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On sunny June 2, 2024, FPOW volunteers, their guests, and pet partners celebrated summer and each



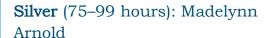
other at the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic at Frying Pan Park. The Roaming Coyote food truck and Captain Cookie & the Milkman provided a great lunch; and most importantly, FPOW honored this year's award winners. You'll find out who they are — and see lots more pictures from a great picnic — in this issue.

Congratulations to all!

Service Award Winners

Hours of Service

Bronze (50–74 hours): Brian Bryson, Terry Carroll, Jeanine Goldberg, Barbara Kuckenbecker, Mary Portelly, Annamary Sullivan



Gold (100+ hours): Joe Amman, Kathi Baker, Karen Beekman, Ruth Benker, Diane Bente, Bonnie Burnham, Jack Ledgerwood, Susan Ledgerwood, Wendy Mayer, Diane O'Brien, Paula Singleton



Years of Service

35 Years: Diane Bente

20 Years: Brian Bryson, Bonnie Burnham

15 Years: Linda Martin, Lisa Swinnerton

10 Years: Janice Lynch

5 Years: Eden Brown,
Debra Fraser, Charlene
Honeycutt, Jack
Ledgerwood, Susan
Ledgerwood, Wendy Mayer



2024 Award Winners

Mary Latshaw Award

Honoring volunteers who give of themselves through regular facility visits and entities that provide assistance and support.

This year's winner is Cathy Perro who was nominated by Ruth Benker. Cathy began volunteering in 2016 with her cat, Grayson, at Burke Health & Rehabilitation Center until Grayson's retirement in 2020. Cathy represents FPOW at community events as a member of the Speakers Bureau and serves on FPOW's board



as a director at large. She is also responsible for procuring, selling, and delivering FPOW merchandise as

part of FPOW's fund development efforts. Cathy brings true professional attributes to this role. Her dedication, hard work, and initiative ensure that FPOW monies are spent only after thorough research. Ruth stated that working with volunteers like Cathy makes volunteering even more rewarding.

Shauna Award

Recognizing pets that have made the most significant impact on residents of a facility.

The winner of the 2024 Shauna Award is Pippin Bente who was nominated by Joe

Ammann. Pippin is an enthusiastically friendly Shih Tzu, who visits at Burke Health & Reha-



bilitation Center and Heatherwood Retirement Community. She often stands on her hind legs to greet the people she meets at the facilities. When placed on a resident's bed, she will curl up and make herself at home, much to the resident's delight. When a resident in a wheelchair approaches, Pippin will stand and place her paws on the person's knees. Joe has been on many visits with Pippin, and he is always amazed with Pippin's uberfriendly attitude. Whether with Diane Bente, her owner, or Paula Singleton, her qualified handler, Pippin is a crowd pleaser.

A Picnic to Remember!



































Photos courtesy of Michael Galvin

Mark Your Calendar!

FPOW's 2024 Annual Meeting Monday, September 9 via Zoom Watch for details coming soon.



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