

GRAND CANYON HISTORICAL SOCIETY HALL of FAME AWARD
Presented with appreciation to
GREG and JUDY WALKER

Greg Walker worked 17 years for Babbitt Brothers Trading Co. beginning as stocker and progressed to store manager. He continued on with Delaware North for another 18 years as Assistant General Manager and Director of Retail. But his favorite location was always the Village grocery store enjoying the daily interaction with the guests and the locals who still loved to call it Babbitts. Somehow Greg found time to serve as President of Grand Canyon Youth Activities which is the fund raising arm for AYSO Soccer, Little League & Senior League baseball, youth basketball, T-ball and basketball travel team. In addition he coached all sports except soccer. Greg also managed to serve as Junior Varsity Coach, Assistant Varsity Coach and Head Coach for High School basketball. Sometimes this included boys and girls programs. He also served on the Grand Canyon High School Booster Club doing fund raising and running concessions to raise money for scholarships. Delaware North looked to him to be their leader in community involvement and projects. And, they appointed him to their scholarship committee where he created the first environmental based scholarship for high school seniors. Greg also served on the first Grand Canyon Recreation Center Board that oversaw fundraising, design and construction of the building, purchasing, bylaws and grand opening. Finally, his Christmas spirit moved him to help organize annual food basket and toy drives with Delaware North, Xanterra, Park Service, Tusayan businesses and local churches. Greg has been recognized by community service club awards and we are adding to that recognition.

Judy Walker has the unique distinction of being born in what was once the Grand Canyon Hospital, being raised in one of the historic homes on Apache Street, and attending the only Kindergarten through twelfth grade school in a National Park. Her community service began with babysitting for the Verkamp family when she was eleven. To carry on that legacy, Judy taught preschool and served as Kindergarten and Special Education Aide for many years. Somehow, that was not enough so Judy also found time to coach the Tiger Cubs AYSO soccer team and serve as team Mom. Much of her life became oriented around the schools through service on the PTA, Booster Club, fund raising for day care, creating the Bridging the Gap program to find healthy ways to entertain the school kids in the community, chaperoning school activities, and sponsoring exchange students in their home. And, as if volunteering at the school was not sufficient, she gave of her time to the Catholic Church. Judy's commitment has been recognized thru community service club awards and especially as commencement speaker for several high school graduations. We are adding to that recognition.

