

Statement in Support  
of Selection of  
Journal Cup

In support of the selection of one of this year's Journal Cup recipients, let me say that this person personifies what Ronald Reagan meant when he said, "If you don't care who gets the credit, you can get a lot done."

This person was born in the heartland of America, Mt. Prospect, Illinois.

The person lived in another midwest city where I grew up, Cleveland, Ohio.

This person came to Virginia after high school, and graduated from Sweet Briar College with a degree in government. She has studied at George Washington University.

Like so many people in Arlington, she then worked in the federal government as a staffer on Capitol Hill. She worked for three Representatives in the 1970s, including six years as one Representative's chief legislative assistant.

In 1981, she went on extended maternity leave. However, as you will see, she has remained active with numerous voluntary service groups:

- ❖ Sustaining member of the Junior League of Northern Virginia, chairing various committees
- ❖ Boy Scouts of America. Of special note is that whereas the vast majority of Cub Scouts drop out of the Boy Scouts in the first year, more than half of Kim's Webelos, which represents the last two years of Cub Scouts, became Eagle Scouts. Talk about instilling goals!
- ❖ Held various offices in Arlington Outdoor Education Association.
- ❖ Member of Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia.
- ❖ Held various offices in the Bellevue Forest Citizens Association.
- ❖ Served on the executive committee of the PTAs in all schools attended by her children.

She's served the Civic Federation in several capacities, including chair of the Banquet Committee, co-chair of the Public Services Committee, Scholarship Committee, and member of the environmental and revenues committees.

After September 11, she has also been extremely involved in the establishing the Public Preparedness Initiative. As part of this, she has also been involved in established the Citizens Corps Council of Arlington, and has worked with Governor Warner's staff to create the first neighborhood-based Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) in the Commonwealth.

I am proud to present Kim Smith as one of the two 2003 Journal Cup recipients.