



Township's Community Awards Program Recognizes Outstanding Service

LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP (December 19, 2019) - The Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisors recognized outstanding contributions of individuals and businesses within the community, presenting the 2019 community awards at its December 19th meeting. The 2019 winners are: Citizen of the Year, Jackie Rittenhouse; Volunteer of the Year, David Cemini; and Business of the Year, Colleen Kriebel / Kriebel's Custom Bakery and Cafe.

Nominations were sought for each of the awards. The Board of Supervisors served as the selection committee for the Citizen of the Year. In selecting the recipient for the award, the Board looked for an individual who has performed outstanding service or made exceptional contributions to the community. The nomination application sought input on the individual's leadership, service, character and accomplishments.

For over four decades, Jackie Rittenhouse has been using her time and talents to serve the Lower Providence Township community. In 1976, Jackie joined the Lower Providence Community Ambulance and became an Emergency Medical Technician. In 1979, she was voted a junior member of the Lower Providence Volunteer Fire Company, becoming the first female member of the company. Over the years, she has held many positions, including trustee, vice president and president from 1997 through 2017.

While Jackie does not fight fires

anymore, she remains a dedicated and very active member of the fire company. She manages Chief's Hall rentals, is always there when it's "time to make the donuts", assists with fundraisers, and makes sure emergency services workers and our Township road crews are well fed during snowstorms.

Jackie's biggest passion continues to be fire prevention education. She has taken "Mr. Fire" to countless preschool classes, teaching our children how to "Stop, Drop and Roll" and "Stay Low and Go." In 2019 alone, the company taught 243 preschool students about fire safety. In her 40-plus years of fire prevention service, it's estimated that over 3000 children have rolled and crawled with Jackie.



Jackie Rittenhouse and Supervisor Peter MacFarland

The Volunteer of the Year Award was selected by the Parks and Recreation Board. The award recognizes the inspiring efforts of volunteers and the selection committee looked for an individual or organization who continually gives of their time to support the Lower Providence community.

Dave Cimini is Scoutmaster of Scout Troop 313 of Audubon, having served in that position since 2011. In that time, Dave has rarely, if ever, missed a camping trip, troop activity or fundraiser. For his outstanding efforts, he received the Unit Leader Award presented by the Cradle of Liberty Council in 2017 and the District Award of Merit from the Lafayette District in 2018. Dave has devoted countless hours to Scouting and local youth, serving as a mentor and positive role model, and instilling lifelong values. Under Dave's exceptional leadership and guidance, an impressive 36 Scouts from Troop 313 have advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout, Scouting's highest achievement.



***Parks & Recreation Board Chair Beth Ann Mazza,
Dave Cimini and Supervisor Patrick Duffy***

The Business of the Year Award recognizes a business or business owner located within Lower Providence Township for outstanding professional and community contributions.



Colleen Kriebel and Supervisor Peter MacFarland

Kriebel's Custom Bakery & Café, located in the Colonial Shopping Center in Eagleville, is owned by Colleen Kriebel, an alumna of the Culinary Institute of America and an award-winning pastry chef. Colleen is a master at delicious baking and imaginative design and decorating. Kriebel's embodies the best values of a neighborhood business while offering the community the chance to enjoy world-class custom cake creations and pastries. Kriebel's has enjoyed steady growth since the storefront bakery opened in 2011, helping to invigorate

the shopping center. Recently Colleen continued her investment in Lower Providence, choosing to expand her business to include a full-service gourmet coffee and tea house.

Outside her baking accomplishments, Colleen makes time to give back to the community by working with many local charities including the Variety Club, Police Athletic League, and the Best Buddies Program. She also enjoys encouraging young talent. She hosts externships for students from many high schools and colleges, including Methacton High School and Northern Montco Technical High School.