



National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Dorothy Quincy Chapter, Quincy Illinois

RECOMMENDATION FOR A WARD IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

As Regent of Dorothy Quincy Chapter, I am honored to recommend our local Quincy Exchange Club for the Award in Community Service. This club traces its roots to 1925, when organizers of the National Club began to solicit men to "exchange ideas." The club was originally chartered in 1926, but disbanded during World War II while these men of action served their country. The club was restored in 1946 and began meeting in the historic Lincoln-Douglas Hotel in downtown Quincy. The Illinois Exchange Clubs State President presented the Quincy club with its charter and gave the installation address.

The Quincy Exchange Club has served the community for more than sixty-five years. Their programs of service include Americanism, Youth Activities, Community Service, and their National Project - the Prevention of Child Abuse. The club has identified needs in the community and sought ways to address these issues. Some of these include: Saukenauk Boy Scout Reservation, a model airplane show and contest at the local airport (Baldwin Field), a Christmas program for deaf children with gifts and a visit from Santa, recognition of youth in excellence with scholarships, and promotion of Americanism. In fact, Americanism projects are at the forefront of the Exchange Club. The club distributes hundreds of American flags to school children, displays an enormous American flag in local parades, installs Freedom Shrines in local public buildings and has honored members of the Law Enforcement community. They have recently been creating a Field of Honor with 1000 American flags on display. The club has been recognizing community volunteers since 1953, when they began awarding the Book of Golden Deeds.

The Quincy Exchange Club pays for these projects by fund raising. Through many hours of hard work at such events as The Gus Macker Basketball Tournament, Turkey shoots, and raffles, they have been able to invest more than one million dollars back into the Quincy community.

I am personally acquainted with the Quincy club, as many of my friends are members. One of my best friends has been Santa Claus for local underprivileged children too many times to mention! I have attended many of their fundraising events and have seen them work to promote Americanism in our community. It gives me great pleasure to recommend the Quincy Exchange Club for the Award in Community Service as this club exemplifies outstanding contributions to the community.

Sincerely,

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