Phoenix: JANE LAWSON

Jane Lawson joined ARCS Phoenix in 2002 after an invitation from Sandra Mackenzie and is now being recognized as our Chapter’s newest ARCS Light Award recipient. As a former teacher, she has been involved in many aspects of education and an ARCS membership presented new directions for her career interests. Jane has been active in many ARCS Chapter roles including President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, VP University Relations, School Social Studies and Writing Curriculum in Arizona. She is also a docent at the Heard Museum of American Indian Art and History for 10 years.

Jane and her husband, Bruce, enjoy travel with family and friends, including many friends in ARCS. She has also made it a point to get to know her scholars personally and supports their efforts towards their degrees. In 2001, she retired from a career that included teaching high school Social Studies and Writing Curriculum in Arizona. Jane has been an incredible mentor and role model for the students she has influenced.

San Diego: MARY LOU QUICK

ARCS San Diego proudly acknowledges our newest ARCS Light Award recipient, Mary Lou Quick, as her outstanding record speaks for itself. She joined our Chapter in 2005 and has served as Recording Secretary, VP University Relations and VP Communications. She was Director of Publications, Assistant Treasurer, Donations, and is now, again, VP Communications.

This native Californian graduated from San Diego State with a BA in Spanish, earned her teaching credential, and an MA in Educational Administration, and taught in secondary schools for twenty-three years. Her life has been marked by volunteerism and mentorship challenges. As the mother of three boys, she volunteered in many youth-oriented activities, including the Red Cross-sponsored Backyard Swim Program and as an adult volunteer for the Boy Scouts (the only woman to complete their program). Mary Lou’s personal life-affirming ethic, strengthened by two-time cancer survivorship, has been embodied in her commitment to teaching the American Cancer Society’s Reach to Recovery program for breast cancer patients and volunteering in Kaiser Hospital’s ROSE Project, offering advice and counsel to newly-diagnosed breast cancer patients.

Asked to describe Mary Lou, members speak of her winning smile, her deep skills in these areas and her unflappable style have strengthened the excellence of our Chapter. She has also thoroughly enjoyed her involvement in the development of legal documents, helping keep track of finances, and supporting our Chapter since its beginning, providing advice in compliance with tax and accounting rules, she brings valuable financial advice to both her employer, Mosaic, and to the Chapter.

Seattle: LYNN THOMSEN

Seattle is pleased to present Lynn Thomsen as the newest ARCS Light Award recipient. Lynn’s personal life-affirming ethic, strengthened by two-time cancer survivorship, has been embodied in her commitment to teaching the American Cancer Society’s Reach to Recovery program for breast cancer patients and volunteering in Kaiser Hospital’s ROSE Project, offering advice and counsel to newly-diagnosed breast cancer patients.

As a former teacher, she has been involved in many aspects of education and an ARCS membership presented new directions for her career interests. Lynn has been active in ARCS Utah since 2007, when she joined as a founding member of the Chapter. She has served on the Board since its inception, as President from 2012-2014, and now as VP Finance and Treasurer. After a family relocation to Seattle in 2016, she also joined ARCS Seattle. She serves on the National Board as Secretary of SEAC and on the National Governance and Evaluation Committees.

She graduated from 1988 at the University of Virginia with a BA in Latin and in 1992 from the University of Texas School of Law. She is a shareholder of Parsons Behre & Latimer and focuses her practice on trademark law. Her firm has been very supportive of our Chapter since its beginning, providing advice in the development of legal documents, helping keep track of finances, assisting with printed materials, and offering meeting space. Lynn is married to a cardiologist, Dr. Christopher (Chris) J. McGinn, and they are the proud parents of their daughter Fiona, and son, Jack. They enjoy skiing, biking and travel. As a volunteer, she has been instrumental in supporting the development of our Chapter and has generously given of her time and resources for WSU and the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.

“I love this organization,” Lynn says of ARCS. “I’m proud to be a member and working with other dedicated individuals in the ARCS organization.”

Utah: MARGARET NIVER MCGANN

ARCS Utah recognizes Margaret McGann as one of our newest ARCS Light Award recipient. Margaret has been active in ARCS Utah since 2007, when she joined as a founding member of the Chapter. She has served on the Board since its inception, as President from 2012-2014, and now as VP Finance and Treasurer. After a family relocation to Seattle in 2016, she also joined ARCS Seattle. She serves on the National Board as Secretary of SEAC and on the National Governance and Evaluation Committees. She graduated from 1988 at the University of Virginia with a BA in Latin and in 1992 from the University of Texas School of Law. She is a shareholder of Parsons Behre & Latimer and focuses her practice on trademark law. Her firm has been very supportive of our Chapter since its beginning, providing advice in the development of legal documents, helping keep track of finances, assisting with printed materials, and offering meeting space. Margaret is married to a cardiologist, Dr. Christopher (Chris) J. McGinn, and they are the proud parents of their daughter Fiona, and son, Jack. They enjoy skiing, biking and travel. As a volunteer, she has been instrumental in supporting the development of our Chapter and has generously given of her time and resources for WSU and the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.

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Tampa Bay: JANET DICKINSON

We are delighted to announce Janet Dickinson as the newest ARCS Tampa Bay Light Award recipient. She has given the highest quality of service and dedication as a founding member of our Chapter and devoted herself to enhancing and generously supporting our Chapter for nine years.

Serving as Treasurer from 2008-2013, President and member of the National Board from 2014-2015, Janet is again serving as Treasurer. Her work was crucial in our ability to initially organize and eventually achieve 501(c)(3) status of our Chapter. She is competent and conscientious, and has strong interpersonal and communication skills.

Professionally as a CPA, Janet has experience in all facets of business operations including financial reporting, cost analysis, taxes, banking and insurance. Specializing in software training and setup for corporate clients, Janet often shares her expertise. As a CPA, she brings valuable financial advice to both her employer, Mosaic, and to the Chapter.

Janet earned a BS in Economics and Accounting from the University of Central Florida and received additional certifications as a CPA Microsoft Certified Solutions Specialist and Microsoft Certified Business Management Solutions Professional (MCP). She volunteers as a mentor with teen organizations, an accounting coach and is also a member of the CFO Network and Zeta Tau Alpha.
changed. She was curious about many things (her father said she had
promotes a stimulating research and successes of our gifted scholars, attend
lectures and tours of state-of-the-art research facilities, and to make the
maintaining her involvement with ARCS, she serves on the Vestry and
volunteer in church and school activities.

ARCS Colorado recognizes Jeanine ingber as the 2016 ARCS Light Award recipient. She and her husband, Marc, moved to Denver in
1999. She joined the Chapter in the spring of 2007 and has been an active member since then. She has been VP Operations for the past five years and, because of her outstanding computer skills, has been invaluable in Parliamentarian duties. As a new member, Jeanine worked with other members to link the newly created National website and is now our Content Editor and Data Administrator and sits on the Committees for communications.
Jeanine considers being a member of ARCS as both an honor and a privilege. ARCS provides an opportunity for her to enjoy the stimulating environment of research and successes of our gifted scholars. Jeanine says, "I got to know my favorite science because it is also the story of
history. "My brother-in-law and sister are geophysicists, so we don’t go on regular vacations: we have to go and see a rock or chalk or fault! Being a rough-water swimmer for 45 years has also heightened her awareness of issues related to ocean reefs, and she funded and dedicated an ARCS Scholar award in memory of her brother and his interest in oceanography.

Northern California: NANCY MUELLER

Nancy Mueller is the 2016 ARCS Northern California Chapter Light Award recipient. She has been a member since 2003 and as VP Science Activities and Field Trips for the Chapter and has had the wonderful opportunity to enhance our members’ awareness of issues related to ocean reefs, and she funded and dedicated an ARCS Scholar award in memory of her brother and his interest in oceanography.

Georgia: ANGELINA GERBER

Barb Gerber is well-deserving of the 2016 ARCS Minnesota Light Award. She is a Foundation Board of Directors of the Eagle Tail Hunter Fund, a 501c3, and is a member of the Minnesota Chapter - North Star Fund. As Treasurer, her dedication to bringing meaningful events to members and donors was evidenced by her planning a biannual fishing and hunting themed event at Hyatt’s. She engaged local members to help recruit attendees and raise funds, as well as sign on new members during the event!

Barb is President and co-founder of Medicom Health Interactive. Her company develops evidence-based health and wellness software applications for use in retail and online consumer engagement. She has over 30 years of experience developing medical and health education programs. Prior to founding Medicom Health, she was director of School of Blood Bank Technology for the American Red Cross in Madison, WI.

Barb is a strong supporter of STEM initiatives across all age levels. Her interest in supporting and promoting ARCS began when her son started his PhD studies at Stanford. He is now an Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering. Barb has served on the Eden Prairie Community Education Advisory Council and is an active member of LifeScience Alley (now Medical Alley Association).

Orange County: ELLEN LEWIS

Ellen Lewis is the ARCS Orange County 2016 ARCS Light Award recipient. She is the immediate past-President and has served our Chapter board since 2011. Pat Beckman and Ellen are active in philanthropy and support scientific research. Ellen’s undergraduate and graduate degrees in Nursing are from Marquette University, and she has also received her Master of Business Administration from the University of Chicago. Ellen has also served on the Boards of Trustees for Mission & Laguna Beach Hospital and is a Past-President of the Associates for the Advancement of Science Research & Science, UC Irvine.

Ellen is an internationally recognized expert in nursing hospice administration, palliative and hospice care, health science education in commerce, university, county and private service and educational environments. At the international level, she has been an expert witness for the National Organization of Nurse Executives-CA and the Western Institute of Nursing and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. She is much sought after by many and has been known as an important and influential leader in California with The Diane Cooper Life Time Achievement Award. Nurse.Com. Ellen has received the UC Irvine Lauds and Laurels Award for Professional Achievement, the Excellence in Leadership Award and the Excellence in Nursing Education Award from the Association of California Nurses Leaders.

Ellen serves on the Board for Nursing and Allied Health and Clinical Professor for the UC Irvine Program in Nursing Science and in the School of Medicine. After retiring from UC Irvine, she founded the Associate Degree in Nursing Program at American Career College, Los Angeles and currently is its Director.