



2015 Missouri Community Betterment Adult Leadership Award Nomination Form

Outstanding leaders build outstanding communities. Able leadership provides the foundation of effective community development. Vibrant communities can point to leaders of the past; strong present leadership ensures future prosperity. Not all leaders possess the same qualities, but following are some characteristics you may find in a leader.

Concern for others
Builds self-esteem and self confidence in others
Empowers others
Recognizes talents and skills of others
Gives due credit and recognition
Informed
Aware of conditions, circumstances, needs, etc.
Sets good example
Commands respect
Motivates
Responsible
Listens
Communicates
Builds consensus
Willing to take leadership position(s)
ie: board director, officer, chairperson, etc.

Organizes
Dreams
Visionary
Speaks out on issues
Takes a stand—even in face of opposition
Cooperates
Willing to take risks
Admits mistakes
Gets things accomplished
Decisive
Volunteers
Serves
Leads rather than dictates
Delegates responsibility and authority

Recognition of these leadership qualities encourages civic participation, stimulates enthusiasm and provides inspiration. By nominating an individual for the **Missouri Community Betterment Adult Leadership Award**, your community is honoring and paying tribute to the nominee. This, in itself, is a great honor.

Any community or neighborhood, that is current on the MCB Participating Community fee is eligible to submit one adult nomination. Based upon the information submitted, outstanding adult nominees will be recognized at the annual recognition luncheon. All nominees will receive a leadership certificate at the time of the judges' visit.

Please describe, in a **narrative of no more than 1,000 words** (three typewritten pages, double spaced in 12-point type), why this individual was nominated. Newspaper clippings and letters of endorsement are accepted.

Please return this nomination form along with any nomination letter(s) and documentation to: *Missouri Community Betterment, 903 S. 3rd St., Clinton, MO 64735.*

Nominations MUST be postmarked by July 31, 2015. Only ONE individual from a community or neighborhood may be nominated for this award. We prefer the nominee has not won this award in the past 5 years.

Name of adult nominee (please print)

Susan D. Kelley

Name of community/neighborhood:

South Iron, Annapolis

Signature of chairperson or officer (print, sign and date)

Geri Mills

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7-30-15

July 27, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to the awarding of the 2015 Missouri Community Betterment Adult Leadership Award.

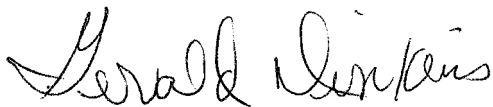
I have been a neighbor and friend to Susan Kelley of Annapolis, MO for over 40 years. In my observations of Susan, it's my opinion she possesses all of the qualifying characteristics listed on the 2015 MCB nomination form.

She has served relentlessly and diligently, even in later years while suffering from arthritis, as she labored with many others to improve our community.

Susan is an outstanding christian lady, loyal to society and her local area, while always reaching out to help others.

At this time, I am giving my full recommendation that Susan Kelley be given the 2015 Missouri Community Betterment Adult Leadership Award.

Respectfully Yours,



Gerald Dinkins
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July 29, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter of recommendation for Mrs. Susan Kelley, as the South Iron Community Betterment Association nominee, for the 2015 Missouri Community Betterment Adult Leadership Award.

As a resident of the Annapolis Community for 50 years, Sue has always been an active participant in the many school, church and community functions that take place in a small rural community.

Sue is a true "first responder" in her community:

- a.) Sue is a "first responder" in sending greeting cards - whether it be birthday, get well, wedding, anniversary, sympathy or just "you are in my thoughts and prayers".**
- b.) Sue is a "first responder" with food wherever and whenever it is needed - be it for meals or fundraisers.**
- c.) Sue is a "first responder" as a community leader and volunteer in tasks large or small to make her community a better place to live and work.**
- d.) Sue is a "first responder" in offering up prayers and to give help to individuals and families in need of physical, mental or emotional support and to add them to her prayer list.**

e.) Sue was an EMT "first responder" and for several years volunteered on the first Annapolis ambulance. She and her husband were active in securing the ambulance for the South Iron Community.

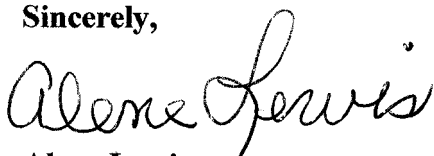
First Responders are known as true leaders by the examples they set for others. Sue has always been an active leader and worker in her church. She has been a Sunday School teacher and Vacation Bible School worker for years, a W. M. U. participant, a beautiful soloist in church as well as at funerals and weddings.

Sue and her husband, Virgil, now spend five winter months in a winter Texan park in south Texas where her leadership and concern for others continues. An example of this was when they first came to the park Sue learned that a neighbor she had never met was in the hospital. When the lady returned home, Sue took a full meal to her. The neighbor was stunned and always mentions this act of kindness from a stranger when talking of Sue.

Over the years, Sue has proven her ability to lead others by using her good people skills. She is a very caring, gracious lady who loves her family, friends and community.

Thank you and please consider Mrs. Susan Kelley for the 2015 MCB Adult Leadership Award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alene Lewis".

**Alene Lewis
Annapolis, MO**

I am writing this letter recommending *Susan D. Kelley*, a member of the South Iron Community Betterment Association, for the 2015 Missouri Community Betterment Adult Leadership Award.

Sue has been an active member of the South Iron Community Betterment for 20+ years. She held the office of President for many years and then served as Secretary until her retirement at which time she began spending the winters in Texas. During the other months she is still very active attending the monthly meetings, helping with fundraisers and any other projects where needed.

Sue has a very out-going personality. She is a good organizer and always thorough in anything she does. She is an exceptional worker during our annual Freedom Fest held Columbus Day Week-end. The event starts on Friday evening with a Ham & Bean Dinner and an old-fashioned cake walk. Work begins early on Friday morning and isn't finished until late on Saturday evening. Sue is a great asset to the whole event whether it be helping the auctioneer get rid of the last of the desserts, helping in the kitchen making biscuits and gravy, being the cashier, or being the announcer with the microphone making everyone aware of all the events that are taking place.

Sue is always an encourager to her friends and co-workers. She recognizes the talents of others and always wants to involve them in the area of their expertise.

Sue is one of the most responsible persons I have ever met. If she tells you she will do something, you don't have to remind her again. You just know the job will be done and will be completed in a timely fashion to the best of her ability.

She is very strong in her beliefs and what she feels is right or wrong. If she feels something

is not right, she does not hesitate to voice her opinion and why she feels that way. She feels that everyone has a right to their opinion and even though she may not agree she feels that the majority does rule.

Sue and I have been life-long friends. We attended school together and after graduating from High School we married our husbands of now 50 years. We have remained friends and share the same love for our community. She is definitely a caring person who shows genuine concern for others and who has worked tirelessly for her community. I highly recommend *Susan D. Kelley* for the 2015 MCB Adult Leadership Award.

Sincerely,



Barbara Ford

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