

*Keep
Sarasota County
Beautiful*

**2010
Volunteer
Awards
Recognition
Program**

Thursday,
May 20, 2010





Joe Barbetta, Chair
County Commissioner, District 2

On behalf of the Sarasota County Commission I would like to congratulate this year's winners and all the volunteers who contribute hundreds of hours to helping Keep Sarasota County Beautiful. Your dedication to making Sarasota County a better place to live, work and play is truly an inspiration to everyone in our community.

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Opening Presentation and Pledge of Allegiance

Colonel Frederick H. Thibault, JROTC Sarasota High School Color Guard

Invocation

Reverend Dana Narring, Faith Lutheran Church, Punta Gorda

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Carolyn Mason, County Commissioner, District 1

Introduction of Emcees

Major Kevin Kenney, Sarasota County Sheriff's Office

Emcees

Nora Patterson, Vice Chair, Sarasota County Commissioner, District 4
John McCarthy, General Manager, Sarasota County Parks and Recreation

Introduction of Venice High School Jazz Band

Edward Martin, Mayor, City of Venice
Venice High School Jazz Band (two selections)
Jonathan Case, Band Director

Media Screen Presentation and Narrator

Sandra Washington, Manager, Keep Sarasota County Beautiful

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2010 Annual Volunteer Awards Recognition
Presented by John McCarthy, Emcee

Special thanks to our sponsors and donors whose generous support made these award recognitions possible:

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Waste Pro of Florida, Inc.
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ABC-7 Suncoast

Bronze (Dispose Properly)

Venice High School Jazz Band
Sarasota High School Color Guard (JROTC)
Sarasota County School Board

Green (Green Energy)

Crown Trophy of Sarasota
Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida

Community (Recycle)

Detwiler's Farm Market
Jack Messerschmidt



AWARD WINNERS

Adopt Program Award

Two recipients in this category

Presented by John McCarthy, Emcee

Our gratitude and appreciation go to this individual for her outstanding litter prevention and environmental efforts. She has been faithful and diligent in her efforts in collecting trash from the roadway and encouraging others. We are proud to present this award to:

Sue McNamara

Presented by Commissioner Nora Patterson, Emcee

This next group is involved in a team - mentoring program organized by the Sarasota/Manatee County chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. These young women committed to maintaining and reducing litter in Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park. For their dedicated contribution in two major cleanups and the Adopt- a-Park program, we are proud to present this award to:

The Precious Pearls of Alpha Kappa Sorority Inc.

Beautification Award (Community)

Two recipients in this category

Presented by John McCarthy, Emcee

This next group made a butterfly garden in Shamrock Park for the community to visit. In addition to installing nectar and larval food plants, brochures were produced and a Master Gardener is on-site to answer questions and conduct tours of the garden. The garden is visited regularly by adults and children. We are proud to present this award to:

Master Gardeners Monty Andrews, Jerry Becker, Linda Cholakis, Jean Forni, Carol Liddy, John Liddy, Lu-Anne Rhoten, Al Royal, Janice Totten

Presented by David Garofalo, City Commissioner, North Port Seat 1

The next award is presented to employees of the city of North Port who spread community pride house-to-house. They painted and landscaped two homes in North Port. Employees were challenged by the city manager, Steven Crowell, to identify an initiative that would make a difference in the community. The effort would be on a personal level beyond professional responsibilities of serving the public. We are proud to present this award to:

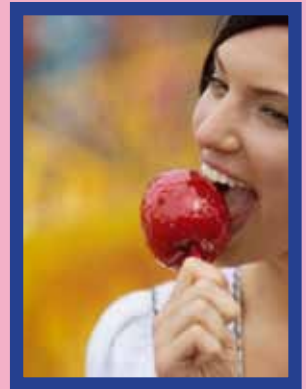
City of North Port Neighborhood Initiatives (N.I.C.E.)

Youth, Schools, Scouts and Clubs Award

Five recipients in this category

Presented by Commissioner Nora Patterson, Emcee

This group has developed and implemented an education program to inspire and energize both youth and adults in environmental stewardship. With topics and activities focused on energy conservation, wetlands restoration and litter prevention/recycling, the program has reached more than 500 youths and adults to date. We are proud to present this award to:



Girls Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc.

Presented by Carol Todd, Ph.D., School Board District 1

The next recipient is a student at Cranberry Elementary School who entered her winning drawing in the Win-Your-Trash-Dude Contest. In answer to why she thought her school would make a good home for the Trash Dude talking trash can, Ameilia wrote: “My school would make a great home for the Trash Dude because it would encourage our fellow peers to do well for the world and not ‘trash’ The Trash Dude.” Her drawing depicts the world split in two, adding, “Which one will you choose? CLEAN (or) DIRTY.” We are proud to present this award to:

**Ameilia Schade, Cranberry Elementary School
Teacher, Karen Cramer, Cranberry Elementary School**

Presented by Carol Todd, Ph.D., School Board District 1

This next award is presented to a class and its teacher who implemented a Litter Prevention project where students painted original messages and drawings on waste containers that will be sold to local businesses and families. These containers will not only be functional objects; they also will serve as attractive and interesting additions to the community. We are proud to present this award to:

**Phillippi Shores World International Baccalaureate School
and Teacher Jan Mazer**

Presented by Commissioner Nora Patterson, Emcee



This next award is presented to a class and teacher who are committed to continue educating students and the community about the benefits of reducing, reusing and recycling. They are well on their way to achieving the long-term goal of having their school become a model for environmental stewardship efforts using "green" and composting initiatives. We are proud to present this award to:

**Bay Haven Basic Plus
Dr. Theresa Ramsey, Volunteer Parent**

Presented by John McCarthy, Emcee

This next group established an outdoor classroom, "Butterfly Haven Way." The garden will be used as a teaching tool to explain the vital role butterflies play in the world, the importance of Florida-friendly plants, how to collect rainwater to conserve water, and lessons in literature and descriptive writing. We are proud to present this award to:



**Atwater Elementary School
Marnie Eckerd, Teacher**

Community Cleanups

Four recipients in this category

Presented by Commissioner Nora Patterson, Emcee

This next award is presented to volunteers who manually removed cut tree limbs, dead trees and vegetation and then hauled the vegetative material either manually or by pickup truck to an on-site wood chipper. They also spent a lot of time cleaning up garbage and other debris from the Myakkahatchee Creek and nearby park area. We are proud to present this award to:

Myakkahatchee Creek Cleanup Group

Presented by Linda Carson, ABC 7

This next individual is being recognized for his tireless efforts spearheading a project to remove debris from Lime Lake pond and the surrounding area in Sarasota's Newtown section. More than 75 neighbors participated in the cleanup effort. We are proud to present this award to:

Euline Myrick, President, North County Community Organization

Presented by John McCarthy, Emcee

This next recipient is a neighborhood group that rolled up their sleeves and gets the job done. Their community cleanups are always a matter of pride for this group of residents. They picked up 15.8 tons of debris during the 2010 Great American Cleanup. We are proud to present this award to:

Laurel Civic Association Just Say YES Group

Presented by John McCarthy, Emcee

The next award is presented to a group who cleaned around the waterfront of the South Jetty at Humphries Park. They removed a quantity of cigarette butts, a tire in the water, soda cans and many discarded straws. It should be straws. They filled 13 garbage bags. We are proud to present this award to:

The Venice Board of Realtors

Community Gardens

Two recipients in this category

Presented by Edward Martin, Mayor City of Venice

The next award is presented to an individual who has been instrumental in creating and coordinating projects at West Blalock Park. He has devoted hundreds of volunteer hours to the enhancement and maintenance of this valuable community treasure. We are proud to present this award to:



**Monty Andrews, Arboretum Project Manager,
Venice Area Beautification, Inc.**

Presented by John McCarthy, Emcee

The next recipients have worked tirelessly educating aspiring gardeners while owning their individual plots at the Bayou Oaks, Laurel, Orange Blossom and Nokomis Community gardens. Garden coordinators conduct classes on organic vegetable gardening and provide tours for the general public. We are proud to present these awards to:

**The Community Garden Coordinators of Orange Blossom,
Bayou Oaks, Laurel and Nokomis**

The Guy Hudson Award

Presented by Monty Andrews, Community Volunteer

The Guy Hudson Award recognizes an outstanding individual who has exemplified exceptional dedication toward Keep Sarasota County Beautiful initiatives in the past year. This person has been instrumental in creating the Friends of Sarasota County Parks program and overseeing much of the construction of the Venetian Waterway Park. He also is a prime mover in the creation of Caspersen Park and more. It is our honor to present the Guy Hudson award to:

Terry Redman

Volunteers of the Year Award

Presented by Shannon Staub, County Commissioner, District 3

This next award is presented to two Individuals who unselfishly donated hundreds of hours of volunteer work through environmental efforts. These ladies are staunch believers in organic gardening and water conservation. They participate in every Coastal Cleanup Day. They are advocates for the importance of being good stewards of the land. They also are compost and recycling gurus. We are proud to present this Year's Volunteers of the Year Award to:

Gail Goolsby Harvey
Barbara Powell-Harris

The Dorothy Bombera Award

Presented by Commissioner Nora Patterson, Emcee

The Dorothy Bombera Award recognizes an outstanding individual who has exhibited exceptional dedication toward Keep Sarasota County Beautiful initiatives and other programs throughout Sarasota County.

This next recipient is receiving The Dorothy Bombera Award for her ability to energetically lead, organize and serve in the multiple capacities for which Dorothy was so well-known.

This individual coordinated the Great American Cleanup this year and volunteers removed 15 tons of debris in the Laurel community it is our honor to present the Dorothy Bombera Award to:

Sandra Terry, Executive Director,
Laurel Civic Association

The Extra Mile Award

Two recipients in this category

Presented by Commissioner Nora Patterson, Emcee

The next awards are presented to individuals who have gone the extra mile to help expand the mission of Keep Sarasota County Beautiful.



The first recipient is being recognized for her incredible efforts to preserve land at the young age of 10. Her creative concept raised money to buy land for animals so that animals would always be protected. She created a website called Chill Bracelets and began to sell her bracelets with 30 percent of each sale donated to buy land for animals. Her first donation was made to the

Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast, located in Sarasota County. We are proud to present this award to:

Jessica Benninghove

Presented by David Garofalo, City of North Commissioner Seat 1

The second recipient is an ambassador for the Keep Sarasota County Beautiful mission. She is being recognizing for her tireless efforts in the expansion of Keep Sarasota County Beautiful's mission. She has spearheaded many projects for the city of North Port, including the annual Coastal Cleanup, the Great American Cleanup and the Adopt-a-Street program. We are proud to present this award to:

Juliana "Julie" Bellia

Land, Sea and Air Preservation

Four recipients in this category

Presented by Commissioner Nora Patterson, Emcee

These next recipients recently changed all their plastic water bottles over to renewal bottles made from plants. In addition, Longboat Key Club converted all the plastic cups to vegetable-based cups and eliminated Styrofoam and replaced it with biodegradable products. Because of this conversion, more than 1 million pieces of Styrofoam or plastic renewable material were not used and, as a result, were not put into the waste stream. We are proud to present this award to:

Bob Weil of Longboat Key Club Food and Beverage Department

Presented by John McCarthy, Emcee

This next individual, a senior at Pine View Elementary School and Ambassador Girl Scout, created a green roof education project and traveling display to raise awareness of how a “green roof” can save energy and improve the quality of stormwater. Her traveling green roof educational exhibit has been presented at several community functions. We are proud to present this award to:

Caroline Templeton, Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida Inc.

Presented by Commissioner Nora Patterson, Emcee

The next award is presented to a community association that held a household chemical collection event, resulting in more than 3,500 pounds of material being collected. Residents properly disposed of solvents, adhesives, household cleaners, paint thinners and more. We are proud to present this award to:

Meadows Community Association

Presented by John McCarthy, Emcee

The next recipient is being recognized for participating in the restoration of the Tom Dignam Beach Cottage at the Hermitage Artist Retreat Inc. One hundred percent of recycled plastic lumber was donated by the manufacturer and used for the decking in this project. We are proud to present this award to:

Recycled Plastic Factory

Media

Presented by John McCarthy, Emcee

United with a common message, our major news outlets magnify the importance of a clean and beautiful environment. With their support, the Keep Sarasota County Beautiful mission is published and broadcast throughout our community. Thanks to:

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Keep Sarasota County Beautiful Advisory Board

Presented by Commissioner Nora Patterson, Emcee

We recognize the Keep Sarasota County Beautiful Advisory Board for their extraordinary contributions of time and effort in support of our programs. The Sarasota County Commission appoints members of this board. They are:

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Sharon Litchfield, Chair

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Awards Committee

Presented Commissioner Nora Patterson and John McCarthy

Candice Messerschmidt, Chair, KSCB Advisory Board

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David Evans, KSCB Advisory Board Member

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Sondra Clinton, KSCB Advisory Board Member

Joyce Raby, Second Vice Chair, KSCB Advisory Board

Laura Mueller, Solid Waste Collection, Sarasota County

Kathleen O'Leary, Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc.

Acknowledgments and Closing Remarks

Sandra Washington, Manager Keep Sarasota County Beautiful



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Thank you!



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