

*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:



**Pictured Left to Right:** Sal Castorina (SDOI of OC President), Mary Ellen Arena Sebastian 'Bob' Arena, Vito Potenza (SDOI of OC Vice President)

- 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.

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