



## **Four More Names Released for 20 Notable People of Avon Award**

(November 20, 2015) The Town of Avon is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on November 30, 2015. As part of the celebration, a contest was held to select 20 Notable People of Avon that have made a positive impact on Avon or are from Avon and have made an impact beyond Avon. Residents submitted names and a Selection Committee selected the 20 Notable People of Avon.

The Select Committee was Pam Lyons (Avon Rotary), William Rhodehamel (Hendricks County Community Foundation), Beverley Austin (Avon Town Council), Pat Laughlin (Deputy Township Trustee), Nic Quintana (Avon Kiwanis), Susan Truax (Avon Library) and Rachel Shelton (Avon Tri Kappa)

Over the next few weeks, leading up to November 30, we will be releasing the names of the 20 Notable People of Avon. Here are the next names.

### **The 14th Notable Person of Avon is Beula Muston.**

She was born in Avon in a home that was located along US 36 where LKQ currently resides and graduated from Avon High School in 1930. She is a descendent of three pioneer families of Washington Township: Barker, Reed and Larsh.

She obtained a nursing degree and helped established the first hospital in Hendricks County and was inducted in to the honorary nursing sorority of Sigma Theta Tau. She also received a journalism award for her article titled “Nighttime in Pediatrics” that was published in the American Journal of Nursing and reprinted by Ross Laboratories.

She taught Red Cross Home Nursing Classes in Avon, organized the Council on Aging in Hendricks County and developed a blood pressure testing program for senior citizens.

She established the first Children’s Church and the first Mother’s Club for mothers of pre-school age children at Avon United Methodist Church. She was a Boy Scout Den Mother, Girl Scout Leader and 4-H Leader.

She was one of the leaders of Avon community residents that worked to ensure that Avon Community Schools would not be consolidated in to another school system and she was instrumental in gathering support in the late 1950s and early 1960s for a new high school.

**The 15th Notable Person of Avon is husband and wife Dean and Carolyn Turner.**

Dean and Carolyn were long time farmers in Avon.

Carolyn graduated from Avon High School and was a lifelong resident of Avon.

She helped start the first Avon Kindergarten and the Hendricks County Meals on Wheels program. She was President of the Hendricks County Extension Homemakers, Avon Home Economics Club and the Hendricks County Hospital Guild. She served as a precinct committee person and received the Avon Citizen of the Year and Avon Alumnus of the Year awards.

Dean was a 10 year member of the Avon School Board and was President of the Avon School Building Corporation. He was a member of the Avon Optimist Club and was instrumental in getting the first Avon volunteer fire department established.

He was a member of the Hendricks County Fair Board for 36 years and was a past Director of the Indiana State Fair Board and State Fair Commission. He was elected to the Indiana Association of County and District Fairs Hall of Fame.

He was also a member of the Hendricks County Planning Commission and the 4-H Building Corporation. He was President of the Hendricks County Board of Health and the Hendricks County Merit Board.

**The 16<sup>th</sup> Notable Person of Avon is John Caldwell.**

John started his ministry work at Kingsway Christian Church in 1974 and continued there for 37 years retiring as Senior Minister. He led the church's growth from meeting in a bank building to its current facility where attendance has reached over 2,000.

He led the Church's many efforts to assist those in need in Avon and throughout the world.

Since his retirement, he has continued preaching and teaching to people all around the world.

**The 17<sup>th</sup> Notable Person of Avon is Maria Larrison.**

Maria is a founding board member of Susie's Place Child Advocacy Center and currently works there as their child and family advocate. She is also guardian ad litem for Hendricks Superior Court 4 where she gives a voice to children.

She has worked for the Hendricks County Prosecutor's Office where she assisted crime victims through the criminal justice process and created an advocacy program that is recognized as one of the best in Indiana.

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She has served as an officer of the Indiana Victim Assistance Network where she coordinated efforts among advocates around the state.

She was founding board member of Sheltering Wings Center for Women and worked at the Center as residential services manager, chief operating officer and chief executive officer. She helped lead a \$2.5 expansion of the facility.

Her honors include the Indiana Commission for Women Torchbearer Award, Outstanding Victim Advocate from the U.S. Attorney's Office – Southern District, Outstanding Citizen Award from the Plainfield Police Department and Volunteer of the Year Award from Kids' Voice of Indiana.

She volunteers for Indy Honor Flight, Kids' Voice of Indiana, Shepherd Community and LoveStrong Ministries. She is a member of the Avon Rotary Club.