

John Krall Award

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This member of our community is an obvious choice for the John Krall Award. He embodies all that John stood for- he gives of himself tirelessly in so very many ways for our community and does it with such unassuming, quiet graciousness that many people do not realize that he is forever around and involved.

The following are just a couple of the wonderful things shared about him on the John Krall nomination forms.

I want to address his attitude. He never does anything for credit or to be in the limelight. In fact he flies totally under the radar and shies away from any attention or overt appreciation. In fact this award will probably embarrass him. He is just the type of person for whom this award was designed. We wanted to thank and acknowledge individuals who had served Arrowhead over the years because they love both the people who live here and the beautiful mountain community it is. These people do so in a quiet and continuous manner, selflessly giving of their time and expertise. He is a perfect choice for this award.

This John Krall nominee has been a summer resident in Arrowhead for over 20 years. He and his wife bring their RV to their property and stay from May to October. During that time they are involved with many events, committees, and community activities.

He is an active member of the Fire Department, serving as fire fighter as well as equipment maintenance. When he sees a need, he is at the Firehouse cleaning up the bay area or washing the trucks, often working alone. He is a regular participant at the Fourth of July picnic, setting up canopies and tables, and working wherever needed.

He has been involved with the Forest Mitigation study committee and has worked long hours with the Forest Manager cutting down dead and diseased trees.

He has been a regular participant in the roadside clean-up days. He reserves the Association's dump trailer and makes many trips to the Forest Refuse site, in addition to picking up and loading forest debris.

In 2010 and 2011, he was active in researching, acquiring & installing the aerators for Hazel Lake. He created a maintenance schedule for the aeration equipment. He also obtained and installed a shelter for the life ring at the lake. He is currently working on the Hazel Lake water agreement.

He has been involved with the noxious weed program and has spent many hours spraying the filing roadsides and around Hazel Lake. He also has purchased & installed necessary parts for the Association's tank sprayer and kept it maintained.

He has been a member of Design Review for several years and is invaluable in finding center pins and surveying lots. He has created a follow-up spreadsheet for Design Review and keeps it updated. He is so dedicated that he has often been seen snowshoeing to meetings at the firehouse in the winter.

He served as chairperson of the AIA voting committee and established guidelines for an efficient means of mailing and counting ballots.

He is currently serving on the AIA Board for a second time. He is the Board's treasurer and is working on the Reserve Study Committee and the Investment Policy. He spends many hours at home on the computer researching issues related to Arrowhead.

Anyone who knows this nominee and all he does will concur that he is thorough, dedicated, dependable and a pleasure to work with. He works quietly and without expectation of acknowledgement or adulation. He is a valuable asset to Arrowhead.

So now, for those of you who haven't yet guessed, this year's winner of the John Krall Award is...

Al Hale

BUT... there's a little bit more...

...I heard other committee members talk about everything else he does. I didn't know there were that many hours in a day!

A couple of months ago I got an email from him asking if I would mind if he services all the fire department vehicles, basically giving them all an oil change and what not? My only thought was "Is this guy for real?" Not only were the vehicles all serviced but he washed them as well. About a month later I got another email from him. "Do you mind if I clean up the bays at the firehouse?" This was after the firehouse was torn apart from fixing and insulating the roof. This guy hasn't slowed down on the firehouse projects to this day.

...it is apparent that the fire department isn't the only benefactor of all of his good deeds. He also needs to have a lycra suit with a cape and a large SV emblazoned on it's chest to signify SUPER VOLUNTEER!