

Beverly Kinney has served the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce in some capacity for the last 14 years. Over the years she has held many leadership roles acting as Chamber President, Vice President, Director and Committee Chairperson for the Citizen of the Year Awards Dinner for the past 14 years. She has also helped the Chamber by serving on committees such as Budget, Telephone Book, Youth Ambassador, Chamber Scholarship, Island Happenings, KidBiz, Social Events, Marketing & Membership, Signs & the Sesquicentennial Ball. Bev's background is in marketing and enjoyed organizing and developing marketing programs that have made many of these events successful.

Beverly has been a renter/operator of her own business operating out of Carol Ann's Hair Fashion. This is her 44th year as a working hairdresser. Carol Ann's Hair Fashion has been a sponsor of Citizen of the Year, Youth Ambassador, Scholarships & Island Happenings, and Chamber Scholarship for the last 14 years. Bev has been actively involved with raising funds with Carol Ann's owner, Maria Liaros & staff, raising over \$30,000 for the Variety Club, which supports the Women & Children's Hospital & Sabah etc.

Bev supports Mercy Flight that she feels is vital to Grand Island in emergency situations that require immediate travel to a trauma hospital. She has been a team member for the G.I Chamber Relay for Life team. Bev's latest venture was petitioning to get on the 2010 election ballot for the Independence Party County Committee. She ran unopposed and was successfully elected to the County Committee, representing Grand Island.

Beverly was awarded the Grand Island Business and Professional Women Chapter's ORT, Inc Award for 'Women in Business, Effective Leadership Award' 2007-2008. The Chamber presented her with a plaque of Appreciation for 'Outstanding Leadership' as Chamber President 2005-2007. Beverly has also been presented with Proclamations & Citations from Congresswoman Slaughter, Erie County Executive Chris Collins, Assemblyman Sam Hoyt, & the Grand Island Town Board for 'Outstanding Leadership'.

Beverly has outstanding leadership qualities and is a pleasure to work with. She always has the Grand Island Communities best interest at heart. She has told many people how much she truly loves the Citizen of the Year Award event, because she gets to meet some incredible people who make Grand Island a wonderful community to live in.

At the Citizen of the Year Awards Dinner on Thursday, April 28th the Chamber President, Eric Fiebelkorn on behalf of the entire Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors presented Beverly with a special surprise award for her outstanding leadership and to show their appreciation for all of her dedication to this event, to the Chamber and to our community. She is one of those incredible people that make Grand Island a wonderful community to live in.

Beverly is a long time Island resident & a graduate of Grand Island High School. She comes from a large extended family, her Mom, Betty Brinda, a resident of G.I, 5 brothers & 4 sisters; Jim, John, Mike, Ray, Sean, Lori, MaryAnn, Sonya & Sandra & is the proud mother of Wayne, who resides in Orlando, Florida with his wife, Dianne and two children, Sebastian & Grant.