

Hall of Fame Awards

Jon Streit and Suzette Streit

The twenty-first annual Grand Canyon Hall of Fame Awards were presented at the Society's Annual Picnic at Shoshone Point on Saturday, July 13, 2019. The names of the recipients are engraved on the permanent plaque housed in the Shrine of Ages. Two awards are usually made each year to recognize service to the Grand Canyon community. These recipients were recommended for their community service, Jon and Suzette Streit, by previous recipients of the award and by current residents. We rely on their recommendations, as they know better than anyone who has been involved in community service at the Grand Canyon.

Text as it appears on the permanent plaque in the Shrine of Ages:

"GRAND CANYON HALL OF FAME FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Recognition is hereby given by the Grand Canyon Historical Society and the National Park Service for those organizations and individuals who have selflessly contributed to the betterment of the Grand Canyon community over years past."

The twenty-first awards name two who have given exemplary service to the Grand Canyon Community. The recipients have made personal contributions of money, time, support, and/or work over a period of many years. This year's awardees are: Jon Streit and Suzette Streit. Short bios follow:

Jon Streit served for twenty years as Executive Director and General Manager of Grand Canyon Lodges. If that were not enough, Jon made time to serve on a number of boards and also volunteer with other community services. He served on the following boards: Grand Canyon School, Coconino County Community College President's Advisory, Flagstaff AYSO, Grand Canyon Music Festival, Grand Canyon Historical Society, Arizona Lodging & Tourism, and Grand Canyon Youth. He and his wife Suzette raised their three children at Grand Canyon and this led him to serve as a High School Booster Club Volunteer and participate in various fundraisers for Grand Canyon School. Somewhere in all of this he also managed to volunteer as an AYSO soccer coach and worked to preserve Fred Harvey history with the owners of La Posada and La Fonda Hotels. Finally, his Thanksgiving and Christmas spirit moved him to deliver holiday food baskets to community members in need.

Suzette Streit's twenty years at the Canyon were marked by constant service to the community. In addition to the full-time job of raising three children, she volunteered and served the Grand Canyon school in many capacities. This included as a member of the Grand Canyon School Board, PTA, one-on-one reader with the literacy program, participation in various fundraisers for Grand Canyon School, and a ready volunteer for a whole variety of school programs. Her service as the High School Booster Club President led to her raising funds for college and sports camp scholarships. She also lent her culinary skills to providing meals for team travel and hosting sports banquets. The school gym is still graced by several High School sports championship banners that Suzette made. Outside of the school, she helped distribute food with St. Mary's Food Bank during the government shutdown and volunteered with El Christo Rey Catholic Chapel. Finally, her Thanksgiving and Christmas spirit moved her to assemble holiday food baskets for community members in need.