

Volunteer Recognition Dinner
Corcoran neighborhood
February 2, 2009



Award Nominees:

Martha Carpenter spearheaded a new initiative to get kids involved in athletics, and runs an athletic league that fills the gaps of Corcoran Park programming. Martha also cooks, serves, and cleans for sports banquets, and bakes popular holiday cookies.

Melanie Casiday captures the creative skills of many, to make each Corcoran News paper a showcase of their talents. Many hands helped Melanie, a CNO board member, create a vibrant mural that invites light rail riders to Corcoran.

Oscar Cozza launched his own grassroots outreach campaign to convince neighbors to help slow global warming. A concerned and inquisitive citizen, Oscar finds time between school assignments to write for the Corcoran News.

Dustin Denison guided the Midtown Farmers' Market through challenging times as long-time co-chair of its advisory committee, and as a tireless volunteer. Dustin's confidence and eloquence inspire and motivate those around him.

Heather Grazzini united neighbors through several years of neighborhood book sales, volunteer dinners, and movies in the park. A tireless Chair of the Events Committee, Heather also found time to serve as Secretary on the CNO board.

Mark Jensen led the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization through tough times, as its Chair, prior to the start of the NRP. A longtime teacher at South High, Mark has invested countless hours toward improving our neighborhood.

Johnny Jones Jr. puts wisdom into words, offering entertaining advice to budding gardeners through his "Gardening in Corcoran" column in the Corcoran News. His articles are always well-researched and filled with joy and exclamation!!

Norb Kappes was instrumental in starting and strengthening the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization, building participation and key partnerships, and providing two decades of CNO leadership starting in the 1970's.

Eric Lindberg exemplifies service as a generous neighbor, watchful block leader, citizen journalist, and humorous friend. Having served various leadership roles for CNO, Eric currently leads the Land Use & Transportation Committee.

Silvia Perez leads a women's empowerment group, Mujeres Latinas, which meets weekly to address issues facing the community. The group's robust attendance is testament to Silvia's efforts as recruiter, leader, and community organizer.

Mike Rohrer employed a firm command of finance and a signature sense of humor to help CNO staff get through a challenging summer. A lifelong Corcoran resident, Mike is a block leader and contributor to CNO committees, as well as its Treasurer.

Jim Walsh is a gem of a block leader, hosting gatherings, helping neighbors, and keeping everyone informed. A home remodeling and energy expert, Jim combines story-telling with science to lead informative and empowering seminars.