

Please accept the nomination of Mrs. Dianne Kellogg, Treasurer of the Great Geauga County fair, for consideration as the District 9 Outstanding Fair Supporter. Dianne's involvement in the Geauga County fair spans nearly forty years. She was hired as Treasurer in 2003, based on the recommendation of 2006 Ohio Fair Managers Hall of Fame inductee, the late Richard Moss. Since coming on board, Dianne has streamlined and modernized the treasurer's office. She has developed and implemented employee safety programs and lowered the fairs' risk level in regards to Workers Compensation. She has developed and overseen online ticketing sales, as well as purchasing and managing the installation of two ATM machines on the grounds. Dianne oversees all accounts payable and receivable and assumes the fiscal responsibility of preparing and reviewing the annual budget of just over 1.2 million dollars. She oversees and manages a staff of 10 office personnel and over 40 gate employees throughout the fair. Her leadership is responsible for flawless accounting as they deal with over \$500,000 in cash annually.

During Dianne's tenure as treasurer the fair has consistently received exemplary audits and commendations from the Auditor of State for excellence in financial reporting and audit opinions.

In 2007 Dianne led the charge to develop a foundation to benefit the fair. Dianne was directly responsible for organizing and obtaining The Great Geauga Fair Foundation tax exempt status. She currently serves as Treasurer/Secretary of the foundation and has helped raise over \$70,000 in contributions in just the first year of activity.

Dianne is an asset to any organization she is involved in. As a mother of two and grandmother of six she has spent 22 years as treasurer of Cardinal Schools before retiring in 2003. She is a 16 year member and past president of East Geauga Kiwanis, and secretary of Ohio Kiwanis Division 22 in 2002-2003. She is treasurer and member of the First Congregational Church of Claridon and active member of the Christian Education Committee and Vacation Bible School set designer.

Dianne is a tremendous asset to the Great Geauga County Fair. Her knowledge and expertise in finances is surpassed only by her integrity, honesty and respect she garners from the community.

In a recent interview about the fair, she was quoted as saying "change is inevitable and whatever my office can do to make it productive and practical we are committed to doing."

Thank you in advance for reviewing Dianne's nomination as Outstanding Fair Supporter of the Great Geauga County Fair.