Queen Candidate # 1

How Long has the Candidate lived in York? 30 + years

What has the Candidate contributed to the community through their work and/or volunteer work?

She is very deserving of being recognized for all she does and has done for the residents of York, Nebraska! She worked at our organization for 25 years as Department Director. A co-worker said the following about this candidate: “She was a very hardworking leader in our organization and worked here for 25 years, until 2011. She took her responsibilities very seriously to ensure that each department was provided with the supplies and equipment needed in order to ensure great patient care. One memory I have from working with her for a few years was that she updated her phone greeting every day to include new cheerful comments such as “It’s a beautiful sunny day today.. Thank-you for calling Materials Management. Please leave a message and I'll be glad to help you.” It was fun to hear what she had to say each day and often would bring a smile to your face!”

What makes this Candidate stand out among other candidates?

In her retirement years, she is an active member in York’s Cancer Plus Support Group and her church First Evangelical Lutheran Church. Through the Cancer Plus Support Group she coordinates and organizes events and support efforts for cancer patients throughout the year. They deliver Halloween bags to the residents at Willow Brook in October, donate and gather holiday food boxes in November and December for cancer patients who need assistance, and in August and December they hold a picnic and potluck for members of the support group. While all these services are much appreciated by the recipients, the best gift of all that she and the Cancer Plus Support Group provide for new patients is their giving of Prayer Blankets. The blankets’ intention is to wrap support and love around the person while they are going through cancer treatments and recovery. One cancer patient shared how much they appreciated this gift during the most difficult time of his life. The positivity and hope it created for him was invaluable. I worked with this candidate for 18 years and in that time, I enjoyed working with someone you could always count on. She did a fantastic job of keeping up with the needs of all the departments, no small feat when you think of the scope of what that is. From cleaning and maintenance to surgical supplies, she had us covered. She and her staff even took care of sterilizing surgical equipment for over 20 years. Just as important was her dedication to working with vendors to assure that our organization was getting the best possible pricing on the things we bought, from day-to-day items to capital equipment purchases, she worked towards making the most of our funds.

She was more than just a hard worker to me. She was someone you looked forward to working with. She has a great sense of humor and there were times it helped us both. She’s been gone from York General for 8 years and I still miss be able to work with her. Any time that our paths do cross now, well, that’s a good day!

Please list groups & organizations this Candidate has been involved in:

This candidate is also an active member at her church, First Evangelical Lutheran Church. She has diligently served on several leadership committees over the years including the stewardship and church council. This candidate is also a driving force for the church’s Quilting Ministry Team. She meets with this dedicated group every Thursday morning to cut fabric and piece the quilts together to donate to several different organizations locally, state-wide and overseas. Last year alone, she and the quilting group made over 100 quilts.

Please share anything additional about the Candidate:

She is the type of person who is always willing to roll her sleeves up and help out wherever there is a need. She has the attitude of a leader and the heart of a servant. She truly cares for others and wants them to feel love and care when they need it most.
Queen Candidate # 2

How Long has the Candidate lived in York? 33 years

What has the Candidate contributed to the community through their work and/or volunteer work?
She is involved in many volunteer positions around York. She is very active in the Pleasant View Church and leader of the Awana Group at her church. She has served as a Chairman for Christian Women’s Connection as well as guide for their Stonecroft Ministry Bible studies for the last 10 years. She has been President of the Nebraska Czechs of York for about 10 years. She has been in charge of the dumplings for their festival among various other jobs.

What makes this Candidate stand out among other candidates?
She also volunteers at Blue Valley Community Action as a cashier each week. She has been a volunteer at the Living Water Rescue Mission for about 5 years and Tabitha Hospice for 4 years. This candidate shows the house at Wessels Living History Farm (5 years) and assists with their garden work for the last 2 years. The Red Cross Blood Mobile has been fortunate to have her as a volunteer for the last 4 years.

Please list groups & organizations this Candidate has been involved in:
She is an active member of both the American Legion Auxiliary Bolton Post #19 of York and Irven J. Blum V.F.W. Post #1609 of York. She is the Chaplin for the Legion Auxiliary (2 year) and Secretary for the V.F.W. Auxiliary (2 years). Also, this candidate is a Gold Star Mother of both Auxiliaries as well as the Nebraska Gold Star Mothers. Gold Start Mothers are mothers who lost a family member while serving our country in the Military. Her son passed in 2009.

Please share anything additional about the Candidate:
She and her husband, owned and operated a restaurant for 24 years before retiring. I have known her for about 4 years and I truly can say if she is asked to do something, she is more than happy to help. She also volunteers many times before she is even asked. She is pleasant to be around and seems to always have a smile.
Queen Candidate # 3

How Long has the Candidate lived in York? 50 years

What has the Candidate contributed to the community through their work and/or volunteer work?

She worked in the York Police Department for one year. She previously had worked for the Holdrege, NE Police Department as a jailer, dispatcher and paid fireman. She served as a dispatcher/jailer for the York County Sheriff Department for 18 years. She was a caseworker at the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women at the York facility for 20 years. She served as a volunteer CASA with York County CASA "Court Appointed Special Advocate" for 19 years. She still is an active CASA case worker. She is an avid quilter having a multitude of quilts that have been given to family members and organizations in the community. She was President of the York Quilt Guild for two terms. She volunteers at the York Area Senior Center where she is a board member. She was the president of the board for two terms.

What makes this Candidate stand out among other candidates?

She should be queen because she is a kind and a helpful person. She is a very knowledgeable, and is available at the senior center for people to talk to and do things with. She has had some health problems the last few years and I worry that at her age (80 years) that she may not be around too much longer. I would like to honor her (with her husband, as they make a wonderful couple) for being the queen of Yorkfest. Please consider this application with the upmost consideration. I really think she would love being the queen.

Please list groups & organizations this Candidate has been involved in:

She is a member of Cancer Plus in York since it started. She is a Twenty-Year Cancer survivor. She is a member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in York, NE. She is a supporter of Faith-Emmanuel School (supplier of quilts for their fund raisers and contributions). She is York Dukes sports fan. She listens to the games on the York radio station. She watches the newspaper to keep up on the game results. She is a Nebraska sports fan. She watches the Nebraska sports on television and listens to the games on the radio. She keeps track of the game results in the newspaper.

Please share anything additional about the Candidate:

She received her High School Diploma while living in York, NE. While living in York, she received her Bachelor’s Degree in Human Resources Management from York College in 1994. She received her Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Metro Community College in Omaha, Ne in 1992. She has been married to her husband for 64 plus years!!! She has one daughter, three grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. She helps her husband dog-sit for their grand-dog five days per week for their daughter. She helps her husband work on their Family Tree and they have over 4500 members in it for others to use. She has a large photo collection with pictures she and her husband have taken over the years on their many vacations. She does word seek puzzles, embroider, crochet, or knitting in her spare time.