

REMARKS:

By Sue Hunter, President

Thank you everyone for taking the time out of your busy day to join us today for the AGM.

At this time, I am very pleased to be able to present some special recognition by way of an honorarium for dedication, commitment and hours spent, that go beyond all expectations in this organization.

Marian Rafferty. Marian has been in the office for 13 years. She has been on the board of directors for 12 years and the Foundation board for 4 years. She holds the positions of Vice President, and Office Manager for 50+ and President of the Foundation. She spends as much time working from her house as she does in the office. She is an incredible team player and puts a positive spin to all she does.

Laura Papaioannou. Has worked in the office for 10 years and as Marian explains it, she is "her right hand person" and she couldn't manage without her! Laura also spent time on the board during her tenure. Although everything appears to run very smoothly throughout the year, this is really due to all of the hard work that happens behind the scenes. There's lots of paper and filing and phone calls, inquiries, inventory, and one off miscellaneous tasks from September through May with more just before and after registration times.. Laura has filled in for Marian in her absence and never hesitates to help whenever needed.

Trevor Hutton... & Cathie Kelso

from Wall Street United Church. Both of these individuals go over and above. Trevor often setting up the gym for activities and making changes to his own schedule to accommodate our needs. He fields questions and comments from participants on a fairly regular basis. Recently Jo Ann and I brought a new filing cabinet to the office. Trevor was outside with a dolly to help almost before we were out of the car! And he didn't know beforehand we were getting one!

Cathie is the first person everyone sees when they enter the church. She is helpful to everyone. Many people seem to think that her workspace is 50+ related, and they ask lots of questions... Cathie goes out of her way to help. She recently asked for more information regarding our specific activities and leaders, so that she would be in a better position to help. We all appreciate what you do for us Trevor and Cathie! Thank you!

And yes, we still work hard to let everyone know.....Our office is on the third level! This is still a work in progress! Lol!

Once again, please join me in thanking Marian, Laura, Trevor and Cathie.

This concludes the business side of our meeting today. Debby Greffe has graciously put together some refreshments for everyone. We hope you will stay and mingle awhile with our board of directors and other members.