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2019 PCSN AWARDS & CRITERIA

Distinguished Service Award—Individual:

A community or human service professional, who is making outstanding contributions during the preceding three or more years, to the community and human services in Putnam County.

Distinguished Service Award—Organization:

A non-profit public or private agency, group or organization that is making outstanding contributions, during the preceding three years or more, to community and human services in Putnam County.

Ruth Dain* Voluntary Service Award:

An individual or group within Putnam County that has voluntarily applied extensive time and efforts to the community and human services in Putnam County.

Professional Career Recognition Award:

An active professional currently working in Putnam County who has served full-time in the community and human services field for at least 15 years during his or her career.

Norman Vincent Peale* Outstanding Service Award:

An individual or non-profit public or private agency, group or organization which, during the preceding year, is making positive contributions to individuals or groups, in Putnam County or New York State.

Lyn & Buzz Burr* Excellence in Communications Award:

An individual or group exemplifies commitment to community and human service in Putnam County during the past year in communication venues, including but not limited to, newspapers, radio, cable, newsletters, websites, presentations, etc.

Joe Gomez* Memorial Advocacy Award:

An individual or organization in Putnam County that has, in the preceding year, put forth extraordinary advocacy efforts, resulting in a redeemed social condition or enhanced service to a particular cause.

Youth Award:

A young person or youth group (up to age 19) that has contributed to the community in a significant way during the preceding year. This award is based on the commitment of our youth to advance the betterment of life in the community where they live.

Public Service Award—Individual:

An individual now holding an elected public office or an appointed public office, at any level of government, who has provided dynamic service on behalf of the residents of Putnam County in the performance of human or community service. The nominee cannot be currently running for Public Office. (Nominees can be Federal, State, County, Town Village Officials, School Officials or School Board).

Fred L. Dill* Community Service Networking Award:

A group of community and human service agencies that have collaborated to achieve a common goal by coordinating efforts and cooperating among themselves to enhance the lives of Putnam County residents. The group must have undertaken a specific project during the preceding year that carried out the general purposes of networking in the spirit of Fred L. Dill's participation in many causes.

* The named awards were established in honor of the outstanding contributions these individuals made to Putnam County. Brief biographies of these individuals are on the next page.

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PCSN Name Awards - Biographic Sketches

Ruth Dain Voluntary Service Award:

Ruth Ellis Dain (1901-1990) was an outstanding, lifelong Putnam County volunteer. For almost 60 years she was immersed in local civic affairs. She was a Charter member and founding mother of the Mahopac Public Library, a Charter member of the Lake Mahopac Garden Club, spearheaded the building campaign for Putnam Hospital, served as President of the Putnam Hospital Center Auxiliary and was a Red Cross volunteer. She was a member of the Lake Mahopac United Methodist Church, served as worship chairperson of the United Methodist Women's group, was Church School Superintendent and Women's Society President. Through her volunteer service she established the keystones of our community.

Norman Vincent Peale Outstanding Service Award:

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale (1898-1993) and his wife, Ruth Stafford Peale, founded Guideposts Magazine – an inspirational publication which was headquartered in Carmel, New York for over sixty years. As a minister and writer Dr. Peale inspired millions of people through his books and ministry. He wrote, "To be successful is to be helpful, caring and constructive and to make everything you touch a little bit better. The best thing you have to give is yourself."

Lyn and Buzz Burr Excellence in Communications Award:

Lyn and Howard "Buzz" Burr (1928 – 2002) owned and published the weekly *Putnam County Courier* newspaper from 1978 to 1989. The Courier editor since 1970, Buzz was known as a hands-on journalist and for his fair and ethical reporting. The Burrs were Putnam County residents and actively involved in local civic and community organizations. Their positive, community minded attitude was reflected in newspaper they published.

Joe Gomez Memorial Advocacy Award:

Joe Gomez (1933-2010) exemplified the ability in disability. Blind since birth, Joe worked his entire life to support his family, with jobs ranging from bookbinder to newsstand operator. He was an active union member and a steadfast and passionate advocate for the disabled in Putnam County. Dependent on public transportation to enjoy an independent life, he was instrumental in saving a key local bus route when the County threatened to cut it to save money. As Chairperson of the Putnam County Coordinating Council for People with Disabilities, Joe helped establish the Putnam County Office for People with Disabilities and Putnam Independent Living Services. Joe was married for more than 50 years to the love of his life, Aurora.

Fred L. Dill Community Service Networking Award:

Fred L. Dill was a successful local businessman and a well-known community leader. Fred was known for his ability to bring community leaders together to find positive solutions to address local problems and community issues. He was instrumental in creating the Putnam Alliance, Patterson Chamber of Commerce and the Putnam Hospital Center Celia Dill Dialysis Center, to name a few. He was a member of the Lake Mahopac – Carmel Rotary Club and a charter member of the Carmel Rotary Club. He also enjoyed using his financial success to benefit the Putnam community. Among other philanthropic projects, Fred was instrumental in founding the United Way of Putnam in 1979. The Fred Dill Wildlife Sanctuary and Outdoor Education Center is the last project Fred worked on before his death in 2004. He donated 45 acres of land along Route 6 to the county, and it was added to other county open space to form a 147-acre Wildlife Sanctuary and Educational Center.

2018 PUTNAM COMMUNITY SERVICE NETWORK AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

The Awards Committee would like to know as much about your nominee, as possible. If you're nominating a project or a group, please indicate the lead organization or person. Include "In Cooperation With" in the body of the nomination for other organizations or persons.

1. Award Category:

2. Name of Nominee:

Address of Nominee:

Phone Number of Nominee:

Email of Nominee:

3. How does the nominee demonstrate the criteria for the award? (At least 25 words)

4. What is the target population being served and how are they being served?

5. Why does this nominee deserve recognition? (At least 25 words)

6. What impact does this nominee have on the community and human services? (At least 25 words)

Nomination submitted by:

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

IMPORTANT: Please include at least two, but not more than three, support documents, i.e. brochures, newspaper articles, support letters, etc. with your nomination.

Nomination form in MSWord format is available at <http://putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events> .

Send the nomination to PCSN, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County, 1 Geneva Rd, Brewster, NY 10509; postmarked by August 16, 2019.

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