

## 2013 Adult Leadership Award Nomination

Albany Community Betterment is proud to nominate for the 2013 Adult Leadership Award...

### **Mrs. Zola Steinman.**

Zola Manion grew up on a farm near Albany and attended all 12 years of school in the Albany School District. She married her high school sweetheart, Barry Steinman, in 1966. After living many years in the city of Salisbury (where she was active in their Community Betterment group for over 20 years), she and Barry returned "home" in 2001.

Zola has been a vital member in a multitude of organizations and civic groups since her return to Albany. She takes pride in saying that she is a "professional volunteer," and that she is! As far as we know, she has never turned down a request for her help...she truly is the ultimate volunteer! And anything she does, she does with commitment and precision.

Below are listed some of her past and present accomplishments:

- Very active in the Albany United Methodist Church
  - Current President and past Vice President of United Methodist Women
  - Past co-chair of the church's family ministry
  - Is fund-raising chair of the Albany UMC
  - Volunteered for two church-sponsored mission trips
  - Helps organize for "Back-Pack" Buddies, a plan to provide weekend food to low income children
- Is a member of the Albany Chamber of Commerce
  - Has worked on every Frontier Holidays committee
  - Was "Light Night" Elf Committee Chair
  - On-going Chairperson for the annual Pedal Pull event
  - Organized and runs from start to finish the annual Chamber Bridge Tournament
  - Was food chairperson for each of our past Casino Nights
  - Is a member of the Rhythm and Roots Festival committee
- Assisted Young Farmers organization with their annual Tractor Pull event
- Was a member of Albany BPW until the organization was restructured

- Is an active member of the Albany Revitalization Committee
- Active in the Albany Senior Center
  - Served as a Board Member when the Center incorporated
  - Organizes “pot luck” day
  - Arranged for our youth group to paint the Center as one of their Community Betterment projects
  - Calls weekly bingo for the Center
- Member of Northwest Missouri State University’s “Friends of International Students” and American Field Services
  - Has hosted 4 international exchange students in her home over the past several years
- Organized and still maintains Master Gardner projects throughout the city:
  - The Carnegie Library
  - NWMO Area Agency on Aging
  - Albany R-III Elementary and High Schools
  - Albany Methodist Church
  - Golden Living Center
  - Albany Community Center
- Is a 5–year board member of the 18-county Northwest Missouri Area Agency on Aging
  - Served on the 6-county advisory board for six years
  - Helped organize the group, Visionary Partnership for a Rural Community, to help plan a community for citizens as they age at home
- Is a member of both the Gentry County and Missouri Cattlemen’s organizations
- Is a board member of the Gentry County Historical Society
  - Serving second 3-year term as Vice President
  - Is committee person for the Albany Museum
- Is a charter member of the Albany Lion’s Club
  - Is the chairperson of the Social Concerns committee
  - Is in charge of the eye-glasses recycling project in Albany
  - Assisted in organizing the first “fishing derby” for area group home residents
    - Prepared and served food for at least 60 “fishermen”

- Volunteered to plant and oversee a large vegetable garden for a local group home
  - Taught disabled individuals how to plant and care for a garden
- Member of the Community Betterment” charitable bridge club
  - Members donate their “winnings” to various charities in the Albany area
- **Is the backbone of Albany Community Betterment**
  - Has been scrap-book chair since returning to Albany
  - Previously was Salisbury’s chapter President on 5 different occasions
  - Helped organize the Albany Community Betterment Youth Group
    - Spearheaded ACBYG projects:
      - Warrior Pride
      - Gazebo Beautification
      - Community Center Landscaping
  - ***Gladly helps with anything we do!***

Zola has been such an asset to Albany since her return 12 years ago. We are blessed to have her talents, her abilities, her dedication, and her never-ending hard work assisting our town in whatever way she can. Mere words and lists of accomplishments cannot accurately illustrate her commitment to our community; she truly is our cheerleader, our go-to gal for anything and everything we need. We know of no other individual who deserves the Adult Leadership Award recognition more than she.

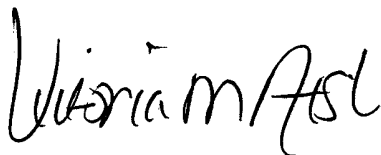
July 29, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

Zola Steinman has been a volunteer at Golden Living Center for numerous years. Her education of Horticulture has produced not only a scenic, but inviting atmosphere for our home. Working hand- in- hand with residents; watering, gardening, and just visiting has created a community bond of fellowship. This improves our quality of life as well as being an asset to our small town.

Zola's zeal for Community Betterment is shown in her character, commitment, and attention to detail. This award would be accurate and meaningful for her leadership.

Respectfully,



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## Albany Lions Club

Dear Missouri Community Betterment Group,

I am proud to be able to recommend a great Lion for recognition of her outstanding service. Lion Zola Steinman has been a member of the Albany Lions Club since its inception in early 2011.

As a service organization, we have had many activities and opportunities to serve the public and to provide assistance to our brothers and sisters, not only in our community but also throughout our State, our Country and the whole World.

Zola has played a major roll in the service that our Lions Club has provided. Zola has been at nearly every Lions Club meeting, keeping us informed and updated about other service and civic organizations within our community. Zola has also been to nearly every activity and project that the Lions Club has had and she has taken a leading roll at some of these functions, providing the leadership to have a well organized and successful activity.

Zola Steinman is just amazing. When she isn't on a tractor raking hay with her husband on their farm, she is involved with her church or with one of the many civic organizations that she is a member of. Zola is a kind and companionate person who finds every opportunity to serve the people of her community.

I am proud to be able to recommend Lion Zola Steinman for recognition of outstanding years of service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy Poppa".

Lion Randy Poppa  
Albany Lions Club President  
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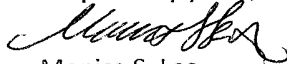
I am writing this letter of endorsement to you in recommendation of Zola Steinman for your 2013 Missouri Community Betterment Adult Leadership Award. I have had the pleasure of knowing Zola for 10 years while residing in Albany, and during the previous 4 years that I have served as Past President of the Albany Carnegie Public Library Board.

Mrs. Steinman is an outstanding member of our community in so many facets, however I would like to focus on her volunteer commitments to our 109 year old Carnegie Public Library that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places in Missouri. Zola who sadly suffers from Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue, has continued to amaze us with her wonderful abilities to work with her hands. She has successfully completed the MU Master Gardener Program and our library grounds have benefitted enormously from her gardening abilities and talents.

She began the project by inviting and including The Albany Community Betterment Youth Group. Educating them on the beginning basics of horticultural training, landscaping, and various levels of flower gardening. In addition, she has utilized this garden project to benefit our districts Middle and High School students, on Community Clean up and beautification days. Her continued personal attention to the flowers and shrubbery needs, includes but is not limited to planting, weeding, watering, transplanting, trimming, digging beds, building decorative brick walls and overall landscape maintenance.

This beautification project showcases our historic library in ways not only patrons of the library can enjoy, but the community as a whole. Her efforts are very appreciated and are very deserved to be considered for this honorable award.

Respectfully yours,



Monica S. Lea