

SECOND ANNUAL GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARDS

Mayor Hutchinson presented the awards for the 2006 Good neighbors. “I am pleased to recognize this year’s honorees who help make Lake Forest Park a wonderful place to live. These are not listed in any order. We are very proud to call all of these people “our good neighbors,” he said

1. John and Rose Kossen

The Kossen’s are the kind of neighbors that everyone would love to have. Betty Matesky, their next door neighbor, wrote that after her husband, Ralph’s death in 1979, the Kossen’s seemed to “adopt” me. John Kossen helped her with home repairs and Rose, a former English teacher helped write a remembrance of her late husband in 2004. The Kossens encourage all the neighbors on the cul de sac to feel an integral part of the community. John, a terrific baker shares his delicious chocolate chip cookies and muffins with the neighbors, and befriends young and old including pets. His love and friendship is contagious. “I feel extremely privileged living next door to John and Rose Kossen” wrote Mrs. Matesky.

2. Hilary Tapu Howarth – Business owner, Lake Forest Park Curves

Ask almost any member of Lake Forest Park Curves and you’ll find that it is more than just a place to exercise. Hilary and her staff have created a welcoming space that has become an important part of community life for many women in Lake Forest Park. Hilary also takes an active role in the community, co-sponsoring community events like the Community Breakfast Fundraiser for Third Place Commons and participation in walks to aid breast cancer research. Hilary deserves a round of applause for creating a business that supports the community. She was nominated by Teri Howatt.

3. Tiffany Kuan, Haley Monson, Maki Muilenburg, Allison Jones, Maddy Berkman, Sierra Alef-Dafoe, Maddie Lees, and Quinn Costello

Before 6th grader, Sydney Coxon died from cancer last February she told friends and family that she would like to have a garage sale to raise money for brain cancer research. Unfortunately Sydney was too sick to accomplish this. So her schoolmates granted her wish by organizing a garage sale at Brookside School that raised almost \$9,000 for Children's Hospital to purchase a computerized voice system and for brain cancer research in honor of their beautiful friend Sydney Coxon. Many other students at Brookside also contributed to the project which became a true community effort. This award also belongs to Sydney and her parents, Maryann Einarson and Brian Coxon, who are the kind of good neighbors who inspire us all.

4. Carolyn Armanini

Carolyn Armanini is a great next-door neighbor who feeds pets, moves garbage cans, and takes in the mail often for several neighbors at once. She is great with kids and even volunteered to teach an after school class at Brookside Elementary School about dogs. Carolyn also served her community as a City Councilmember for 12 years and has volunteered her time on various county committees. “Without her encouragement, connections, and wisdom the Brookside playground remodel project would not have been nearly as successful,” wrote Cindy Dyck. “I cannot adequately express the respect, appreciation, and admiration I have for Carolyn as neighbor, former elected official, and friend.”

5. Rob Hill – Philanthropist

Amy Phillips wrote that Rob Hill came to her 4th grade class at Brookside Elementary School promising to give each student \$500 if they graduated from high school without smoking. Eight years later in a small ceremony at Third Place Commons this past spring, Rob Hill delivered on that promise. He distributed \$20,000 to graduating seniors who had not

smoked. Rob's father died of lung cancer and he wanted to save other people from this tragic fate. Amy believes that the contract she signed for Rob in 4th grade provided her with incentive to refrain from smoking with some of her friends. She stated that keeping 40 young people from smoking cigarettes makes Rob Hill a very caring neighbor.

6. Lake Forest Park Presbyterian Church- Pastor Tom Patterson

Liz Moerke, who is a regularly attending member of the Lake Forest Park Presbyterian Church, wrote that the church members as a group contribute to the community in many ways. The church welcomes various community groups to meet in its building. The Senior Youth Program directed by Chad Fransen organizes teens to help the elderly by doing household jobs and yard work; and a new program, Hands on Ministry organizes small groups to volunteer in programs such as North Helpline Foodbank and the Rota Care Clinic. Thank you, Lake Forest Park Presbyterian Church.

7. Dallas Gigrich

For 11 years Dallas Gigrich has donated oil to needy families through his oil tank decommissioning business, Tank by Dallas. Dallas currently serves 180 low- income households with free oil. "The cost of oil has been on the uprise but that has not stopped Dallas and his crew from and his crew from getting oil and giving it to people who would otherwise go without heat," wrote Rane Tause. His nonprofit business has served countless needy people throughout the years. Thank you, Dallas for your work in the community.

8. Maureen Doyle

"Our neighbors know and care about each other, share stories and spend time together because of Maureen," wrote Marlene Jump. Maureen was instrumental in organizing a network where the "ladies of the hood" meet once per month to talk and brainstorm solutions such as caring for an elderly parent, raising a child, or working with the city. She is generous

with her time working for political causes and volunteering in the schools to name a couple of her activities. Maureen believes that there are always solutions to conflicts and communicates her positive attitude to everyone. Her connection to her community is boundless.

9. Charlie Bright, Elliott Sterner and the Lake Forest Park Rotary

“Over the past two years, Charlie Bright and Elliott Sterner along with the Rotary Club have created a beautiful raised garden for all of us to enjoy on Ballinger Way and 40th NE,” wrote Ed Sterner. Elliott made this his Eagle Scout project and designed the multi-tier garden and even purchased some of the plants from his own earnings. Among his many tasks, Charlie helped obtain the bricks and compost and built the wall. Charlie and Elliott were supported by the Lake Forest Park Rotary and Boy Scout Troop 348. This was an intergenerational project that has provided aesthetic enjoyment for the whole community.

10. Boy Scout Troop 348 and Its Eagle Scouts- Terry Leffelbein, the Scout Master will accept the certificate

In just the past two years, Boy Scout troop 348 has had 14 Scouts achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. This is an 80 % rate that far surpasses the national average of only 2%. Ed Sterner said “These young men have contributed important projects to our community that deserve recognition.” Here is a list of some of them.

- Toy boxes complete with teddy bears for Seattle Children’s Home
- Picnic tables for the Civic Club
- Stenciling storm drains
- Promoting waterfront safety by installing life preservers at the Civic Club
- Bricked wall raised garden at Ballinger and 40th Place NE

Thank you Boy Scout Troop 348.

11. Terry Williamson

Terry Williamson, a parent at Lake Forest Park Elementary School led a group of dedicated volunteers in transforming the school's grounds to a schoolyard habitat site that was certified by the National Wildlife Federation. Terry's work was inspired by Rick Purn, a teacher at Lake Forest Park, who deserves credit for his role in initiating the project. Peter Hodges, the school's principal says "Terry and volunteers worked tirelessly removing invasive nonnative plants, planting, watering and providing shelter for birds and other wildlife." The project provided an invaluable educational experience for children as well as beautifying the campus and supporting wildlife.