

Carolyn Kucinic Named Museum's Volunteer of the Year

Carolyn Kucinic was recognized as Volunteer of the Year at the Museum's Annual Luncheon on Friday, July 20, 2007. A volunteer in the Museum's Gift Shop, Carolyn has volunteered at the Museum since February 2003. "Carolyn has been an invaluable member of the Museum's family," says Kim Shehorn-Martin, the Museum's Educator and Volunteer Coordinator. "She has volunteered in the Museum's gift shop virtually every Tuesday since she came on board. When necessary, she's been known to work an entire week in the Gift Shop. And, with the opening of the Route 66 Experience, she now comes in a few Monday mornings a month to greet our Route 66 visitors and help them buy their souvenirs. She has also helped with numerous special events at the Museum over the years."

Kucinic retired after 36 years as a paralegal and lives in Channahon with her husband Bart. When she is not volunteering her time at the Museum, she is volunteering at either the Will Grundy Medical Clinic, the United Way, or at Family Counseling~all of which are agencies that she helped to incorporate through her work as a paralegal. She is also a 35-year member of the American Business Woman's Association and has held every office possible within the organization. In her spare time, she likes to read and do needlework.

If you would like information on how to become a Museum volunteer, please contact Kim Shehorn-Martin at 815-723-5201, ext. 235. Volunteer positions available include Admissions and Gift Shop Assistant, Education Assistant, Docent (tour guide), and Guides (Museum Greeters). We also are looking for fun-loving individuals to staff our Route 66 Experience to answer questions for our Route 66 travelers and help them plan their trips, when necessary.