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Congrats to our Johana Knox Award nominees

May 8, 2009— The City of Deltona would like to congratulate the Deltona residents recognized as nominees for the Johana Knox Award for Community Service Excellence. The nominees were announced May 7 at the Award Volunteer Celebration.

John G. Hernandez, president of the Deltona Civic Association, was an “Honorable Mention Finalist.” Hernandez, who was nominated by Deltona’s District 4 Commissioner Paul Treusch, has had a hand in nearly every civic event that has taken place in Deltona for the past 30 years. He has helped to create a free language learning program and has chaired the Deltona Day Parade for the past 12 years.



Several other Deltona residents were among the nominees recognized for their service to their community and surrounding communities. They include Carol Briggs, Florence O. Smith and Barbara Willey.

Willey, who was also nominated by Commissioner Treusch, has volunteered countless hours mentoring students at Pine Ridge High School, Deltona. She’s served on numerous City boards along with serving on the Deltona Civic Association and the Deltona Garden Club. Briggs has helped many in the community caring for a loved one with Alzheimer’s disease through her support groups at Deltona Presbyterian Church. Smith has cared for many veterans at the Deltona Health Care nursing home by making crocheted patriotic lap blankets and keeping journals of their dates of service, etc.

To nominate someone for the Johana Knox Award for Community Service Excellence, send an e-mail to johana.knoxaward10@yahoo.com or call (386) 917-5423. Next year's nominees will be recognized April 22, 2010.

Knox is known throughout Volusia County for her tireless and selfless dedication to worthy causes. She has generously served the Chamber of Commerce of West Volusia, The Manatee Festival, The Boys & Girls Clubs of Volusia/Flagler Counties, the West Volusia Police Athletic League, Florida Hospital Fish Memorial, "100 Deputies, 100 Days" and the Healthcare Foundation of Florida. The award is given in her honor to "encourage other to follow in her path of giving."