

DONNA TEALE '59



Rarely do our nominees embody *all* of the criteria possibilities, however, Donna Teale is truly an exception. Her volunteer involvement spans from her church, to her community, to MBA.

Donna lives every day with a caretaker attitude at her own choosing, her own desire. She is willing to help anyone she perceives to need a friend or a helping hand. Her attitude of service has no limits.

Graduating as a four-year senior from MBA, Donna went on to Pacific Union College. She pursued her education to obtain a master's degree in Social Work. For 28 years, she worked with Los Angeles County adoptions, group homes, and Child Protective Services.

Then, she decided to become an attorney. Work by day, school by night—Donna graduated from the Golden Gate University of Law. She spent the next 13 years in the Napa, California area in private practice and for a time in the Public Defender's Office.

In 1993, she returned to the Santa Cruz area. Grass does not grow under the feet of Donna Teale. She obtained her Real Estate license and embarked on a third career. Since 1993, Donna has been the driving force in the Santa Cruz/Watsonville communities in feeding the homeless men at the Salvation Army. **Every** Sunday night for all these years, Donna has made sure that this ministry takes place—involving her own church and other area churches—in preparing over 400 burritos each week. She bakes birthday cakes for church members and delivers them to their home as well as driving folks to appointments and helping take care of matters they can no longer do alone.

Her passion and commitment to Adventist education is very evident. She can be seen at our local SDA elementary school concerts, fairs, etc., as well as MBA's events. She fundraises to assure that each child from her church that wishes to attend our church schools will have that opportunity. Her MBA classmates say she is the reason they have all stayed connected over the past 55 years. She is incredibly loyal to her classmates and to MBA.

MBA is proud to recognize Donna Teale for her caring attitude and life of service to mankind—truly a volunteer extraordinaire.