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Cooperman Bogue Awards Dinner

March 30, 1995



Juvenile Welfare Board

About Our Winners.....

Lois Rubaii is a Children, Youth and Family Counselor with the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services District 5. She has been performing this job for "26 wonderful years," says her supervisor, Glendine Davis. Mrs. Rubaii started with HRS in Pinellas County in the Protective Services Division, and she has since worked in foster care, adoptions and divorce custody studies. Presently, she works in adoptions and provides training for prospective adoptive parents. Mrs. Rubaii was nominated for the Cooperman-Bogue Award by Donald C. Richards.

Carole Watson is an employee of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. She has been a Delinquency Case Manager for almost two years, and presently counsels almost 30 children on community control probation. Prior to this, she worked for nearly 10 years with the school system in New York City as a counselor for inner-city youth. "Carole consistently puts the needs of others above her own," according to Lucia Vinciguerra, who nominated Ms. Watson for the Cooperman-Bogue Award.

Det. Edmund C. Short works with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Juvenile Diversion and Investigation of Runaway and Missing Children. "He does a wonderful job," says his supervisor, Sgt. John Davis. Det. Short has worked for the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for 15 years, the last three of which have been spent working with runaway and missing children, and working with juvenile offenders and their families to keep the youth from becoming adult offenders. Det. Short was nominated for the Cooperman-Bogue Award by Crystal Gildea, the mother of one of the youths with whom he has been working with.

Peg Atamian is the sole clinical social worker providing case management services for the 2,500 Children's Medical Services patients in Pinellas and Pasco counties. Many of these children have severe handicapping conditions and complex social problems, and Ms. Atamian is exemplary in providing efficient, competent and caring services for these families. She also developed five support groups for families and children with specific disabilities. "She's one of those very energetic people, but also, she's a very caring person," says Patricia Delaney, who nominated Ms. Atamian for the Cooperman-Bogue Award.

Program

Social Hour

Welcome

Emcee, *Reginald Roundtree*
Anchor/Reporter
WTSP-TV, Channel 10

James E. Mills, ACSW
Executive Director
Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County

Dinner Served

Keynote Speaker

Joyce Maynard
Novelist and Editor
The Domestic Affairs Newsletter

Recognition of Special Guests

James E. Mills

Video Presentation

Announcement of Winner

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