

John Krall Award

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This Arrowhead couple have been longtime volunteers in many areas of our community.

“This couple has put in many hours volunteering with the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department.

They are both active First Responders, tirelessly attend all required training and meetings so they can provide trained assistance during a medical emergency on the mountain.

They are also active fundraisers for our fire department, organizing and running the AVFD Picnic’s Silent Auction.

They have been active organizers of the social side of the AVFD, as well. Who can forget the reminders at each AVFD Business meeting for the next potluck and the next Super Potluck? A space for her announcement was always left on the secretary’s notes of the minutes.

The Pancake Breakfast was another place where you’d see this couple. If anything needed to be done- you were sure to find both of them there to quietly get it done- from setting up chairs to wiping tables and sweeping floors.

They constructed the AVFD Mitigation wildfire demos, many times over. The visual demonstration they provided was worth a thousand words.

She stepped in to help lead the AIA Long Range Planning Committee to poll our community on their wants and needs, polling, collecting, counting and presenting the findings to the AIA Board. Her work helped in the consideration of future improvements to our community.

They gladly stepped up two years ago to head the Community Clean Ups. They not only organize four clean-ups a year, but even when there is a small turn out- he, with his work gloves, muscle and trailer and she, wielding a fierce pair of nippers, can be seen from before the clean up starts until the very last volunteer has left. Oh- and there is always a smile and thank you that go with it!

This couple does all of this and more with a quiet perseverance that is admirable. So much of their work is behind the scenes that their contributions are often overlooked. When she is recognized publically, she turns red, defers the compliment and points out all the other folk who have helped.

Their love for our community and their neighbors is not shown by beating their chests for self recognition, but in their dogged dedication to the things that need to get done for all of us- whether it is helping clean up and beautify Arrowhead or making sure that there is an ongoing sense of collegiality and caring at community events. Just last month I saw him stand and introduce some new community members, the Hausers, to all at an AVFD meeting. All I could think was how very kind and caring an act that was... and that we could all learn from that tiny gesture.”

Their unsung volunteerism makes this couple excellent examples of the spirit of John Krall and worthy nominees for this award.

By now, I am more than certain that you all know that this John Krall Award winning couple is...

Carla & Clyde Vavrik