

Elmo Scoggin and Betty Moore Named Wake County 2008 Volunteers of the Year

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Elmo Scoggin, a volunteer announcer at WCPE, a not-for-profit classical music radio station, has been named the 2008 Wake County Larry B. Zieverink Volunteer of the Year. Betty Moore, a devoted unpaid worker and Coordinator of the Wake County Sheriff's Office Project Lifesaver, has been named the 2008 Wake County Government Volunteer of the Year. Scoggin and Moore accepted their awards today during the Wake County Board of Commissioners' Volunteer Luncheon at 11:30 a.m., in the Ground Floor Conference Center of the Wake County Office Building.

Scoggin and Moore, both retirees, were among 19 Commissioners' Volunteer Awards nominees to be recognized at the event. Commissioners and County staff honored 16 individuals, two pairs and one group nominated for their hard work and dedication to Wake County.

The Volunteer of the Year winners are chosen through a competitive process. Volunteers are considered for the impact of their volunteer effort, their length of service and their dedication. Ten of the nominees captured Commissioners' Awards, of which five garnered special recognition as N.C. Volunteer Awards winners.

Elmo Scoggin has volunteered at WCPE, a not-for-profit classical music radio station, for 24 years. He began by stuffing envelopes, cutting grass, cleaning and answering the phones. For the past 12 years he has hosted his own evening program, titled Music in the Night. In order not to disappoint his listeners, Scoggin has worked holidays and even spent three days at the station during a snow storm. Recently, he has taken on new duties as a script writer for the up-coming 30th Anniversary of WCPE.

Scoggin holds a Ph.D. in Hebrew and Biblical Studies and has participated in 30 archaeological excavations in Israel and Cyprus. Scoggin and his wife Hannah have one daughter, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Scoggin was nominated by Jane O'Conner, Volunteer Coordinator at WCPE on behalf of the entire staff.

"Elmo is someone who exhibits the highest degree of professionalism and integrity in all that he does. He is one of WCPE's greatest Ambassadors," said Tommy Denton, WCPE Membership Director. "He has the highest regard for classical music and is able to convey this passion to listeners. However, his greatest talent is his ability to relate to and connect with people of all races, ages and genders."

As Most Outstanding Volunteer in Wake County in 2008, Scoggin will be considered for one of twenty Medallion Awards presented by the Office of the Governor, to the top volunteers in North Carolina, later this fall. This award has been in existence for 2 years and Wake County has won an award each year.

Moore gives 30 hours a week to the Wake County Sheriff's Office as Coordinator of Project Lifesaver. In 2006, as President of the Pilot Club of Raleigh, she approached the Sheriff's Office regarding bringing the Project Lifesaver Program to Wake County. Sheriff

Donnie Harrison was eager to partner in the project that provides a rapid response system to locate people with brain disorders who wander away from their caregivers.

Members of the program wear a bracelet that contains a battery operated transmitter. The transmitter emits a tracking signal able to be located by a search and rescue team from the Sheriff's Office. This is a free service to Wake County citizens. Moore's role in this project is to recruit enrollees, conduct orientation programs for the client and caregivers, change batteries in the transmitters on a monthly basis and train Pilot Club members to change the batteries. Through her efforts, Moore has made a life and death difference to 26 families who now have peace of mind that their loved ones are safe.

Moore was nominated by Sheriff Donnie Harrison.

"Betty Moore knows how to work with Alzheimer's patients, Autistic children, and people suffering from dementia. She knows when to touch a trembling hand and offer reassurance or when just to nod knowingly so as not to frighten an autistic child or needlessly stress an Alzheimer's patient," said Sheriff Harrison. "She knows that Project Lifesaver does save lives and brings peace of mind to family members. Now you know too--Betty Moore cares and selflessly and untiringly works for Project Lifesaver and the families."

Other Commissioners' Award winners:

Renee Filippucci-Kotz, Wake County Animal Shelter.
Ramesh Fofaria, RDU International Airport Ambassadors
Brad Hammond, Rex Healthcare
Nan Hannah, Cary Family YMCA
Mary DePuew Kamm, Cary Family YMCA
Carissa Kiely, Pro Familia, Wake County Human Services
Betty Moore, Project Lifesaver, Wake County Sheriff's Office
Darleen and Leo Payea, North Carolina Museum of Natural Science
Janice Rosier, Inter-Faith Food Shuttle
Dr. Elmo Scoggin, WCPE Radio
Iris and Randy Sensig and Debi Kiracofe, Southern Regional Center, Wake County Human Services and Helping Hand Mission
Emilie Sigel, Interfaith Food Shuttle
Austin Shaw, Wake Forest Baptist Church
Warren Shaw, Interfaith Food Shuttle
Al Slonim, Citizens Assisting Police (CAP) Team
Teens and Adults Preventing Substance Abuse, 4-H, Wake County Human Services

Of these, Hannah, DePuew Kamm, Moore, Scoggin and Shaw were named N.C. Volunteer Award winners.

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