

MEDIA ADVISORY FOR RECEPTION HONORING NANCY J. GEORGE ON DECEMBER 17, 2012, 4:30 PM AT CCLS, 1601 RITNER HIGHWAY, SUITE 100, CARLISLE, PA

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Nancy J. George Honored for Volunteer Service to Libraries

(Carlisle, PA) – The Cumberland County Library System Board along with Senator Pat Vance,
County Commissioner Gary Eichelberger and other community leaders will recognize Miss Nancy J.

George's extraordinary record of volunteer leadership on behalf of public library services in Cumberland
County for the past 31 years by dedicating a plaque in her honor that lists each library system board
president since the system's founding in 1960. [See plaque text below.]

Miss George began her volunteer work in public libraries in 1981 when she filled an unexpired term on the Bosler Library board. Asked to join the library board by one of Bosler's former library directors, her lifelong good friend Patricia Mulgrew (now deceased), Miss George served 28 more years on the Bosler Memorial Library Board, helping to build an award-winning Library Friends group and to lead three major building expansions and capital campaigns.

In 1987, Miss George began her service on the Cumberland County Library System board, where she served 26 consecutive years, five of those years as vice-president (1987, 1991-1993, 2007) and 14 years as president (1988-1990, 1994, 1998-2001, 2004-2006, 2010-2012).

During her tenure as Library System Board President, Miss George nurtured and encouraged unprecedented growth in County wide library services by helping to create STAR services for the elderly and homebound, by helping to improve the County's information services through development of its Reference Resource Center collections, and by helping the library system to navigate its transition to the age of Internet and online services successfully.

Miss George was recognized by the Pennsylvania Library Association in 1988 as Trustee of the Year for her political acumen, creativity and outstanding achievements.

She also served on the Library Tax Referendum Steering Committee in 1986 and the Task Force to Fight the Referendum Challenge in 1987, helping to establish stable, single source library service funding in Cumberland County.

Prior to her work as a volunteer with libraries, she:

- Was named an Honorary Lifetime Trustee of the YWCA of Carlisle and was honored by having an award for Outstanding Volunteer Community Service named after both herself and her mother, Ruth Kruger George;
- Served on the Carlisle Area School Board for 22 years, where she became its first woman president;
- Helped to establish Thornwald Park, Carlisle's wonderful green space area;
- Co-chaired or assisted with numerous major fund drives for Carlisle area organizations such as Safe Harbor, Salvation Army of Carlisle, Cumberland County Historical Society, First Evangelical Lutheran Church;
- Helped to establish Cumberland County's Vacant Property Reinvestment Board.

Miss George graduated from the School of Horticulture for Women in 1948 (now Temple University's Ambler Campus).

She and her brother Jimmie are the proud owners and operators of George's Flowers, an award-winning small business in Carlisle PA that was founded in 1910 by William Smith George and his wife Jane, grandparents of Nancy and Jimmie.

The plaque text, which lists each system board president since the library system's founding in 1960, will be displayed at the county library system's offices in Carlisle:

Cumberland County Library System Board Presidents	
Dr. Morris L. Shafer	Mary Linn Faries
Carlisle	Mechanicsburg
1960	1987
D. Fenton Adams	Nancy J. George
Carlisle	Carlisle
1961 -1964	1988-1990
Dr. Donald T. Graffam	Joyce Bright
Mechanicsburg	Shippensburg
1965-1966	1991

J. Robert Richwine	Christina R. Hoffman
Mechanicsburg	Camp Hill
1967-1970	1992-1993
Mervin Bowles	Nancy J. George
New Cumberland	Carlisle
1971-1972	1994
J. Robert Richwine	Elizabeth H. Stone
Mechanicsburg	New Cumberland
1973	1995-1997
Richard R. Townsend	Nancy J. George
Carlisle	Carlisle
1974	1998-2001
James D. Flower	Alicia D. Stine
Carlisle	Camp Hill
1975-1976	2002-2003
Helen V. Metzdorf	Nancy J. George
Camp Hill	Carlisle
1977-1981	2004-2006
Karen D. Best	Dr. William A. Gould
Mechanicsburg	Shippensburg
1982-1983	2007-2009
William D. Daniels	Nancy J. George
Gardners	Carlisle
1984-1985	2010-2012
Ralma C. Fry	
Shippensburg	
1986	

The Cumberland County Library System Board unanimously recognizes the extraordinary leadership of Miss Nancy J. George.

Miss George served the board 26 consecutive years — 14 as board president.