



March 26, 2012 Wyandotte Distinguished Graduate Inductee



Carol B. (Monroe) Oakley Class of 1961

Carol B. (Monroe) Oakley has distinguished herself through her longtime community service to the Downriver Area. While Carol has been involved in multiple volunteer and community activities, she has long-term commitments to two organizations - the Trenton School District Board of Education for 28 years; and the Soroptimist International for 25 years.

As a Trenton School District Board Member, Carol is recognized for her careful analysis of each issue that comes before the Board. Her decisions have always been based on what is truly in the best interest of children. Carol's long tenure speaks to both her effectiveness as a Member of the Board and her commitment to public education.

Carol is also an involved member of Soroptimist International Trenton Area. Soroptimist is an organization of business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls throughout the world and in local communities. Carol currently chairs the Awards Committee within the Trenton Area Chapter. At this time, her Committee garners and provides educational opportunities for women who have lost their jobs and wish to return to the work force. Carol served as President of Soroptimist International Trenton Area from 1996 - 1998. She was honored as "Soroptimist of the Year" in 1998.

In addition to these two primary community service activities, Carol has been a member of the Michigan State Waterways Commission for seven years; is a volunteer for Travelers Aide Society at Detroit Metropolitan Airport; and is a member of the Downriver Council of the Arts.

Carol also worked as a Legislative Aide for three Michigan Representatives, assisting them in making sure the needs of the Downriver Area were included in legislative decisions.

Carol and her husband enjoy their two adult children and four grandchildren. A lifelong resident of the Downriver Area, she has given much time, talent, and hard work to improving the quality of life for the area communities and their

residents. She has shown, through example, that one person can make big differences improving the lives of others and the communities in which we live.