



Barbara Britt – Education Inductee

Barbara Britt spent over 35 years in the Okaloosa County school system teaching thousands of young people. She coached five different sports including the award-winning cheerleading team at Ft. Walton Beach High School. During her tenure in the school system, she developed the largest leadership program in the country for high school students and worked with the program for 16 years. After retiring, Barbara started her entrepreneurial journey and now devotes her time training and coaching in our business community. She achieved the Executive Director level membership in the John Maxwell Team of speakers, trainers and coaches. Because of her love for inspiring our future leaders and her success in the school leadership program, Barbara was selected to travel across the world training and speaking with the Military Child Education Coalition and has been selected as a speaker at their national conference for the past three years. Barbara actively serves in almost every women's organization available and received the distinguished honor of being selected as a 2019 Top Ten Business Woman in America by the American Business Women's Association. She currently serves on the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.



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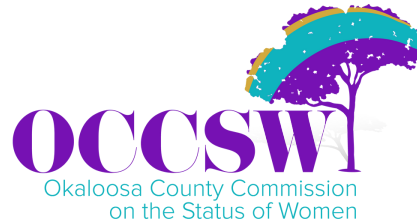
Jill Lewis-Daggs came to Okaloosa County in 1999 ready to impact our community. A single parent of three, she volunteered at Okaloosa Head Start and was President of the Parent Council, instrumental in making sure the concerns of parents were heard. New to the area and in a wheelchair (due to autoimmune disease), she knew that our kids mattered and deserved the opportunity to learn. She fought to keep the Head Start program open full days to allow parents to work and help provide for their families. She is involved in her church and raised over \$49,000 to enhance the athletics and educational opportunities for those in financial need. Jill Lewis-Daggs has a special gift and unites people of different backgrounds. She helped create and became chair of the Emerald Coast Performing Arts Alliance, a coalition of professionals that strive to perpetuate performing arts, unity, scholarships and education. She serves in the Okaloosa County Democratic Women's Club including Community Outreach Chair, Region One Representative and is President of the Okaloosa County Democratic Black Caucus. When the 2017 Hurricanes in Texas, Florida & Puerto Rico hit, Hands and Hearts United cofounded and co-chaired by Jill Lewis-Daggs rallied Members to raise over \$25,000 of goods and financial donations.



Nellie Barrows Fleming – Pioneer Inductee

Born in Niceville in 1925, her family moved to Crestview where she graduated from Crestview High School. In 1938, she served in their first marching band. She worked at Eglin Field commissary and served the Doolittle Raiders. Mrs. Fleming attended Huntingdon College to study in music, leading her to being hired as the very first music and choral teacher at Baker High School.

Nellie spent many years playing organ at her Crestview United Methodist. In the 1950's and 60's, she had governor appointments by two different governors. One was to the Library Board where she helped lay the groundwork for the Friends of the Library program. She also was appointed to serve on the Okaloosa County Hospital Board of Trustees – one of the first women appointees. She chaired the first annual awards banquet for the Crestview Chamber of Commerce and chaired the committee that implemented the first Neighborhood Crime Watch in the county. She also helped the Crestview Garden Club establish the Crestview Garden Park. Nellie Fleming made many trips to Tallahassee to lobby legislators on the need for the railroad overpass in Crestview. She inspired many young women with the Florida Juniorettes Program. She was a leader in the Crestview Women's Club and Garden Club and received many awards for her service.



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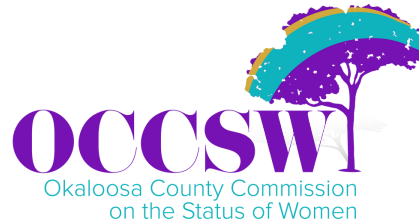
Kathi Heapy – Contemporary Inductee

Kathi Heapy made a big impact on her community. While working with Flooring Authority she and husband Gary own and manage commercial real estate rentals to over 20 businesses and medical practices. They co-founded the Emerald Coast Fitness Foundation, the non-profit organization that operates community pools at former YMCA locations in Fort Walton and Destin. With three children Kathi served in the schools and as a Den Leader and Pack Treasurer for Cub Scout Pack 522. She was the Meigs band chaperone and academic team coach, Choctaw's Style Marcher Band chaperone, IB Parent foundation board member, and an IB exam proctor. In 2005, she began what would become her legacy in the swim world. She served 14 years as the Meigs Middle School Swim Team Coach and volunteer assistant swim coach at Choctawhatchee High School, but she did more than that. According to a letter of recommendation, "Without the tireless and ongoing volunteer efforts of Kathi Heapy, south Okaloosa County would not have community pools. Without these pools Okaloosa County would no longer have a middle school swim program and our high school swim program would be substantially diminished." Thanks to their efforts to revive the former YMCA facilities these vibrant programs at seven Okaloosa middle schools and four high schools continue to provide valuable scholarship opportunities as well as athletic and social outlets for area youth.



Caroline Maney- Community Service Inductee

Caroline is an extraordinary leader. As President of the Junior League of the Emerald Coast, she led 238 women to start the Emerald Coast Science Center. As a volunteer with The Girl Scouts for 12 years she served on the NW Florida Girl Scouts Council Board and as a National Delegate. Caroline is known as a mentor to hundreds of young women in our area. She spearheaded development of the Choctawhatchee Bay Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution and currently serves with the Florida State Society and National Society. Caroline worked to recognize many local women and their accomplishments during WWII and the Vietnam War. She produced a DVD to highlight their impact and Historic Awards. Caroline volunteers at her church and Catholic Charities NWF. She received the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal and Commander's Award for Public Service. She stepped up to serve with the first Army Reserve Family Council for 10000 soldiers at the Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command. There she served vital Family Readiness Programs and was appointed to the VA Advisory Committee on Iraq and Afghanistan in 2007. Married to Brigadier General (Retired) "Patt" Maney she navigated one of their greatest challenges when Patt was wounded by an IED in Afghanistan. Caroline became an advocate for many others navigating recovery.



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