

# *Pamela L DeCraene*

1141 Van Loon Commons #101

2014 Candidate for Board of Directors

Board Member since October of 2013 and Florida Resident

## **Background**

- 30 Years Vice President JP Morgan Chase
- 38 Years Banking Experience
- 20 Years Bank Manager
- 15 Years Manager Private Banking Department

## **Accomplishments & Memberships**

- Elkhart Lions Club Past President, 1<sup>st</sup> Woman President 1995
- Big Brothers & Big Sisters Past Board Member
- Mental Health Association of Elkhart County Past President 1988
- Ryan's Place Past Vice President
- Elkhart Rotary Club Member, Past Chairman of Salvation Army Fund Raiser
- Elkhart Chamber of Commerce Past Member
- United Way Past Member of Fund Raising Committee
- Michiana Yacht Club Past Member
- Elkhart County Medical Alliance Mini-Internship Program
- YMCA Race Relations Development Committee Past Member
- Junior Achievement Honor Award 2004
- Elkhart Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow 2007
- Earnestine M. Rachelin Community Leadership Award 2004
- Salvation Army Bell Ringer Award 2007

## **Objectives**

- Strive to make Van Loon a strong thriving community both financially & emotionally
- Find a fair solution for all regarding the water billing and meter issue
- Promote a positive attitude throughout Van Loon Commons
- Van Loon is my home I want it well taken care of
- Use common sense when dealing with issues
- We need two hands on Board Members available on site at Van Loon to address daily issues
- Involve more condo owners in the decision making process
- Be part of the solution not part of the problem

**Hutton Catherine M**

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June 25, 2004

## 1st Source honors volunteers, staff

### HOMETOWN

Five 1st Source Bank employees and five business community volunteers nominated by business customers received 2004 Ernestine M. Raclin Community Leadership Awards presented by 1st Source Bank.

The outstanding community volunteers who received awards were: **Ted Foti** of Memorial Hospital, South Bend; **John Hall** of Hall & Marose Agency, Warsaw; **Bob Knobel** of Victorian Pantry, Granger; **Donn Kryder** of Kryder Veterinary Clinic, Granger; **Dr. Bruce Newswanger** of Elkhart Emergency Physicians, Inc.

1st Source employee winners were: **Michael Arnett**, city president, LaPorte; **Pam DeCraene**, vice president, private banking, Elkhart; **Shirley Fields**, assistant banking center manager, Knox; **Lee Morton**, vice president and trust officer, personal asset management division; and **Doug Way**, vice president/administrative services manager.

Winners selected were those who embody spirit, values, energy and leadership which Ernestine M. Raclin, 1st Source Chairman Emeritus, has demonstrated over the years to the community.

Each winner received a \$1,000 cash award, a \$1,000 cash award to the charity of their choice and a globe of leadership.

- Ted Foti, as board chairman, oversaw the transition of Holy Cross Counseling from a religious-based organization to a subsidiary of the Family and Children's Center. His volunteer efforts have also made a great impact on the Casie Center, an independent clearing house for child abuse victims.
- John Hall served for 30 years on the Salvation Army board in Warsaw. During his term as chairman of the board, he supervised the complete remodeling of its facilities so that they would comply with the American Disabilities Act. He has also held leadership positions with the Warsaw Rotary Club, the Kosciusko County 4-H Fair Board and the United Way.
- Bob Knobel volunteers his time and culinary talents to help feed the residents and staff at the Center for the Homeless and Hope Rescue Mission. He will soon have his degree in culinary arts from Ivy Tech and is now on the board of directors for the American Culinary Federation.
- Donn Kryder, a veterinarian, has been instrumental in forming the Granger Business Association. He serves as assistant coach on a volunteer basis for the Penn Girls Soccer team and also serves as announcer at each game.
- Dr. Bruce Newswanger has served the Elkhart General Auxiliary as chairman, board member and chief corporate fund-raiser for its annual "Festival of Trees." Because of the festival's huge success, the hospital has been able to purchase several life-saving and life-improving pieces of equipment. His second

fund-raising project, "Beyond the Garden," raises proceeds for Heart City Health Center that serves the uninsured in the Elkhart area.

- Michael Arnett was appointed by the mayor of LaPorte to chairman of the Economic Development Task Force. His group designed a partnership concept between local government and businesses. Because of his diligence, the Greater LaPorte Economic Development Corporation was formed in 2001.

- Pam DeCraene is president of the Mental Health Association of Elkhart County. In addition to serving as its president, she has also been chairman of "Potpourri," the association's major fund-raiser. As a result of these fund-raising efforts, mental health programs were made available to over 8,000 residents in the county.

- Shirley Fields assisted with the development of the new Starke County Chamber of Commerce. She is vice president of the chamber that promotes workshops and luncheons to help small business owners. Her leadership has enabled the organization to move into a newly remodeled depot and come out of debt.

- Lee Morton spearheaded the drive to establish the Walkerton Park Foundation that would map the vision and plan the fund-raisers for the Walkerton Park Board. He also donates 15 hours a month to the Walkerton Public Library. He is an elected member of the Walkerton Town Council. He is also a member of the Walkerton Planning Commission, a board member of the Hope Rescue Mission and treasurer of the Samaritan Counseling Center.

- Doug Way is chairman of the TRANSPRO board and has also served as vice chairman, secretary and chairman of grants and planning. In 2003, he led the team that mapped the organization's five-year strategic plan and was able to expand services without raising fees. He is also secretary of the board and chairman of the annual Easter egg hunt for the Achievement Forum.

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