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Pennsauken Officials Honor 11 Women during Women's History Month

PENNSAUKEN — Pennsauken officials will honor 11 women in commemoration of Women's History Month at the Township Committee's business meeting on Wednesday, March 28.

The awards follow the theme put forth by the National Women's History Project, "Generations of Women Moving History Forward."

Many of the vibrant Pennsauken women have continued to be active in civic leadership throughout their lives and have trained and passed on the leadership torch to younger generations in many local organizations.

Although many of these women represent a wide variety of educational, cultural, racial, religious and economic backgrounds, the common denominator is they all symbolize a commitment and dedication in keeping volunteerism and civic leadership alive in Pennsauken.

Mayor Rick Taylor said the individuals being honored this month represent just the tip of the iceberg.

"Many of these women have raised or are raising a family in our town and some have overcome personal illnesses but still they continue to be active in civic life," said Mayor Taylor.

"They're definitely treasures in our community and we admire their ability to instill enthusiasm in younger generations of women embarking on new leadership roles in our community."

The women being honor are as follows.

Kathy Andrews-Williams — parent, bilingual educator and active in promoting community-building race relations

Jean Davis — Religious education teacher, writer and raises money for many charitable organizations.

Lynne Gunkel — A real estate professional and community leader dedicated to helping neighbors resolve issues.

Jan Hanson — Dedicated to the youth of the community

Marie McKenna — Lifelong Pennsauken resident and community volunteer

Darlene Hannah-Collins — A lab scientist, mother of two and volunteers within the county and Pennsauken.

Betsy McBride — Mother of three, she serves on the pastoral council of her church, volunteered as a writer for the local newspaper and is a community activist.

Trudy Painter — A lifetime member of PTA, she also volunteers at her church and serves on the zoning board. She currently organizes food and clothing drives.

Connie Potenza — Longtime resident, she is a breast cancer survivor who participates yearly in the Race for the Cure.

Sharon Rush — Respected business owner who, although not a Pennsauken resident, serves as President of the Pennsauken Lions Club helping the visually impaired.

E. Diane Simpson — Lifelong Pennsauken resident who volunteers with her church and is dedicated to helping young people, particular those with special needs.