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**Educational
Excellence
Committee**
presents

OMICRON STATE
SPOTLIGHT AWARDS



JUDY
STROHMEYER
ALPHA CHAPTER

July 2011

Judy Strohmeyer, Alpha Chapter, spent many hours volunteering with the Oro Valley Police Department for the past 15 yrs. including patrolling schools. She assisted Tucson Symphony Women's Association for 17 yrs. especially focusing on their Kinder Concerts and working at their second-hand shop which raises money for music education. She also collected books for San Xavier Mission School and encouraged Tucson chapters to do so as well. Additionally, she worked with the Fire Department in Munds Park at Kid's Safety Day and the Haunted House at Halloween.

The background of the slide features a dark blue gradient with a spotlight effect from the top left. Two stage lights are visible at the top, one on the left and one on the right, both pointing downwards. The scene is filled with small, bright white stars, suggesting a night sky or a stage setting.

DR. MARJ
JONES-SCHAFFER
BETA CHAPTER



August 2011

Dr. Marj Jones-Schafer, Beta Chapter, writes grants for school districts and early childhood education programs throughout the country; works with the International Dyslexia Association through fundraising and putting on training workshops for teachers; is responsible for parent education programs as well. Recently she co-chaired a “Night in the Museum” at which dyslexic students' art work was auctioned to raise funds. Her chapter also sponsored the Special Merit Art Show and Awards.



TERRI
ACKLAND
ZETA CHAPTER

September 2011

Terri Ackland, Zeta Chapter, serves as the Finance Chairman of United Methodist Church and President of the Daybreak Rotary Club of Casa Grande. She was the recipient of the President's Award at Central Arizona College twice; 2-time recipient of the NISOD Excellence in Teaching Award at UT Austin; and recipient of an International Scholarship from DKG. She has held numerous positions at the chapter and state levels.



DR. RENATE
KROMPASKY
NU CHAPTER

October 2011

Renate Krompasky, Nu Chapter, has had a long and varied career in education beginning in 1972 including elementary school teacher, principal, assistant superintendent, student teacher supervisor for the UA, and Mac-Ro Math trainer; presenter of numerous workshops and training seminars; recognition and numerous awards from various educational entities during her long career.



BONNIE
DENT
TAU CHAPTER

November 2011

Bonnie Dent, Tau Chapter, began her career in the Williams Public Schools as an art educator in 1974 and added Coconino Community College to her resume from 1985-2005. In 1995 she was one of 34 teachers sent by the U.N. to China for a US/China Joint Conference on Women's Issues. She also attended the Fourth World Conference on Women that same year and gave over 50 presentations about China following that event. In 1999 Bonnie was a Fulbright Memorial Fund Scholar, in 2000 Teacher of the Year for Coconino County, and in 2006 received the Governor's Award for Arts in Education. These are only the highlights of many contributions she has made to art education and the community during her career.



HELEN
SCHWARTER
ALPHA CHAPTER

December 2011

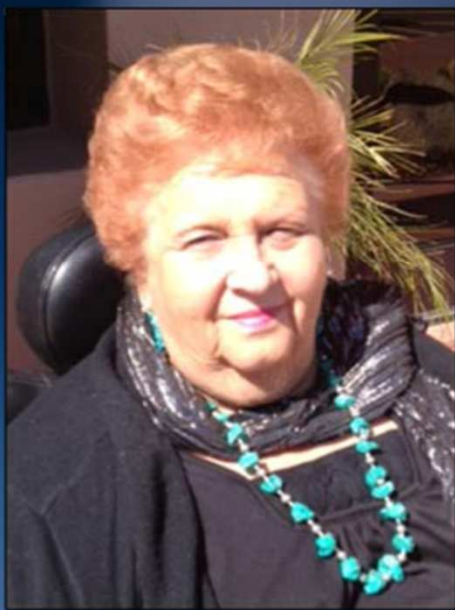
Helen Schwerter, Alpha Chapter, has been very involved in a project called Street Children of Oaxaca. She has lived there for several years while maintaining her membership in Alpha. The project helps send children to school, provides them with lunch, and makes medicine and doctor's care available when needed. The project also buys school uniforms, shoes, books, and supplies in addition to paying enrollment fees for as many as 8 children, one of whom has graduated from university and is working for the state program for disabled children.



RITA PONZO
ALPHA CHAPTER

January 2012

Rita Ponzo, Alpha, is an early childhood specialist in the Marana Unified School District. She is certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and in 2008 received the Edith Davis Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the Association for Retarded Citizens of Arizona in recognition of her unique contribution of service to people with cognitive and developmental disabilities. In her ongoing efforts as an educator, Rita mentors new teachers, leads team meetings, and participates in training events.



JOAN
MEIGHAN
BETA CHAPTER

February 2012

Joan Meighan, Beta Chapter, heads up her church bulletin committee and works on fundraisers as well as the “sunshine and friendship” committee. She has presented workshops for Questers and is very active in the Arizona Retired Teachers’ Association. For awhile she was reading to students at a nearby preschool. Joan works on fundraisers to support her chapter’s efforts for the International Dyslexic Association and for many years has volunteered at the food bank to help make a difference.



GIGI FOULK
ALPHA CHAPTER

March 2012

Glennalee (Gigi) Foulk, Alpha Chapter, makes beautiful lamp glass beads which have been donated to the Cancer Center's kids program in addition to being raffle items for Omicron State Conventions. Gigi has volunteered for over 10 years supporting the activities of the Tucson Symphony Women, including serving as chair of The Second Fiddle project, the proceeds of which provide scholarships to under-privileged children for music lessons as well as salaries for the teachers. Over 175 students benefit from her efforts on behalf of the music lab.



KAREN
THOMPSON
CHI CHAPTER

April 2012

Karen Thompson, Chi Chapter, received the Scottsdale Charros “Outstanding Educator 2009-2010” Award for Sahuaro High School. In 2010 she was named the High School Teacher of the Year by the Scottsdale Mayor’s Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities.