Proclaiming excellence in leadership

When ASWB’s Board of Directors heard that former ASWB president AMANDA DUFFY RANDALL of Nebraska was to receive the 2016 Social Worker of the Year award from the Nebraska chapter of NASW, the current Board went into high gear to send congratulations and join with the Nebraska chapter to honor AMANDA.

Past President DORINDA NOBLE of Texas penned a proclamation attesting to AMANDA’s excellence in leadership recognizing her many, many contributions to ASWB since 1994 (and for setting a new fashion standard by wearing neck scarves to all ASWB events) and President M. JENISE COMER of Missouri signed it. ASWB CEO MARY JO MONADAN got it framed and shipped, and DORINDA and ASWB staff member JAN FITTS surprised AMANDA with it during a reception for faculty of Nebraska schools of social work that AMANDA was hosting on behalf of ASWB’s Path to Licensure program. The next day, AMANDA accepted the 2016 Social Worker of the Year award from the NASW Nebraska chapter.

AMANDA wrote, “I love the beautiful framed statement and it will make me laugh every time I read it. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and wonderful friendships.”

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Félicitations à vous

CLAUDE LEBLOND of Québec was presented the Recognition Award for the year 2016 from the Petit séminaire de Québec (now named Collège François-de-Laval), an award given to a former student whose career and achievements deserve mention and distinction. CLAUDE graduated from the school with both a diploma of secondary studies (DES) and a diploma of college studies (DEC) and went on to receive a BSW and an MSW from the Université Laval, after which he joined the ranks of his professional order.

The award recognized CLAUDE for the values of social justice, equity, dignity, and respect for human rights that led him to the profession of social work and for his service as president of the order of social workers and marital and family therapists.

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Personal and professional achievements honored

BARBARA HOLZMAN of Arizona was presented the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Arizona chapter of the National Association of Social Workers at the chapter’s annual state conference in September. BARBARA writes, “Receiving this award from my colleagues was humbling and I was very honored to have been chosen.” In the photo, BARBARA is second from left. BARBARA wrote that the award capped an eventful month: she and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in early September. They commemorated the significant occasion by taking a trip to Vancouver, British Columbia.

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ASWB philanthropy at work

ASWB’s Philanthropy and Social Affairs Team’s outreach to local service organizations continued this fall. A $1,000 contribution from the association to the Power Pack program of Culpeper combined with 882 nonperishable, single-serving food items donated by staff resulted in a donation large enough to feed 243 schoolchildren three meals a day plus snacks and beverages for a whole weekend. Power Pack earmarked the donation for the first quarter of the school year to go to children in Culpeper’s six elementary schools whose families have reached out for more assistance.

For the fourth consecutive year, ASWB donated to the Pamper Me Pink Mammogram Fund (the Pink Fund), which is administered by Novant Health UVa Health System Culpeper Medical Center. ASWB’s $1,200 donation will be used to provide funds for precautionary mammograms for both men and women and to raise awareness about breast cancer.

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