



2015 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Nominee: Terri Dyer

Nominator: Shari Jackman



In the Nominator's words:

Last fall marked the 22nd year that Terri Dyer began volunteering extensively in the Dublin Unified School District. She pours her heart and soul into everything she does, filling a variety of positions quietly and unassumingly. She's never been heard to complain about any role she has taken on nor ever regretted jumping in with both feet. She also doesn't take just volunteer jobs where she sits on a committee, doing a few tasks. When needed, Terri is always willing to take on a leadership role. In 2015, when I didn't think it was possible, she took on even more. Her tremendous involvement in our community makes her my "Citizen of the Year."

One of the roles that Terri assumed is Parent Rep for the Dublin High Class of 2017. It is quite like being a "Team Mom" for the entire class of students for four years. Duties for this job are plentiful, including helping the class pull together a skit, a float, and area decorations for a week-long Homecoming event; planning proms; coordinating fundraising activities; and much more. Terri is always gracious, kind, positive, and respectful as she works alongside the school's administration, faculty, students, and other parents.

As is the case with school volunteering, when parents no longer have kids at a school, volunteer positions are often left unfilled. When no one stepped up to assume the role of President of Dublin High School Athletic Boosters, Terri took on that position. She is not only the chief liaison between the Athletics Department, administration, and the Booster organization, she also puts in many, many hours assisting in membership and spirit wear sales; co-managing the concessions booths at numerous athletic events; and helping to run the organization's fireworks booth. The money she has directly helped to raise supports 21 different athletic programs at DHS.

While the above activities would certainly be enough for anyone, Terri amazingly took on the co-chair position of the school's "Every 15 Minutes" program, taking place in March. This is a two-day program presented to all students, challenging them to think about drinking, driving, and making mature decisions. Along with alcohol-related crashes, it focuses on the impact that their decisions have on family and friends. Preparations for this event began a year ago. It involves interaction with local Police, Fire, emergency transport, hospitals, the court system, a coroner and funeral home, students, parents, and school administrators. It is one of the most worthwhile programs offered at the high school, and could not happen without Terri's leadership.

Amazingly enough, Terri also manages to serve on the school district's Citizen Bond Oversight Committee and Facilities Master Planning Committee, and volunteers at St. Raymond's Church, where she serves as a lector, fundraiser, and weekly facilitator during Confirmation classes.

I've often heard people say, "I do my share." Well, when it comes to Terri Dyer, she not only does HER share, but she does the share of hundreds of others. Please name her 2015 Citizen of the Year.