

Mary Ellen Arena – 2015 Distinguished Citizen of the Year

This year's "Distinguished Citizen of the Year", Mary Ellen Arena, was announced at the annual Lodge Christmas Party at the Dunes Manor Hotel on Sunday December 6. Mary Ellen's contributions are many and varied:

- She serves on the board of the Atlantic General Hospital Auxiliary and has volunteered at the hospital weekly for the past ten years.
- She is a volunteer at St. Luke's Catholic Parish in Ocean City, Maryland, for the past nine (9) years in a number of different roles.
- She also is a member of the Delmarva Polish-American Club and has served on its board of directors.
- She is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus and currently serves on its board of directors.
- Within the Ocean City Lodge of the Sons of Italy, she serves in a number of ways:
 - She serves as a team captain for the St. Joseph Day Festival Committee.
 - She is a member of the Lodge's Helping Hands Committee. She is one of the first to reach out to help members in need.
 - As the Social Committee Chair, she has encouraged fellowship through the many social activities and trips she arranges.
 - Her hard work on behalf of the lodge has cemented friendships within the lodge and promoted our club to the Ocean City community. Her efforts are a major factor contributing to the growth of our Lodge.



Left to Right: Sal Castorina (SOI of OC President), Mary Ellen Arena Sebastian Arena, Vito Potenza (SOI of OC Vice President)

Congratulations to Mary Ellen Arena. The Lodge is proud of her accomplishments.

Anna Foultx – 2014 Distinguished Citizen of the Year

This year's "Distinguished Citizen of the Year", Anna L. Foultx, was announced at the annual Lodge Christmas Party at the Dunes Manor Hotel on Sunday December 14. Anna's contributions are many and varied:

Before moving to the area, Anna started the first community service program in Northern Virginia called "Youth in Action" to volunteer high school students with non-profit organizations which kept them off the streets.

- She and her husband, Carl Foultx, established Star Charities in 2007, and Anna has continued with the group since his passing a few years back. This



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organization has benefited Wounded Soldiers, has gathered holiday gifts yearly for the troops overseas, runs Beef and Beer benefits to provide phone calling cards for our troops overseas, runs benefits for the Women Supporting Women, American Cancer Society, Home of the Brave, Worcester County Development Center and Interfaith Caregivers to name just a few.

- Anna has been given the Keys to the City of Ocean City three times.
- Anna has held many offices in the Ocean City Lodge of the Sons of Italy, including President, and established the first yearly scholarship to a deserving high school senior. This has continued to the present day and grown to include three area high schools.
- She is still an active Girl Scout and was honored with a plaque in their museum in Houston, Texas, as the oldest living active girls scout.

The Lodge of the Sons of Italy of Ocean City congratulates Anna for being the first recipient of this award, and we thank her for all she does for our community.