



Candace Grubbs Class of 2015

Candy has lived in the Oroville area since 1957. She graduated from Oroville High School (OHS) in 1961, was a member of the Girls Athletic Association (GAA) and elected as president of her sophomore class.

Following high school, Candy attended Chico State College for her freshman year. With money being tight to return to school, she promised her summer employer that she would stay, thus starting her working career. As things would happen, in 1963, she married Jay Grubbs, a fifth generation cattle rancher. After working for a trucking contractor, she was employed by McNamara-Fuller Contractors, the firm that built the powerhouse at the Oroville Dam. Upon completion of the powerhouse, Candy worked for 17 years for the Oroville Cemetery District, 10 years as District manager, a position she held until 1987. During these years, 2 sons were added to her family, Matthew, born in 1968 and Michael in 1971. She earned her AA degree in Accounting from Butte College in 1979.

In 1986, Candy decided to run for Butte County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters. Due to her sound management of the Cemetery District and her superior experience and administrative abilities, she was endorsed by the Oroville Mercury-Register and by then California State Senator Ray E. Johnson. The newspaper stated in an editorial that Candy kept the Cemetery District financially sound in an era in which many public entities were floundering. Also that she had proven her ability to motivate employees and to find innovative solutions to problems. Senator Johnson went on record saying that, "Candy has displayed leadership ability in managing the Cemetery District and has an impressive list of community involvement and service. Please join me in supporting Candy Grubbs."

Candy went on to win the election in November 1986 with her term of office beginning in January 1987. She also served as Clerk of the Court for Butte County Superior Court until 1998. Candy is currently serving her eighth term of office as Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters. She is the longest tenured Clerk-Recorder currently in California and the longest serving elected department head in Butte County.

She has been a leader in technology in Butte County by automating the Clerk of the Court, Election and Recorder functions to improve public service and access to information via the web. Her goals are to continue this service with the construction of the Butte County Hall of Records.

Lifelong learning and keeping current with the latest in her field, Candy is a graduate of the National Certified Elections/Registration Administrator Program, is certified as a California Professional Election Administrator and a Graduate Fellow of the Institute for Court Management of the National Center for State and Court Executive Development Program. As a Graduate Fellow, she was awarded her certificate by retired Supreme Court Justice Warren Burger in Washington, D.C. in 1992. Candy has always been active in the County Recorder's Association and served as state president from 1995-98.

The construction of a Butte County Hall of Records separate from the County Administration building has been a dream of Candy's for more than two decades. She has envisioned a permanent Hall of Records that will house the three departments within her office as well as be the repository of both legal and historic records. She became the leader of the effort to get all records stored safely, and through her leadership and sound fiscal management of her office, a sizeable amount of money was generated to help launch the construction of the Hall of Records building in Oroville.

Thursday, July 10, 2014, was the official groundbreaking ceremony for construction of the Butte County Hall of Records. Scheduled to open in the fall of 2015 and Candy has been credited for incredible perseverance in pushing the project towards completion. The groundbreaking has been described as a “landmark for our history.”

In 1996, Candy received the Boss of the Year Award, Southern Butte County Legal Secretaries Association. She is a Paul Harris Fellow and Sustaining Member, member of Palermo School Hall of Fame an graduation speaker and 2001 Outstanding Alumna of Butte College.

She was the first ever female Rotarian in Oroville as well as the first ever female president of Oroville Rotary. She is also a member of the Farm Bureau, the League of Women Voters, the Native Daughters of the Golden West, the Butte County Historical Society, and the Butte County Cattlemen’s Association.

Candy and her husband, Jay, reside in Wyandotte, Oroville foothills, and the family ranch at Bucks Lake.