

Huron County Democratic Party delivers service awards for 2020

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Each year the Huron County Democratic Party recognizes the outstanding efforts and commitment of individuals in the continuance of our mission to elect public servants who put people first. The party is now delivering the awards for 2020, which then-Chairwoman Sue Lesch announced at the virtual Central and Executive Committees meeting on January 27th. Here is a list of the awards and winners with remarks by Chairwoman Karen Prelipp:

- The John T. Hogsett Memorial Award is presented to a member of the Democratic Party who has made an exemplary contribution to the Democratic Party for a period of time exceeding five years. The 2020 award goes to Ginger Packert, Norwalk, in recognition of her efforts to teach democratic values to our youth, without referring to a political party.
 - The Leona H. Weisenberger Award is given to a Democrat who has served the public, in the capacity of an officeholder or public official, in a manner that merits recognition and appreciation. By this award, the Huron County Democratic Party brings the faithful discharge of public duties to the attention of the people of Huron County. The 2020 award goes to Chris Raftery, Monroeville, in recognition of her commitment and leadership in Monroeville and the many boards she serves on.
 - The John F. Elmlinger Memorial Award is presented to a Huron County Democrat who has made a significant and continuous contribution to the quality of life in Huron County through civic and charitable activities. The 2020 award goes to Kati Hicks for her efforts to bring the Imagination Library to Huron County, and raise \$1,000.00 to get books into the homes of Huron County's preschoolers.
 - The Vivian and Evert Ratliff Memorial Award is given to a Democrat for their work doing "the unnoticed work of the grassroots," the many little things that are the nuts and bolts of politics, and the lifeblood of a successful campaign. The 2020 award is presented to Kate Rivet for her work to establish Firelands Indivisible, working tirelessly on the redistricting issue, and her voter registration and outreach efforts.
 - The Chairman/Chairwoman's Award is given each year to Democrats who have made outstanding contributions and service to the Democratic Party. Chairwoman Sue Lesch recognized four people who put their commitment into action by delivering nearly 1,000 yard signs all over the county. The 2020 recipients are Rebecca Lawson, Norwalk; Pam McKenzie, Willard; Alfred Ferguson, Bellevue; and Robert Gonzales, Bellevue. Our thanks for their energy and drive.
- Prelipp invites those who would like to become involved to contact the party at hurondems.org, and would like to remind readers that "Democracy is not a spectator sport."

PHOTOS: Ginger Packert,
Chris Raftery (left) and Karen Prelipp,
Kati Hicks,
Pam McKenzie







