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2016 RECAP

This special edition of the Volunteer Tyler newsletter highlights the achievements of its volunteers during events that have taken place over the summer.

Events such as Volunteer Appreciation Day captured the spirit of volunteerism during the City Council meeting where the Volunteer of the Year award was presented. Other awards were given out during the breakfast at Gallery Main Street. More than 50 volunteers participated in the event.

Also, several of our volunteers reached a milestone this year when they graduated from school. So, please enjoy this issue!



Volunteer of the Year, Marvin Mayer (c.), along with his wife, being presented the award by the City Council, City Manager and Volunteer Coordinator



Mayor Martin Heines taking a picture with volunteers and the Volunteer Coordinator before the City Council meeting



Volunteers for the 2016 #SchoolisCool event

2016 AWARD WINNERS

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: MARVIN MAYER

Top Star Awards

- § **Gold Star**
Award: Nick Sciarrini - 1409 hours
- § **Gold Star**
Award: Angel Loucks - 781.5 hours
- § **Silver Star**
Award: Margie Johnson - 432 hours
- § **Bronze Star**
Award: Bill Somogyi - 324 hours



100 Club Awards

- § Cole Whitaker - 252.9 hours
- § LINK Program 223 hours
- § Judy Kovic - 222 hours
- § Laura C. Turner - 220 hours
- § David Demic - 160 hours
- § Fenton Kovic - 157 hours
- § Kathy Becker - 156 hours
- § Iyana Johnson - 155.5 hours
- § Russell Korbol - 149 hours
- § Leandro de Leon - 145 hours
- § Julia Archer - 145 hours
- § Lynn Mosley - 138.44 hours
- § Robbie Campbell - 133.25 hours
- § Edith Geske - 120.45 hours
- § Ricky Polcer - 110.5 hours
- § Paul Watts - 101 hours
- § Linda C. Chandler - 100.25 hours



Volunteer Tyler

would like to congratulate the following graduates for all of your hard work, dedication, and accomplishments this year! We wish you all the best!

- ◆ Ora "JJ" Curtis-Texas College
- ◆ Eddie Escalante-LINK Program
- ◆ Cesar Gamboa-LINK Program
- ◆ Julia Gray- Whitehouse HS
- ◆ Jason Lewis-Tyler Junior College
- ◆ Allie McCracken-Grace Community HS
- ◆ Grace McCracken-Cumberland Academy
- ◆ Laura Mitchell-Grace Community HS
- ◆ Omama Quershi-Whitehouse HS
- ◆ Julio Romero-Robert E. Lee HS
- ◆ Zachary Walker-Winona HS
- ◆ Emily Shackleford-Robert E. Lee HS
- ◆ Bryant Watson-LINK Program

Someone Special Award

KTBB's "Someone Special" award winners have been announced for January and February. Recipients are recognized on radio stations 600 AM and 92.1 FM and posted at www.ktbb.com. The winners also receive a plaque from East Texas Trophy.

January Recipient:

Dorinda Henderson-Williams (Neighborhood Services)

February Recipient:

Doug Haning (Tyler Police Department)

March Recipient:

Lila Katz (Tyler Public Library)

April Recipient:

Geneva Jackson (Human Resources)

May Recipient:

Linda C. Chandler (Tyler Public Library)

June Recipient:

Bill Scheibal (Tyler Public Library)

July Recipient:

Jan Phillips (Tyler Public Library)

August Recipient:

Jennifer McGrew (Human Resources)

Tune in because you could be the next volunteer recognized on KTBB!

SHINING STAR MAY/JUNE 2016

Linda Helmlinger has been chosen as the Shining star for the months of May and June. She currently volunteers at both the Tyler Pounds Regional Airport and the Tyler Public Library.

The former financial operations manager serves as a tour guide at the Airport and a Book Buddy at the Library. She can be seen showing school groups around the Airport or scanning documents. As a Book Buddy, Linda reads to four classes of three to five year olds at Tyler Day Nursery on Thursdays.

She said, "I just love it. It give me lots of satisfaction to help someone or make their day brighter."

As an operations manager for several businesses such as Wells Fargo, she held several

security licenses and ensured brokers, financial advisors and assistants stayed in compliance with Federal, State, and local laws.

Linda enjoys reading and quilting. She is currently learning how to knit when not spending time with her husband, two daughters, three stepsons or six grandkids. She has even worked for the Republican Party primary and is now considering volunteering at some of the local hospitals.

Davis Dickson, airport manager, adds, "She's just a delight to have in our office. She's real dependable and good with the kids."

Linda was overjoyed when one of her former students recognized her in the store. He even recalled the book that she

read to his class.

City of Tyler appreciates her bringing her enthusiasm and reading skills every day. Linda is truly a Shining Star.



Linda Helmlinger

SHINING STAR JULY/AUGUST 2016

Ricky Polcer has been chosen as the Shining Star for the months of July and August. She currently volunteers as a member of the Accessible Parking Enforcement team and has done so since February 2013. Her role is to write tickets to those who illegally park in handicapped spaces.

"Number one-I try to educate people for those with a real need. And number two-I ticket people who need to be ticketed (sic) repeat offenders," Ricky stated.

Ricky was born and raised in Salina, Kansas. She later married her husband, John, who served in the United States Air Force while she worked in civil service in personnel management for 30 years (now known as Human Resources). They had the opportunity to live in places such as Las Vegas, Washington

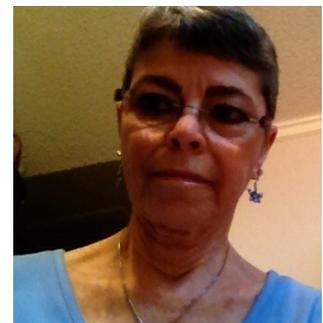
state, New Jersey, Germany, Greece, Arkansas, Illinois and finally Texas. While working as a civil servant, she obtained both her bachelors in business management and her masters in personnel management in three and a half years. She retired from Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio and has lived in Tyler since 2005.

She also makes quilts for several charities such as Quilts for Kids, Hospice Austin, New Life and the Alzheimer Disease Cooperative Study. She has made 1,000 quilts for both the Alzheimer's group and Quilts for kids since 2010. In addition to quilts, she makes totes with handles, Christmas pillowcases and fleece throws New Life.

Ricky's other passions are her greyhounds. She used to foster them. She proudly boasts

that her pets, Miguel and Jinx, are her love.

Congratulations to Ricky Polcer for her outstanding service to the community through her hard work and dedication in protecting some of our most vulnerable citizens. Volunteer Tyler appreciates your service.



Ricky Polcer

NEW VOLUNTEERS

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| Jennifer Cobbins: Parks and Recreation | Martin Marroquin: Liberty Hall |
| Stanley Cofer: Liberty Hall | Sandy McClain: Tyler Police |
| Cynthia Cornett: Tyler Public Library | Jennifer McGrew: Human Resources |
| William Etuk: Finance | Majorie Miller: Tyler Public Library |
| Pat Flanagan: City University | Chris Mueller: IT |
| Geneva Jackson: Human Resources | Jane Neal: Tyler Public Library |
| Calvin Johnson: Human Resources | Kurt Noell: Gallery Main Street |
| Gayathri Kambhampati: Tyler Public Library | Sonya Taylor: Parks and Recreation |
| David Lee: Tyler Public Library | Ashley White: Human Resources |
| Freedom Logbeck: Municipal Court | |

NEW YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Angela Aguilera, Henry Ainsworth, Charles Ainsworth, Darren Beard, Lauren Bell, Chance Billington, Madhar Brazeal, John Broom, Guy Broom, Zoe Carnes, Piper Choy, Daniel Curry II, Neymi Espinoza, Mariah Felton, Arianah Garcia, Maeshia Gee, Chelsey Gee, Carlesa Green, Kenya Hicks, Angela Iturvides, Xiyu Jing, Hwiho Kim, Laura Marquez, Mia Martinico, Edwin Meraza, Bianca Mondragon, Manana Olaya, Josh Parker, Natalie Parnell, Jonathan Prieto, Maariq Qureshi, Macy Rakestraw, Leonel Reyes, Kendall Standifer, Beaux Still, Jennifer Thornton, Andrea Valdez, Javon Wash, Kamden Whitmill, Lauren Wright and Yujie Yang: Tyler Public Library

Brain Teaser

RIDDLE ME THIS

1. What gets wetter the more it dries?
2. One night, a king and a queen went into a castle. There was nobody in the castle, and no one came out of the castle. In the morning, three people came out of the castle. Who were they?
3. Lives in winter, dies in summer, and grows with its roots upward. What is it?
4. What has three feet but cannot walk?
5. What goes up and never comes down?

(Source: <http://frugalfun4boys.com/>)



Volunteers send your answer by September 9 to Yolanda Prince at VolunteerTyler@tylertexas.com.

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