

Letter of Recommendation for the Iris Award

To: Iris Award Selection Committee

From: Larry J. Smith

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Subject: Anne McEnerny-Ogle

The purpose of this letter is to recommend and endorse Anne McEnerny-Ogle for the Iris Award. I have known Anne for over 10 years. As such, I have been in the position to observe her in various roles and responsibilities.

Leadership is not about oneself, but it is all about making others successful. She models this behavior and sets the example for others to emulate. She is a caring and involved person who values diversity and differing viewpoints in our community. She is a Leadership Clark County graduate and represents this program with professionalism and commitment to its mission.

As a councilmember for 12 years with the City of Vancouver, I worked with Anne while she was a member of the Vancouver Planning commission, chair of the Vancouver Neighborhood Alliance, and an active member of the Police Department's Neighbors on Watch (NOW) program. The time, energy, and dedication to these responsibilities by Anne were most noteworthy. As a councilmember now, she still actively participates her time to NOW and recruits others to participate where appropriate. On a given weekend in you may even see Anne on the Highway 14 helping to clean up litter. She is that type of person for her community! No job is too big or even too small for Anne. On a holiday you may also catch her delivering homemade apple pies to one of Vancouver's fire stations.

Anne has been dedicated to the Boy Scouts of America for over 20 years with her husband, Terry. She is a scout master and participates in all scouting activities. Her leadership and mentorship of young men in patriotism and civics is most meaningful and significant. I have attended several scout functions on her behalf. Anne and terry just recently returned from a week long regional scouting jamboree In New Mexico.

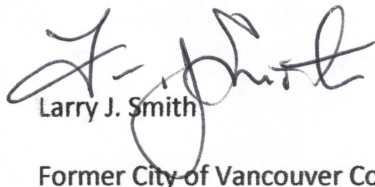
As a member of the Downtown Vancouver Rotary Club with Anne, she has been a very active participate in the many events and functions of the Club. She has chaired the committee for the annual Festival of Trees. This is a huge undertaking involving nearly 150 volunteers with monthly planning meetings and fundraising activities. Her leadership has continued to produce a three day event during the Thanksgiving holidays that is regarded as a signature event for Vancouver. Further, Anne is a member of the Rotary scholarship committee which recommends nearly \$75,000 in local scholarships and serves on the Joyo City/ City of Vancouver sister city committee. Anne recently returned from the 20th Anniversary celebration in Joyo City, Japan, representing not only the City of Vancouver but the Rotary Club as well.

As the co-chair of the non-profit Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC), Anne serves as a member of the organization and participates in all of the seven events planned and executed annually. The events include Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and POW/MIA Observances. Her responsibilities include direct contact with the Gold Star families and their participation in events that honor our military. Her involvement and participation in CMAC is critical in the effective function of this community organization.

I can continue to describe Anne's involvement in our community but it will take several more pages. I do want to close with a comment on Anne regarding her integrity and character. As a 30 year school teacher in mathematics, she has been a role model for many years for kids and parents alike. Her style, grace, and values speak volumes of her concern about a community being successful and this starts with our young kids. The teacher in her to this day brings out the very best in people.

I strongly recommend Anne McEnerny-Ogle for the Iris Award. They do not come any better. We are fortunate to have her as a member of our community.

Sincerely,



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