

**The Mary Merrill Memorial Award
for
Outstanding Feature Article
in
*The International Journal of Volunteer Administration***

Mary Merrill, L.S.W., dedicated her entire life to the betterment of the human condition through volunteerism and voluntary action. An internationally renowned consultant, she served for five years as Editor-In-Chief of the former *Journal of Volunteer Administration (JOVA)*. At the time of her untimely death in February 2006, Mary was working diligently to preserve and continue *The JOVA* in light of tumultuous and unexpected change in the volunteer administration profession at the national level.

The Mary Merrill Memorial Award for Outstanding Article in *The International Journal of Volunteer Administration* has been established in her honor by the Editorial Board and staff of *The IJOVA*. The Award is presented annually to the author(s) of a published Feature Article that best exemplifies Mary's lifelong dedication to improving volunteerism and volunteer administration internationally.

One Award is made for each published volume of *The IJOVA* and includes (1) a check for \$500 (to be divided equally among co-authors) and (2) individual plaques for each co-author. All published Feature Articles are automatically considered for the Award. Award selection involves a blind review process of non-IJOVA affiliated scholars/practitioners, coordinated by *The IJOVA's* Associate Editor. Editorial Board members are not eligible for the Award; however, IJOVA reviewers are eligible. The Award is presented to the recipient(s) at an appropriate national professional conference to be determined on a case-by-case basis.

The following authors and their articles have been selected as recipients of The Mary Merrill Memorial Award for Outstanding Feature Article in *The International Journal of Volunteer Administration*:

Volume XXIV, No. 6 (2007): [Denise Sevick Bortree, Ph.D., and Richard D. Waters, Ph.D. *Measuring the Volunteer - Nonprofit Organization Relationship: An Application of Public Relations Theory.*](#)

Volume XXV, No. 1 (2008): [Denise Sevick Bortree, Ph.D., and Richard D. Waters, Ph.D. *The Value of Feeling Included: The Impact of Inclusion on Teen Volunteers' Organizational Satisfaction.*](#)

Volume XXVI, No. 3 (2009): [Eric Kaufman, Ph.D., Hannah Carter, Ph.D., Rick Rudd, Ph.D., and Donna Moore, Ph.D. *Leadership Development for Local Volunteers: A case Study of Andragogy in Practice.*](#)