

AGENDA
Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors
Community Engagement Committee
Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 9:00 AM
Irving Convention Center
500 W. Las Colinas Blvd., Irving, Texas 75039
First Floor Conference Room

NOTE: A possible quorum of the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors may be present at this committee meeting.

1. Citizen Comments on Items Listed on the Agenda
2. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2023
3. Strategic Plan – Committee Updates
 - a. High Spirited Citizens Program
 - i. Nominations and Recommendations
 - ii. Recognition Luncheon – September 5, 2023
 - iii. Engaging Awardees as Advocates
 - b. Volunteer Visitor Information Program Update
4. City Council Report
5. Committee Chair Report and Staff Comments
 - a. Committee Charge Discussion
 - b. Expanding Committee to Non-ICVB Board Members
6. Next Meeting – October 10, 2023

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MINUTES – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**IRVING CONVENTION CENTER
Tuesday, April 11, 2023**

Those in attendance: Committee Chair Colvin Gibson, Board Chair Bob Bourgeois, Beth Bowman, and Karen Cooperstein – Committee; David Cole – Board member; Carol Boyer, Anabel Espinoza, Maura Gast, Diana Pfaff, Susan Rose, and Monty White – ICVB Staff.

Committee Chair Colvin Gibson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Gibson asked for any citizen comments and there were none.

Gibson asked for a motion to approve the Community Engagement Committee meeting minutes of January 17, 2023. On a motion from Board member Beth Bowman, and a second from Board Chair Bob Bourgeois, the motion to approve the revised minutes was unanimously approved.

STRATEGIC PLAN – COMMITTEE UPDATES

Gibson led a follow-up discussion on previous Committee action items:

- a. Irving Schools Foundation ICVB Scholarship – review to identify students for the ICVB scholarship is completed. The Committee adopted the recommendation to review and recommend Irving ISD parents with students in the Hospitality Program for possible scholarship.
- b. High Spirited Citizen Program
Nominations and Recommendations – Nominee Brad LaMorgese has noted that the candidate he was going to nominate has declined.
- c. Brand Assessment Project – The survey to Irving residents has been distributed. The survey results deadline has been extended to April 21.

ACTION ITEM: Gast to distribute a reminder email for survey completion.

- d. Engaging new Council Members – Councilman John Bloch was extended an invitation and did attend an Executive Committee and full Board meeting. Gibson is communicating with Councilman Brad LaMorgese and noted that LaMorgese’s schedule is not conducive to attend meetings on Fridays, but he is engaged in the Board’s initiatives and is supportive.
- e. Extending invitations to military groups to see the “Fighting for the Right to Fight: African American Experiences in World War II” exhibit at the Irving Archives & Museum. Gast noted there have not been any military groups visiting recently to whom the invitation could be extended.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE UPDATE

Irving Schools Foundation Scholarship:

Assistant Executive Director Marketing and Communications Diana Pfaff reported in the past several years, students have not met criteria for the ICVB scholarship. The Committee has discussed several options and approved extending the scholarship to the parent of an Irving ISD student whose household

income depends on the Hospitality industry. One application was flagged for the Hotel Management industry and a few others who met the new criteria. Pfaff suggested keeping both criteria options for an ICVB scholarship. Gibson agreed with the options and added he hoped that faculty members in the district will identify those candidates.

ACTION ITEM: In follow up for outreach efforts for next year's scholarship, Gast to extend invitation to Zach Moore, CTE Director for Irving ISD to attend an upcoming Committee meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Board member David Cole to speak to seniors in the four Irving high school hospitality classes in August or September to spread the word.

Gibson asked for an update on the ICC working with students. Gast replied ICC Food and Beverage Director Cori Black is working with the Jack Singley Academy students and enjoys the interaction. It is important for students to see Executive Chef Eduardo Alvarez in his leadership role.

HIGH SPIRITED CITIZEN PROGRAM

There are three awardees that have been approved since last year's luncheon. Pfaff reported no new nominations have been received since the last Committee meeting. Ideally, would like at least ten new honorees for the High Spirited Recognition luncheon. Gibson noted the Committee meets again in July and encouraged everyone to ask people to submit nominations. Discussion was held on Board members who attend community events to speak about the High Spirited Program and recommend nominations. Pfaff suggested reaching out to directors of non-profit groups for nominees. It was noted that Chris Arrington previously has declined the nomination and Rick Lindsey is a possible nomination suggestion.

Focusing on when there are several honorees, the Committee will consider dates for the recognition luncheon at the ICC in September or October.

Discussion was held on engaging High Spirited Citizen awardees as advocates. Two previous awardees, Charles "Chuck" Boyce and Maggie Evans, have recently passed away and both acknowledged the award in their obituary. Gibson suggested finding ways to keep a core group of awardees engaged and connected and deploy them into the community as our advocates. Bourgeois suggested a quarterly email to a core group informing them of the Committee's upcoming meetings and encouraging them to also nominate candidates.

VOLUNTEER VISITOR INFORMATION PROGRAM

The Committee discussed the function and need of the program and the potential need to utilize Convention Services associates and ICVB staff members, along with Board members and High Spirited Citizens, in order to get sufficient participation to be able to commit this service to groups. Board member Karen Cooperstein noted a core group of volunteers is needed to get the program back off the ground. It would be important for new Board members to volunteer for shifts and see the ICC in action. Board member Beth Bowman suggested high school students that need volunteer hours as possible volunteers.

Gibson asked for a motion to restart the Volunteer Visitor Information Program. On a motion from Cole and a second from Bowman, the motion unanimously passed.

ACTION ITEM: Program Coordinator and Office Manager Carol Boyer to send out invitations for volunteers to Board members, former Board members and High Spirited Citizens. List of respondents and event opportunities will be reviewed at the next Committee meeting.

NATIONAL TRAVEL & TOURISM WEEK 2023

The week of May 7-13, 2023, is the 405h Anniversary of the National Travel & Tourism Week. The theme this year is #TravelForward. A proclamation will be read at City Council on May 4. Discussion of community groups for outreach was held. Bowman suggested including small businesses.

COMMITTEE CHAIR

Gibson noted the Irving ISD Breakfast with the Stars program helped make the case that we have a strong school district and talented students. He encouraged the Board and Committee to continue to find ways to engage and work with Irving ISD. They are doing an outstanding job of programming and have capabilities that are not well known but need to be promoted.

STAFF COMMENTS

Gast noted the Committee's charge to engage advocates and recommending adding working bodies to this Committee. In the case of adding non-Board members, Gast recommended adding to the High Spirited Citizen program first and then adding to the Committee. Cooperstein noted that there is an advantage to adding people to the Committee to get innovative ideas around the table and some former Board members and current High Spirited Citizens would make great additions. Gibson agreed and suggested adding a maximum of four non-Board members to the Committee. It was agreed to have nominations to staff for approvals and then present to Executive Committee.

ACTION ITEM: Reach out to Councilman Kyle Taylor for list of people who applied to serve on the ICVB Board and were not assigned.

The Committee was in consensus that the meeting was successful. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for July 11.

With no further discussion, Gibson adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Maura Allen Gast, FCDME
Executive Director

**CITY OF IRVING/IRVING CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU HIGH SPIRITED CITIZEN AWARD
NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY**

Name: Mary Bongfeldt
Address: 1533 Atlanta Drive
City: Irving **State:** TX **Zip:** 75062
Phone: 214-287-6566 **Email:** dbongfeldt@aol.com

Please list nominee's civic affiliations in Irving. In addition, list major **volunteer** accomplishments within these affiliations and date(s) of activity. Do not include any paid positions as the award recognizes an individual's volunteer accomplishments.

CIVIC AFFILIATION	VOLUNTEER ACCOMPLISHMENTS	DATE(S)
MainStage Irving	Board Member Voluteer	50+Years

Please list nominee's honors and awards as a volunteer:

- She's served in a variety of roles with the theater
- Committee chairs (Director, Play Selection)
- Board Member
- Actor
- Cheerleader

Additional information:

- I have been affiliated with Mainstage for 20 years. Mary was one of the very first people I met.
- She is a force! Her work for our non-profit theater has been a life long one. She's even acted.
- A board member, member of the Play Selection Committee and a leader in director selection.
- In addition, volunteer work, she is a speech-language pathologist, working at UNT 1992-2006.

Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: A Long Time

Nominated by: Craig Boleman & Kass Prince Date: Jun 30, 2023

Email: craigboleman@gmail.com Phone: 972.467.5893

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**CITY OF IRVING/IRVING CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU HIGH SPIRITED CITIZEN AWARD
NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY**

Name: Kamal Hassan
Address: 4022 Victoria St
City: Irving **State:** TX **Zip:** 75062
Phone: 214-779-1500 **Email:** _____

Please list nominee's civic affiliations in Irving. In addition, list major **volunteer** accomplishments within these affiliations and date(s) of activity. Do not include any paid positions as the award recognizes an individual's volunteer accomplishments.

CIVIC AFFILIATION	VOLUNTEER ACCOMPLISHMENTS	DATE(S)
Board of Directors of Islamic Center of Irving	*see attached note	
Amel Foundation Advisor to the Board of Directors		
Sudanese Community Center of Irving		

Please list nominee's honors and awards as a volunteer:

- *see attached note
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Additional information:

- *see attached note
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Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: 21

Nominated by: Yasir Arafat Date: 6.26.23

Email: yar.arafat1@gmail.com Phone: 469-845-5462

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Kamal Hassan

Please list their major volunteer accomplishments within their affiliations, and note if affiliations are past or present:

Served as the Vice President of Islamic Center of Irving. Established, maintained and enhanced the North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) Food Distribution Program at the Islamic Center of Irving. NTFB program started with once a month in 2020-2021 and started distributing 6000 pounds of food every month. Kamal Hassan organized the volunteers to route the traffic, line up the vehicles and distribute food among more than 300 families per month. He observed the demand and requested NTFB to change the program and distribute food on biweekly basis instead of monthly and maintain the food quantity as there was much more need within the Irving community. Kamal Hassan, talked to every single person who came to get the food as he is an extremely social and pleasant personality and felt the need that the food distribution must be done on weekly basis. NTFB expanded the program by becoming a partner of Islamic Center of Irving and started food distribution on weekly basis. Currently NTFB is distributing food at Islamic Center of Irving every Saturday b/w 10,000-15,000 lbs on average. This program is a major step towards food security in NTX and specifically in the city of Irving. It was so heart touching when one mother who was in the line to pick up the food commented, "thanks God, now my kids can have a full meal".

Please list nominee's honors and awards:

Board of Directors of Islamic Center of Irving, 2555 Esters Rd, Irving, Tx, 75062 Board of Directors, Amel Foundation Advisor to the Board of Directors, Sudanese Community Center of Irving

Additional Information about the nominee:

Kamal Hassan has helped with voter registration at the Sudanese Community Center of Irving

**CITY OF IRVING/IRVING CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU
HIGH SPIRITED CITIZEN AWARD
NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY**

Name: Clem Lear
Address: 4643 O'Connor Court
City: Irving State: TX Zip: 75062
Phone: 214-686-2337 cell clemlear@swbell.net email

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ICVB Board (2002-2008; 2014-2021); Irving Healthcare Foundation Board (2006-2014); Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce board (2XXX-2XXX); ongoing volunteer for Las Colinas Association; ongoing volunteer for ICVB (Visitor Information Booth)

Please list major volunteer accomplishments within the above affiliations. Do not include any paid positions, as the award recognizes an individual's **volunteer** accomplishments. Example: Chaired the Rotary Club, assisted with clothing drive for The Salvation Army, led Garden Club's construction team that built fence at La Buena Vida House, etc.

Served as Chair of ICVB board twice; served as Chair of Irving Healthcare Fdn from 2009-2011 during a critically important governance realignment; chaired TexasFest for IHF in 2012; served as event sponsorship volunteer for IHF for many years; chaired Legislative Committee of Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce for many years;

Please list nominee's honors and awards as a volunteer.

Additional information.

Clem is Irving's go-to person when it comes to volunteering and serving this community. She commands incredible respect from everyone and serves with grace and humility. Her impact on our community cannot be overstated!

Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: _____

Nominated by: Karen Cooperstein Date: 6/23/2023

Email: kbcooperstein@gmail.com Phone: 972-953-8314

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**CITY OF IRVING/IRVING CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU HIGH SPIRITED CITIZEN AWARD
NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY**

Name: Richard L Lindsey
Address: 509 Rochelle Blvd
City: Irving **State:** TX **Zip:** 75062
Phone: 972-746-0494 **Email:** _____

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CIVIC AFFILIATION	VOLUNTEER ACCOMPLISHMENTS	DATE(S)
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Please list nominee's honors and awards as a volunteer:

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Additional information:

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Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: 60

Nominated by: Robert Alsup Date: _____

Email: robertbdfw@gmail.com Phone: 214-287-1767

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Richard Lindsey

Please list nominee's civic affiliations in Irving, and note if affiliations are past or present:

Member of the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau, Board of Directors for six years Board Chair of the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau in ... Member of the Irving Las Colinas Rotary Clubs for ... years Board member of the Irving Las Colinas Rotary Club for ... years President of the Irving Las Colinas Rotary Club in ... Board member of the Irving Symphony for ... years Treasurer of Irving, Symphony Orchestra for ... years

Please list their major volunteer accomplishments within their affiliations, and note if affiliations are past or present:

Irving Rotary Running fundraiser events for ... years Irving Rotary, golf tournaments Irving Rotary Flag program for many years ... Rick is currently the Emperor of the flag program, which will raise in excess of \$80,000 for the community this year Volunteer extraordinaire for the Irving Marathon Running Series. Ever-present volunteer for the Las Colinas Association events volunteered on many occasions to help his neighbors with their gardening/landscaping projects

Additional Information about the nominee

Faithful Henry Holmes breakfast forum attendee for... years. Rick has always been a passionate advocate for so many community activities, including safer cycling. Words that come to mind when I think about Rick ... energetic, firm and thoughtful ... his planning and execution are always flawless! ... he always goes above and beyond no matter what the project ... and he always gives 110%! He may very well raise the bar for future High Spirited Citizens! So ... we should honor Rick Lindsey ... For His Commitment to Integrity, Excellence, Courage, Dedication to Duty, Leadership, Teamwork, and Accountability We Express Our Sincere Gratitude for His Professionalism, Compassion and Loyalty in Providing Exceptional Services and Promoting a High Quality of Life for Residents, Visitors and Businesses of the City of Irving, Texas. (This language comes from the plaques that Rick presents at Rotary to the police and fire officers of the quarter, for the past several years.)

**CITY OF IRVING/IRVING CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU
HIGH SPIRITED CITIZEN AWARD
NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY**

Name: LaNita Norman Johnson
Address: 1212 Olde Towne Drive
City: Irving State: TX Zip: 75061
Phone: 214-732-6707

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Irving Teen Court (2000), Irving Black Arts Council (2002), Irving Heritage Society (2017),
Irving ISD (1999), City of Irving Parks & Recreation Dept (2002),
Ben Washington Baptist Church (1999) - Girls Mentoring, IT Ministry & Youth Volunteer
Irving Youth Council (2010 - 2017) Judge - Irving's Got Talent!

Please list major volunteer accomplishments within the above affiliations. Do not include any paid positions, as the award recognizes an individual's **volunteer** accomplishments. Example: Chaired the Rotary Club, assisted with clothing drive for The Salvation Army, led Garden Club's construction team that built fence at La Buena Vida House, etc.

President/Irving Black Arts Council (2012)
Chairs Annual Black History Program with City of Irving (since 2011)

Please list nominee's honors and awards as a volunteer.

NAACP's community service award (2019)
Super Star Award - Park & Rec Dept (2019)

Additional information.

FedEx Angel Tree Coordinator (2018 - 2023) benefitting Irving ISD

Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: 25
Nominated by: Jearlene Miller Date: 6/9/2023; revised 6/27/2023
Email: jgmiller6@verizon.net Phone: 214-732-6707

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**CITY OF IRVING/IRVING CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU
HIGH SPIRITED CITIZEN AWARD**

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY

Name: Walter O. Theiss
Address: 1730 Shumard Oak Lane
City: Irving State: TX Zip: 75063
Phone: 972-754-5709 wotheiss@icloud.com

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1. Board Member and officer, Hackberry Creek Homeowners' Association
2. Volunteer Puppy Raiser - Canine Companions (<https://canine.org/>)
3. Dallas County CASA (volunteer Court appointed Special Advocate)
4. Holy Family of Nazareth St. Vincent de Paul chapter(volunteer)

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1. Elected to 4 terms on the HOA board, served from 2011-2018. During these terms served as Secretary, Vice-President and President. The HOA manages the various affairs of the HOA, including financial, quality of life, operations, assessments and capital planning.

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Please list nominee's honors and awards as a volunteer.

Additional information.

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Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: 30.5
Nominated by: Colvin D. Gibson Date: _____
Email: xcolvin@aol.com Phone: 972-754-5709 wotheiss@icloud.com

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Canine Companions: Mr. Theiss has been a Volunteer puppy raiser with his wife Sandy for the Canine Companions South Central Region office (7710 Las Colinas Ridge, Irving, TX 75063). They are currently raising their 3rd puppy. Puppy raisers receive the puppy at @ 10 weeks old and raise and train the puppy for 16-18 months to adulthood at which point the dogs are returned to Canine Companions for professional training. The puppy raisers bear all costs of raising the puppy, including food and veterinarian care. Canine Companions is a national organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained service dogs at no charge to the recipient. Since its founding in 1975, Canine Companions has provided over 7,300 service dogs to people with disabilities. Canine Companions has six regional training centers throughout the U.S.

3 continued: Dallas CASA (www.Dallascasa.org) Since 1979 Dallas CASA volunteer advocates have been appointed by judges to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the Dallas County court system, helping these children gain safe, permanent homes as quickly as possible. Mr. Theiss has served as a Court Appointed Special Advocate since 2012 and has advocated for 27 children in 12 cases in Dallas County.

**CITY OF IRVING/IRVING CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU
HIGH SPIRITED CITIZEN AWARD
NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY**

Name: Chris Wallace
Address: 4235 Castle Rock Court
City: Irving State: TX Zip: 75038
Phone: 214-384-2389

Please list nominee's civic affiliations in Irving. Example: Rotary Board of Directors, Salvation Army, Garden Club, church/synagogue/mosque ministry, hospital auxiliary, etc. (continue on back of form or attach a second page, if necessary)

Irving Rotary Club; DFW Humane Society Board; Irving Symphony Board; Irving Schools Foundation Board; Irving Healthcare Foundation Board; Irving Heritage Society; Valley Ranch Association Board; Irving Flood Control District 3 Board; served on ICVB Board (non-voting member through the Irving Chamber)

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Has chaired the Irving Symphony Board, DFW Humane Society Board and Irving Heritage Society; currently is the chair-elect for the statewide organization, Children at Risk

Please list nominee's honors and awards as a volunteer.

Additional information.

Although Chris has been the "face" of Irving through his role as CEO of the Chamber, his work at Las Colinas Association, and his CEO role at North Texas Commission, Chris is a dedicated volunteer, always willing to step in and serve as a leader of nonprofit boards

Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: 19 years

Nominated by: Karen Cooperstein Date: 06/23/2023

Email: kbcooperstein@gmail.com Phone: 972-953-8314

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**CITY OF IRVING/IRVING CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU HIGH SPIRITED CITIZEN AWARD
NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY**

Name: Oscar and Kaye Ward

Address: _____

City: Irving **State:** TX **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

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*see attached note		

Please list nominee's honors and awards as a volunteer:

- Both have held various offices in their organizations.
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Additional information:

- Active volunteer participant in Arts Center Genghis Khan presentation
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Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: 20 years

Nominated by: Robert Bettis Date: _____

Email: rbettis1@me.com Phone: 214-525-7818

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Nominee Recommendation: Oscar and Kaye Ward

Both Oscar and Kaye are longtime residents of Irving and active participants in multiple facets of the Community. Oscar is a member of the Sunrise Rotary Club, Ambucs, the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce, and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Both Oscar and Kaye are members of the Irving Heritage Society and their Neighborhood Association.

Oscar served on the Irving City Council from his election in 2014 until 2023. On the Council he chaired the Audit and Finance Committee and served on the Public Safety Committee and the Transportation and Natural Resources Committee. He was the Council Liaison to the Arts Board, the Irving Flood Control District Section 1, and the Dallas Central Utility Reclamation District (DCURD). Kay served as President of the Irving Heritage Society in 2015-2016 and is a constant participant and companion in all Community endeavors.

**CITY OF IRVING/IRVING CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU HIGH SPIRITED CITIZEN AWARD
NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY**

Name: Gary Westerman
Address: 1727 N. Bristol Court
City: Irving **State:** TX **Zip:** 75062
Phone: 972-859-9463 **Email:** _____

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Please list nominee's honors and awards as a volunteer:

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Additional information:

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Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: 56

Nominated by: Mary Higbie Date: 6.20.23

Email: mary higbie@yahoo.com Phone: 972-816-1324

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Gary Westerman

Please list nominee's civic affiliations in Irving, and note if affiliations are past or present:

Irving AMBUCS including served on national board, Woodhaven Presbyterian Church-from Elder to a multitude of positions, Irving Heritage Society-currently 3rd VP (Projects), Wreaths Across America, several Irving Pioneer Cemeteries, and North Texas Association, Texas Funeral Director Association plus Texas Funeral Services, Inc. All above affiliations are current.

Please list their major volunteer accomplishments within their affiliations, and note if affiliations are past or present:

AMBUCS-served on national board, involved 33 years, 8 million dollars in scholarships since 1955 nationally, Woodhaven Presbyterian Church-He is an Elder. He previously chaired craft fair for approx. 25 years, raising \$5,000-\$6,000 a year, serves in various capacities at church as greeter, Worship Committee, Facility Committee for new mission building, serving as 3rd Vice President for Irving Heritage Society for projects with the most major one the annual fish fry. This is his second term as 3rd VP after a short break. Provides assistance, resource and tombstone repair to pioneer cemeteries

Additional Information about the nominee:

Since 2019, Gary has given blood platelets every 3 weeks for Carter Blood Care and has the t-shirts to prove it. I will also send a bio/introduction for Gary Westerman as a separate attachment.

**CITY OF IRVING/IRVING CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU HIGH SPIRITED CITIZEN AWARD
NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY**

Name: Linda Wood
Address: 441 Littlejohn Dr
City: Irving **State:** TX **Zip:** 75061
Phone: 469-223-8382 **Email:** _____

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Please list nominee's honors and awards as a volunteer:

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Additional information:

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Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: 20

Nominated by: Mary Higbie Date: 7.3.23

Email: mary_higbie@yahoo.com Phone: 972-816-1324

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Linda Wood

Please list nominee's civic affiliations in Irving, and note if affiliations are past or present:

Irving Art Association - past president, chair Texas Neighbors Exhibit, class instructor, exhibits chair. As President, she handled many of the organizational needs from exhibits, instruction, communication, etc. Irving Heritage Society - past president, multiple committees such as Mary's 100th Birthday, Valentine Tea, Finance, etc. Heritage Society - Current - Celebrating Irving: The City and The Man and Finance Committee. Main Stage Irving Las Colinas - current Volunteer Coordinator - art exhibits Blue Bonnet Arts and Crafts - Linda worked with this art organization as well as a volunteer and instructor.

Please list their major volunteer accomplishments within their affiliations, and note if affiliations are past or present:

Linda is a very talented artist and as such has been generous to share her skill in many ways from instruction classes on a regular routine, exhibit curator, art exhibits in the public libraries, creating art work for events from invitations, decorations, and memorabilia, to guest speaker/demonstrator for civic groups. Her creation of Grant Wood themed decorations were popular on the Heritage Society Christmas tree for competition.

Additional Information about the nominee:

Linda is the perfect volunteer as she comes with creative ideas, willingness to participate, leadership ability and equally performs well in a supportive role. No task is too large or challenging or left undone. She has now taken her love of art in a direction to help showcase the art work of others at MainStage 222. She continues to be involved with the Irving Heritage Society with committees and special events. With knowledge from her profession, she is an asset to the finance committee. She is always there and responds when the need arises for her service.

VOLUNTEER VISITOR INFORMATION KIOSK

Confirmed Event for Volunteers:

The Church Network Annual Meeting
July 19, 2023 – 10:00 a.m. to noon shift
Two volunteers

Other Possible Upcoming Events:

Texas Cornhole	August 10
Body Building	September 8-9
FiberFest	September 13-17
Ultimate Women's Expo	September 29-October 1
Fan Days 2023	October 20-23
USA Judo and Preserve Halloween	November 17-19
Texas Cornhole	December 1-2
Body Building	December 8-9

Confirmed Volunteers: 10