

# VOLUNTEER VOICE

A newsletter by and for Pinellas County government volunteers.



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## Presidential Lifetime Achievement Awards

*With grateful recognition, the Corporation for National and Community Service and the office of the President of the United States honors these volunteers with the President's Lifetime Achievement Award for their lifetime commitment to building a stronger nation through volunteer service.*



*Pictured below are the honorees at the June 2 presentation with Peggy Rowe, Director of Human Resources, and John Morroni, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.*



*Emma Ashbaugh  
Extension*



*Cathy Blackburn  
Heritage Village*



*Mike Johnson  
Solid Waste*



*Larry Ruegger  
Emergency Management*



*Richard Samay  
Heritage Village*



*Cindy Schneller  
Animal Services*



*Douglas Williams  
Emergency Management*

Every single volunteer makes a difference in our community. Today we are honoring volunteers who have gone above and beyond the call. The prestigious **"President's Call to Service" award** is bestowed on those who have contributed 4,000 volunteer hours or more to their community. To give this some perspective, 4,000 hours is equivalent to 500 full time work days. The fine individuals we honor today have met and exceeded that standard. They have made and are making a difference by improving the quality of life for the citizens of our community.

I know I speak for all of the commissioners and staff when I say most sincerely – *thank you*. We are grateful for your contribution, for your leadership, for your generosity and citizenship.

*Chairman John Morroni  
Pinellas County Commission*

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## Remembering Bill Sanders

As many of you know, on March 15, Bill Sanders, founder and 17-year director of Keep Pinellas Beautiful (KPB) passed away at 81.

Regarded by many as a visionary who cared deeply, he will be greatly missed.

Recently, Mr. Sanders was memorialized at Clam Bayou with a donated live oak tree and bench in a special dedication ceremony by Keep Pinellas Beautiful, Inc., the Pinellas Partners in Recycling, and Recycled Plastic Factory.



Photo by Pat DePlasco

*Bill was a good man, a good American, and a good Christian. He has been called home for a welcome rest. God Bless You - Richard Bauer, Board President, KPB.*

## the Colors of PINELLAS

### People's Choice Award



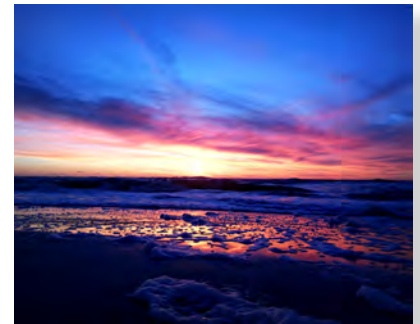
"Little Rascals Petey the Pitbull,"  
Cassy Combs, professional painting



"Old Girlfriends," Cheryl  
Thurmond, amateur craft



"Hand spun & woven evening  
shoulder bag," Caroline Tacker,  
intermediate craft



"TRB Sunset", Jenn Weitzel,  
amateur photography

### First Place, Intermediate Category



"Alligator  
Reflections,"  
Gabrielle Harrison,  
intermediate photography

### Honorable Mention, Amateur Category



"Peeking Flamingo", Debra Fender,  
amateur photography



"A Column at Knossos,"  
George Avlonitis,  
amateur painting



"Airedale Contemplation,"  
Jane Myers, intermediate  
painting



"Kathmandu Kids," Jude Bagatti,  
intermediate photography

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