



CHELAN COUNTY

June 2018
Cycle of Personal Ownership

Winner

Nominee	Details
Bev Freeman	<p>Since 2012, Bev Freeman has taken ownership of planning and organizing the retiree luncheon. For a period of several years the District had abandoned this effort as a cost-cutting measure. In 2012, Bev advocated bringing the event back to life and felt honored to take on the responsibility when the previous organizers declined to sponsor the event. This event is an important part of the District's community outreach. This group of former employees and their family members are our best ambassadors to the local community. After last year's retiree luncheon it was clear the event had outgrown the Rocky Reach venue. Bev surveyed the retirees to find out their preferred location and time of year to hold the event. Using that information the event was moved to the Convention Center this year and held in late spring instead of summer. With that change, this year's attendance may have been the largest ever. The event is obviously very meaningful to the attendees. They display joy and camaraderie on seeing each other and feel valued for their previous contributions. It is wonderful to see so many retirees flourishing in their post-retirement years and finding meaning in their lives. Today was the 23rd anniversary of one attendee's retirement and the actual retirement date of another retiree.</p>