

The Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce Presents

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Annual Awards Banquet

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★ Organization of the Year
Community Action



Jerralynn Ness

"The quality of life for many would be greatly diminished without the support of Community Action," said Rick Roby, president of Columbia Community Bank.

To be precise, almost 14,000 families took part in the services or programs offered by the

agency during the twelve-month period ending June 30, 2004. Because of Community Action, 2,074 parents found help in securing childcare for their families. Over 200 households realized increased energy efficiency through the agency's weatherization program. More than 6,000 families enjoyed heat during the winter. Another 55 families found temporary shelter while working to avoid or escape homelessness. And through Community Action's pregnancy outreach program, 98% of participating mothers gave birth to healthy babies.

Lead by Jerralynn Ness, Community Action is a private, non-profit agency working to address the causes and conditions of poverty in Washington County. It is part of the Community Action Partnership of 1000 agencies nationwide. Jerralynn has served the agency as its executive director for more than 20 years, and has made eradicating poverty in Washington County her life's work. She and her staff are achieving that goal, one family at a time.

Shirley Huffman, former mayor of the City of Hillsboro, cites Community Action's "outstanding management of limited financial and personal resources" in her nomination of the organization to receive this award. Mayor Tom Hughes underscored the significance of being named Organization of the Year by noting that the award is given to those that "not only fulfill their goals, but consistently strive to expand and improve their services through excellent leadership, skills and resources of their staff and volunteers."

Community Action has expanded its services significantly over the last several years, adding programs to address barriers to housing, provide after school programs for shelter children, assist families transitioning from shelter to permanent housing, promote healthy prenatal care and enhance the development of very young children.

Since 1965, Community Action has helped our less fortunate neighbors with "a hand up, not a hand out" - all as part of a daily effort to help families bridge the divide to self sufficiency.

Hoffman continued

dedicated to alternate crops like berries and grass seed. Potatoes are still the farm's "bread and butter," but the berries - a project he began for his children in 1992 - now consume about 80 acres of

the farm and fuel its u-pick and store outlets. Hoffman also has plans for a fruit packaging operation in the near future.

Another of the interesting diversions at the farm is the softball field constructed on the property. Hoffman explained that when he

added migrant housing facilities in 1996, a drain field had to be reserved. His thought was, "If we can't work it, why can't we play on it?" And up sprung another "Field of Dreams," complete with lights and scoreboard, hosting a couple of community games each month. "We've had a load of fun with it," he said.

★ **Bob Herb**
Leadership Award
Arden Sheets



Arden Sheets is one of those lucky fellows who figured out how to earn a living doing something that he loves.

He grew up on a farm in Kansas, and as a little boy recalls seeing the most beautiful apples arriving at local WPA work sites in crates marked from Wenatchee. From that

moment, he knew his destiny was to raise apples in Washington.

It was to his dismay to learn how hot it could get in Wenatchee, and upon making that discovery, broadened his scope to the Pacific Northwest, much to our good fortune. He eventually landed at the Southwest Washington Research Center in 1954, with all of the family's belongings in a one-wheeled bumper trailer.

In 1959, Arden moved on to the North Willamette Research Center. It was there that he determined the cultural requirements (fertilizer, training and spacing) for the famous Marionberry. It was also there that Sheets developed the Alternate Year System - a type of "on-year/off-year" planting system requiring less water and fertilizer, breaking the cycle of some diseases, and yielding farmers more money for their labor.

In 1976, Arden was transferred to Washington County to serve as the extension agent, where he was able to share his knowledge and ideas with local farmers, as well as the random homeowner calling to find out how to keep bugs

from getting into the oatmeal. He served as staff chair until 1992 when he retired... well, sort of.

For the last 13 years, Sheets has been as busy as ever. He spends about 50-60 hours a week tending "Arden's Gardens," a plot enveloping two sides of his house and including no fewer than 43 types of apples, 25 types of grapes, and 7 or 8 different kinds of pears. There are also peaches, cherries, blackberries, blueberries, raspberries and the "Ardenberry," a thornless blackberry developed by Barney Douglass that Arden has taken to commercial growers.

Throughout his career and now in retirement, Arden has been a leader in the agriculture industry as well as the community. He has channeled his passion for plants and people to benefit several local organizations, including the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, Hillsboro Community Fundation, Tualatin Valley Garden Club, Hillsboro Rotary Club, and many, many others.

★ **Outstanding Professional Award**

Dr. Edmundo Rosales & Dr. Michael O'Neill ★



From Left; Dr. Edmundo Rosales & Dr. Michael O'Neill

Disturbed by the number of patients passing through the emergency room suffering from conditions that could have been prevented with earlier treatment, Dr. Edmundo Rosales set out to make change.

With the help of an unprecedented coalition of partners, Rosales acted as the catalyst to establish the Essential Health Clinic in 2001. The free clinic provides uninsured individuals and families with treatment for urgent medical problems. Rosales serves as the (unpaid) medical director for the clinic.

Initially a one-night-a-week effort, the clinic recently added a second night to its schedule to better accommodate the demand for services. It is staffed entirely by volunteer clinicians, including physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses and other medical professionals who see 35-40 patients during each three-hour session.

Thanks to their efforts, a total of 4100 patients have been seen since the Essential Health Clinic opened in October of 2001.

"We were in the right place at the right time," said Rosales, referring to the downturn in the economy and job losses following the September 11th attacks. He is also quick to credit the many community partners without whom the clinic may never have gotten off the ground.

Along with Rosales, Dr. Michael O'Neill is also praised for his work at the clinic. He alone has seen almost 400 patients since he began

volunteering, and often steps in when other doctors are ill. He has also been known to refer patients to his own practice when they can't obtain the necessary follow-up care elsewhere.

"These two men exemplify the very best of American healthcare, and should not remain unsung heroes in our community any longer," said Dick Stenson, president and CEO of Tuality Healthcare. Dr. O'Neill has been in family practice in Oregon since 1987. Dr. Rosales has practiced for 23 years in internal medicine.



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☆ Community Award Winners

Emma C. McKinney Distinguished Citizen

2005 Gene Zurbrugg
2004 Judy Willey
2003 Darlene Greene
2002 Marilyn Helzerman
2001 Rick Van Beveren
2000 Gordon Faber
1999 W. Arden Sheets
1998 Jerry Willey
1997 Robert L. Terry
1996 Russell L. Wilkinson
1995 Grant Johnson
1994 JoAnn Heinrich
1993 Shirley Huffman
1992 Eldon Mills
1991 Herman Woll
1990 Mervin Brink
1989 Jim Harp
1988 Patricia Graham

Business of the Year

2005 Seabold Family of Senior Housing
2004 Metro West Ambulance
2003 Dick's Country Dodge /
Dick's MacKenzie Ford
2002 Hillsboro Aviation
2001 Garland, Griffiths, et al.
2000 Bretthauer Oil
1999 Baker Rock Resources
1998 Jones & Roth, P.C.
1997 BCA Financial Services
1996 McDonald's of Hillsboro
1995 Intel Corporation
1994 Ben Rogers MacKenzie Ford
1993 Moments in Time
1992 Zurbrugg Construction
1991 AB Farms Bill Hesse
1990 Power Rents, Inc.
1989 Oregon Roses
1988 Washington Federal Savings Bank

Organization of the Year

2005 Community Action Organization
2004 Hillsboro School Foundation
2003 Tualatin Valley Garden Club
2002 Jackson Bottom Wetlands
2001 A Child's Place
2000 SOLV
1999 Volunteer Airshow Committees
1998 Friends of H.A.R.T.
1997 Hillsboro Boys & Girls Club
1996 Hillsboro Rotary Club
1995 Hillsboro High School Key Club
1994 Tuality Hospital Auxiliary
1993 Hillsboro Elks Lodge
1992 Sunrise Rotary of Hillsboro
1991 Active 20-30 Club

1990 Alpha Upsilon, ESA
1989 Kiwanis
1988 Kiwanis

Chairman's Award

2005 Domestic Violence Resource Center
2004 Ron Louie
2003 Perry Gruber
2002 Bob Terry
2001 Manuel Castaneda
2000 Dennis Griffiths
1996 Nikki Squire
1995 Matt Brink
1994 Robert R. French
1993 Rick Van Beveren
1992 Darlene Greene
1991 Bob Evans
1990 Long Range Planning Committee
1989 Grant Johnson
1988 Timothy J. Erwert

Special Merit Service

2005 Lynn Adamo
2004 Jack and Jan McGowan
2003 John Coulter
2002 Intel Corporation
2001 Kathy Murphy-Hogan
2000 The Hillsboro Argus
Walter McKinney & Dick McKinney
1999 Thomas A. Huffman
1996 Gayle Darr
1995 Bob Evans
1994 Bruce Hochstein
1993 Charles Noble
1992 Wes Hebron
1991 Cecelia Carroll
JoAnn Heinrich

Outstanding Professional

2005 Dr. Edmundo Rosales
Dr. Michael O'Neill
2004 John Newell
2003 Catherine Crooker
2002 Judy Baines
2001 Lila Ashenbrenner
2000 Russ Sterenberg
1999 David Lawrence
1998 Al Miller
1997 Richard V. Stenson
1996 Darlene Greene
1995 Frank Wallender
1994 Tim Erwert
1993 Jerralynn Ness
1992 Lloyd Baron
1991 Flo Rhea
1990 Kay Kirkbride
1988 Nikki Squire

Agricultural Achievement

2005 Hoffman Farms, Jay & Kelly Hoffman
2004 Pearson Tree Farm
Daral and Virginia Pearson
2003 Duyck Farms, Mike Duyck
2002 Pacific Harvest Supply Co.
Jeff Duyck
2001 Hertel Farms
Chris, Vicki & Charlie Hertel
2000 Vanderzanden Farms
Bob, Crystal & Tad Vanderzanden
1999 Kenneth and Jeanne Buel
1998 VanDyke Seed Company
1997 Marsh Homestead, Inc.
George & Judy Marsh
1996 Matt & Kathi Unger
1995 Elmer & Lillian Grossen
1994 Vanasche Farm
1993 Oregon Garden Products
1992 Ziegler Olson Farms, Inc.
1991 Simantel Farms, Inc.
1990 Dixie Mountain Tree Farm
1989 John Thomas
1988 Jossy Farms

Distinguished Youth

2005 Jade Sheldon
2004 4-H Tech Wizards
2003 Megan Jones
2002 Tim Ober
2001 Mac Morris
2000 Julie Schulmerich
Rachel Unger
1999 Marilyn Hinds
Myra Coe
1998 Julia K. Krautscheid
1997 Megan Ostrem
1996 Glencoe High School
National Honor Society
1995 Brookwood Elementary
1994 Cesar Garcia
1993 Hillsboro Alternative School
1992 Girl Scouts Rainbow Valley
1991 Sidney Brunswick
1990 Civil Air Patrol
1989 Thomas Jr. High School Leadership
1988 Girl Scouts Rainbow Valley

Philanthropic Leadership

2004 Glenn and Viola Walters
2003 Doug and Retha Wetter

Art & Donna Cillo Chamber Volunteer

2005 Kim Juskiewicz & Mary Jones
2004 Michael Terhorst
2003 Mary Phillips

