting in providing medical care in eight different African villages. She recently raised money to support the Somali Mam foundation, a foundation dedicated to the eradication of sex slavery and empowerment of those victims. She is an assistant field hockey coach at Lebanon Middle School.

Both women value the ability to effect positive and empowering changes in the lives of women through their work and their gifts. Lives have been enriched by Kristy and Emily, one human interaction at a time.

Women Promoting Health Care

Cynthia Bowman-Condor

[promoting awareness, educating and providing healthcare]

Nominator: Jenny Murphy Shifflet

Cynthia Bowman-Condor, a registered nurse since 1976, is a trained Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) who is committed to seeing that all victims of sexual violence receive the sensitive health care which is critically important in the aftermath of a sexual assault.

Cynthia has been a certified SAFE nurse at the Good Samaritan Hospital since 2007. Certification requires an expertise in physical assessment and advanced clinical skills since the health consequences of sexual assault can be severe, including physical trauma, genital injuries and gynecological complications, sexually transmitted infections, including HIV, risk of unwanted pregnancy and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Cynthia works in concert with a collaborative, multidisciplinary group of professionals to develop a plan of care for the patient at discharge. A component of the streamlined care she provides involves a medical forensic examination, including a detailed physical and emotional assessment, written and photographic documentation of injuries, collection and management of forensic samples, and providing emotional and social support and resources.

As a qualified expert witness, Cynthia has testified in numerous legal proceedings relating to the sexual assault examination. She must ensure proper chain of custody and integrity of samples so that the samples will be admissible in court proceedings.

Cynthia has served as the Chairperson for the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), where she developed the SAFE protocols and reporting documents that are currently being used by all the nurses and physicians at the Good Samaritan Hospital, and trains all emergency room nurses on sexual assault evidence collection. Cynthia has been a speaker in the community on Teen Dating Violence and trains Medical Advocates at SARCC.

Using her forensic skills to help law enforcement convict offenders; Cynthia educates the Lebanon Valley on the health impact of sexual violence; she provides care to sexual assault victims, treating them with dignity and respect.



Women Working for Justice



Roberta Warshaw

[striving for equality and peace]

Nominator: Pam Tricamo

Roberta (Bobbie) Warshaw has been an attorney fighting for the rights of others for many years. She did so back in her native Chicago and continued to do so once she came to Lebanon County in 1998. Law, however, was her third career, since Bobbie worked first as a commercial artist and then as a real estate developer before attending law school at Northwestern University School of Law.

Bobbie has been actively involved in Lebanon County Mediation Services since they opened their doors in 2000. A trained mediator, Bobbie finds mediation very rewarding work which she does under the auspices of Jubilee Ministries, volunteering her time to assist people in settling their disputes out of court. She helps individuals work through their problems to reach an amicable resolution in order to reduce the burden on the court system, the negative emotional effects on relationships, and to save costs involved when conflicts go to court. Her mediation work also prevents neighborhood violence in many cases and Bobbie enjoys seeing angry people work through their problems to the point where they are able to shake hands after spending time working with her.

In the past, Bobbie has served as both President and Secretary of Lebanon County Mediation Services. She is involved with the American Association of University Women and serves as their public policy chair. Bobbie also volunteers her time with the League of Women Voters, and with the Lebanon County Democratic Committee, where she served on the Executive Committee and as Vice-Chair until last year. Through the years in that capacity, Bobbie has used her talents and knowledge of politics to hold training sessions for women who are interested in becoming politically involved. Bobbie has been involved in every political election since 1968. In her previous hometown of Chicago, she was Chair of the Evanston Democratic Party and she views working for political change as a major focus of her life. She has used her legal expertise to advise many organizations over the years and also spends a significant amount of time volunteering in her Mt. Gretna neighborhood. Justice has been served more fully since Bobbie Warshaw made her mark on Lebanon County.

Women Demonstrating Leadership

Carol Christ

[[forging new paths in business or community while serving as a role model]]

Nominator: Stephanie DiVittore, ESQ

Carol Christ was both Class President and Valedictorian of the Annville High School Class of 1958, and has been demonstrating leadership ever since. Carol went on to achieve a Bachelor's Degree in Math and Chemistry from Gettysburg College and a Master's in Information Science from Drexel University. She served as both the Children's Librarian and the Director of the Annville Free Library for over thirteen years, where she founded Friends of Annville Free Library, before going to work as a researcher for AMP, Inc.



Throughout her life, Carol volunteered for numerous community organizations, joining those in which she has a strong interest and then assuming all of the responsibility that comes with being in a leadership role. Some of those leadership roles include: serving as a Brownie Leader for the Girl Scouts of America; serving as President of Friends of Old Annville; serving as Secretary of Annville Rotary Club where she has been honored as Paul Harris Fellow and the Rotary Club Member of the Year in 1995-1996; serving as Secretary of Friends of Union Canal Tunnel; serving as Treasurer of the American Association of University Women; serving as President of Annville Home Study Circle; serving as President of Friends of Cornwall Iron Furnace; serving as a Board Member of the Lebanon Library; serving as Board Member of the Lebanon County Library System; serving as a Board Member for Cornwall Manor where she was the recipient of the Founder's Day Award.

Carol currently serves as the Treasurer and Board Member of the Lebanon County Historical Society, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of Lebanon County history. The Society owns and maintains the Lebanon County Stoy Museum and Gift Shop, as well as the Hauck Research Archives Library, the Reese Memorial Hall and the Union Canal Tunnel Park. The Society accomplishes its mission of collecting, interpreting, exhibiting, preserving and publishing the history of the Lebanon Valley by holding its collecting in trust for the community and working to educate the Lebanon Valley regarding its rich history. During her tenure on the Board, the Society has conducted walking tours of the city as well as a third Sunday lecture and exhibit program at the Stoy Museum. Carol and her husband, William Christ, have also served as Chairs of the Historical Society Ball, the primary fundraiser for the organization. Carol's contributions to the County will be added to the historical annals of women contributing to Lebanon County's leadership.

Women Demonstrating Leadership



Evelyn Colon

[pioneers of change through exceptional leadership]

Nominator: Ann Hayes

Evelyn Colon has been a quiet community leader, working tirelessly for programs that support a better quality of life for the Lebanon community and its youth. Evelyn began her work with the Good Samaritan Hospital Street Fair as co-chair of the Fruit and Baked Goods Committee in 2003 and has been involved ever since, serving as Chairwoman in 2006 and 2007. The Street Fair raises funds for special projects for the Good Samaritan Health System, but the event also brings together friends, family and neighbors in an affordable, fun-filled weekend. Since 2005 Evelyn has served on the Board of Trustees at the Good Samaritan Hospital and has been the President of the Good Samaritan Auxiliary since 2009. She also sits on the Public Relations Committee.

Evelyn has also held many leadership positions which benefit Lebanon's youth. She was President of the PTO at Henry Houck Elementary School from 2005-2007, when her children completed their study there and moved on to Lebanon Catholic School. Evelyn received the Cedar Foundation Friends of Education Award for her work as PTO President. For 6 years, Evelyn was the head cheerleading coach for Friendship Chiefs Cheerleading Squads. She started the Friendship's Pee Wee Cheerleading Squad in 2003 after noticing that Friendship's football team was one of few with no Pee Wee Cheerleaders. Her dedication eventually allowed her to expand into other Midget, Pony and Pee Wee squads. Since 2009, Evelyn has been Fundraising Coordinator and Assistant Coach for the Boys Thunder and Lightning AAU Basketball team, taking young athletes from 5 county schools to summer basketball tournaments all over the state and beyond. Evelyn is current President of the Lebanon Catholic Athletic Association, raising funds for every sport at Lebanon Catholic School.

Evelyn is an Ambassador Coordinator for Philhaven's Treasures in Clay tours, designed to help educate the public and break the stigma on mental health. She is "Pointe" Mom at the Movement Laboratory, has served as President of the Legal Secretaries Association, volunteered at the Lebanon Community Theater and received the Lions Club Person of the Year Award in 2007. Evelyn leads by example so that her children and others understand the importance of giving back by experiencing it firsthand.

Women Serving in the Military

Ann Marie Brewer

[advocating, promoting or serving our country]

Nominator: Priscilla Ebright

Ann Marie Brewer is the embodiment of characteristics an organization seeks in a leader and military families have benefited from her dedication, organization, guidance and mentoring skills. Ann Marie works hard for the Peter Moore Post 910 American Legion, Auxiliary and Legion Riders in Lickdale, Pennsylvania, where, over the past 3 years, she has chaired or served on a number of committees responsible for annual projects and fundraisers. Ann Marie is currently the President of Auxiliary Post 910 and Secretary of the Legion Riders Post 910.



Ann Marie has been involved with events including the American Legion Americanism Essay Contest for Lebanon County Schools, Veterans Day luncheon at Post 910, and Toys for Tots at Post 910. At the VA Hospital, she has been involved in VA Hospital Bingo, VA Hospital Patients' Luncheon at Post 910, and Collection of Personal Care items for the VA Hospital. She is also involved in many activities through Post 910 at Fort Indiantown Gap, such as Gold Star Mothers Project; Deployment Send Off and Welcome Home Ceremonies at Fort Indiantown Gap Military Reservation; Christmas at Fort Indiantown Gap; Christmas Gifts; Movie Day; Trunk 'n Treats; Easter Egg Hunt at Fort Indiantown Gap; Thanksgiving Dinner for needy families at Fort Indiantown Gap; Wreaths Across America at Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, as well as the Memorial Day and Veterans Day Ceremonies at Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.

As secretary of the Legion Riders, Ann Marie is responsible for communicating information on motorcycle rides and for registration on the day of rides for fundraising events like Wreaths Across America, VA Hospital Rolling Thunder, 911 Remembrance and participation in the Jonestown Memorial Day Parade.

Ann Marie has firsthand knowledge of the daily struggles military families face because her husband, Ron, was wounded in combat during one of two tours of duty in Iraq. She continues to support Ron in his capacity as a full time member of the National Guard and raises community awareness of the special role our military plays in each one of our lives.

Trailblazer



Deborah Freer

[pioneers of change through exceptional leadership]

Nominator: Jenny Szadja

A graduate of Lebanon High School and Lebanon Valley College, Deborah Freer consistently turns awareness into action, the mark of a trailblazer. After being diagnosed with Stage Three breast cancer when her three children were still toddlers, Deborah's life changed forever. She obtained the best health care and found the determination and family support to become not just a cancer survivor, but an advocate.

Using her personal health battles as motivation, Deborah has served on the Board of the Good Samaritan Hospital for nine years. She is dedicated to providing quality health care for County residents. A great deal of Deborah's time and energy has been spent working with the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition, serving as a Board member and advocate. She volunteers her time to tell her personal story in many different capacities, including speaking engagements, publicity and advocacy. Deborah was honored by the Coalition, receiving the Pink Ribbon Award for volunteerism, and she works with public health officials, doctors, local and state representatives and the Governor's office to advocate for her cause, to move relevant legislation, to keep current and involved with the latest research and technology so that her advocacy can be most effective. Deborah also volunteers as an active member of the Hershey Cancer Institute Committee.

Deborah's passion for volunteerism continues in other important community areas. Deborah believes in a firm foundation of education and has dedicated her time to the Lebanon Community Library by serving on its Board for 25 years. During this time she has raised thousands of dollars, developed innovative programs such as Homework Helpers, and responded to the needs of the community. Recently, she along with her husband, Patrick, realized a particular need and was instrumental in creating the Freer Family Youth Center as part of the Lebanon Valley YMCA. At the root of her activism is Deborah's love of Lebanon County.

Trailblazer

Elaine Ludwig

[pioneers of change through exceptional leadership]

Nominator: Judy Feather

When voters in Lebanon County chronicle progress in access to voting, it cannot be without mentioning Elaine Ludwig and all the work she has done to further voting procedures. Elaine was the top election officer for Lebanon County for many years, serving as chief clerk of the voter registration office, and working in that or similar capacities for over thirty years. Elaine assured the integrity of our electoral system by supervising voter registration activities, training poll workers and staff, monitoring voter registration rolls, overseeing primary and general election activities, confirming election results, and interpreting election law and rules to candidates and the public.

During her tenure, Elaine oversaw implementation of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, more commonly called the Motor Voter Act, requiring many changes in policy and procedures and extensive education and training for poll workers, staff, candidates and voters. The Pennsylvania Department of State, recognizing Elaine's expertise in this complex area, chose her to serve on a statewide committee to assure proper implementation of the Motor Voter Act in Pennsylvania. Elaine also implemented the County transition from lever operated voting machines to the current electronic system.

Elaine was an active member of the League of Women Voters, serving as both board member and President. It was her vision that created a partnership between the County and the League that saved money and increased the usefulness of voter guides. Now the League's nonpartisan voter guides also contain the information the County must publish for voters prior to each election.

Elaine is also an active member of Rotary, serving her second term as President of the Northern Lebanon Rotary Club, and is a board member and volunteer at the Jonestown Outreach Pantry, a committee member for the Lebanon Valley YMCA Campaign for Kids, and a former director of the Northern Lebanon School District.



National Women's History Project 2014



Celebrating Women of Character, Courage, and Commitment

This year's theme, Celebrating Women of Character, Courage, and Commitment, honors the extraordinary and often unrecognized determination and tenacity of women. Against social convention and often legal restraints, women have created a legacy that expands the frontiers of possibility for generations to come.

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They have demonstrated their character, courage and commitment as mothers, educators, institution builders, business, labor, political and community leaders, relief workers, women religious, and CEOs. Their lives and their work inspire girls and women to achieve their full potential and encourage boys and men to respect the diversity and depth of women's experience.

These role models along with countless others demonstrate the importance of writing women back into history. This year's theme Women of Character, Courage, and Commitment is exemplified by the work and lives of the 2014 Honorees:

- Roxcy O'Neale Bolton — 20th Century Women's Rights Pioneer
- Anna Julia Cooper — African American Educator and Author
- Chipeta — Indian Rights Advocate and Diplomat
- Tammy Duckworth — Member of Congress and Iraq War Veteran
- Arden Eversmeyer — The Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project Founder
- Katharine Ryan Gibbs — Women's Employment Pioneer
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- Jaida Im — Advocate for Survivors of Human Trafficking
- Frances Oldham Kelsey — Pharmacologist and Public Health Activist
- Ann Lewis — Women's Rights and Women's History Advocate
- Lisa Taylor — Civil Rights Attorney
- Carmen Votaw — International Women's Rights Activist

The National Women's History Project, founded in 1980, is an educational nonprofit organization. Our mission is to recognize and celebrate the diverse and historic accomplishments of women by providing information and educational materials and programs.

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