

2014 HULL HERO AWARDS

JANET BENNETT

Janet has dedicated 53 years to the Town of Hull in various positions. She has a vast knowledge of town government and is more than willing to share that knowledge when asked. Janet has an extraordinary work ethic and dedication to her position as Town Clerk, as well as to the people of this town. There have been many times that Janet is called upon to come over on weekends and holidays in order to help someone. She does this without hesitation. You never hear about this because she would never mention it. She does these remarkable acts of kindness because she wants to help; not for the glory. This and many other stellar attributes truly make her an unsung hero.

JAMES TOBIN

Jim Tobin has been a town activist, public official and has always shown an unquestionable commitment to the people of Hull. He has been elected and re-elected to the Board of Assessors as well as the Board of Selectmen. Among his appointed positions were terms on the School Building Committee, the State Department of Environmental Management Board, and the Hull Advisory Board. In 2010 he was appointed by Governor Patrick as State Representative to the Hull Redevelopment Authority where he assumed the duties of treasurer. Jim is the vice-chairman of the Hull Democratic Town Committee and in 1997 he received the Democrat of the Year Award. He never misses a town meeting and often can be heard advocating on important matters always keeping his fellow citizens best interests at heart. Jim rounds out his community service by serving on the Board of Directors of the Hull Lions Club.

SHARON STRIGLIO

Sharon Striglio is well known to many as the Memorial Middle School Nurse. What many may not be aware of is all of the noteworthy contributions she has given to the Town of Hull especially the children. Although all of Sharon's children have graduated from the Hull school system, she remains actively involved in numerous clubs and organizations including the Boosters Club, PTO, and theatre arts program, HHS Grad Night, advisor for Students against Destructive Decisions and many more. Throughout the year, Sharon devotes countless hours to these organizations always selflessly lending a hand without being asked. All the while, Sharon has been performing these good deeds quietly and without seeking recognition. She simply does so, because of her endless spirit of giving, genuine caring and love for those in our community.

JOSEPH ELISH

Joe is a true Hullonian who has shown his dedication as an outstanding citizen in many areas throughout the town. Joe has been a member of the Hull Lions Club for over 36 years, including past President. For many years, he has been instrumental in loaning and personally delivering medical equipment to those in need. Joe has collected and donated in excess of \$68,000 by collecting bottles and cans for the Hull Lions various charities. Joe has received many awards including the Melvin Jones Award, the highest honor the Lions International can bestow, the South Shore Community Action Group Award, and has been recognized by state and local offices for his exceptional community service.

HELEN WEISER

Community volunteering is synonymous with Helen Weiser. Over the many years, she has dedicated her time and efforts to the Town of Hull. In 1996 she established the Vietnam War Memorial dedicated to Hull's fallen heroes. Recently, she initiated the dedication of the Blue Star Memorial established to honor Hull's living veterans. Under her leadership as President of the Friends of the Hull Public Library her committee is an active force in improving library programs. She oversees cultural and informative events such as Books in Bloom and assists with the Thursday night book lecture series. As a member of the Hull Garden Club she has held many positions, including past president, garden club historian and presently Chief Publicity chairperson. She currently writes a monthly column for the Hull Times on gardening and can often be seen volunteering at Wellspring. Helen always has a willing hand and a helping heart for activities in Hull.

THE PARAGON CAROUSEL

Named the "Best Historic Merry-Go-Round" in New England by Yankee Magazine! Generation after generation has a story of taking a ride on the vintage carousel. When the Town of Hull was in jeopardy of losing their cherished heirloom at auction, the Friends of the Paragon Carousel was formed and rescued it from being dismantled and moved out of town. The Friends of the Carousel remain steadfast in their commitment in ensuring that the carousel remains in its home town of Hull. Through their endless efforts of fundraising events such as The Derby Day, Field of Flags, Buy a Brick, and hosting holiday events, they have been able to continue the restoration of the horses and successfully operate year after year. The Paragon Carousel is truly Hull's landmark treasure drawing more than thousands of visitors a year to delight both young and old alike!