



Citizen of the Year – Minerva

Carol Frazier, of downtown Minerva, is one of those people you see all over the place, quietly taking folks to the store, coordinating events, making meals for those who could use the break, and volunteering in as many community organizations as she can find. This is someone for whom the designation “Minerva Citizen of the Year” must certainly apply, and that is indeed the case. Carol has been named the Minerva Citizen of the Year for 2022, a well-deserved recognition. As per Carol, “This is a great honor – I feel truly blessed. You don’t really think something like this could happen. It’s a little nerve-wracking”.

Carol has been a Minerva resident since 1997. Prior to then, Carol was essentially a Ticonderoga person; she was born there. She graduated from Ticonderoga High in 1966 and was married the year after to her first husband. She vividly remembers working at her step-father’s dairy farm in Ti, growing up with her five brothers and sisters. She found that she was pretty good at milking cows, but also worked various jobs in town, such as J.J. Newberry’s and the Wagon Wheel Restaurant.

Carol worked at Sagamore in Bolton as a cook from 1982 to 1995, which no doubt helped her get her next job. After her move to Minerva, she began working as a cook at Camps Che-na-wah and Baco in Minerva in 1998, a job which she held for almost 20 years. During that period of time (in 2007) she married Norm Frazier and moved to her present home at the end of Frazier Way. Carol also recalls (fondly) being employed at Gus Stewart’s home at Hewitt Lake until 2016.

After thoroughly retiring from the camps, Carol became a home health care provider, working with many older folks in the Minerva area. Although no longer an official home care person presently, she still makes and delivers a LOT of meals to folks. She has always been a joiner and doer. She lists many community organizations she’s been involved in, including the Ladies Auxiliary of the Minerva Fire Company, the Minerva Service Organization, Sleeping Giants, Minerva Historical Society, and Minerva Food Pantry. She immersed herself in these organizations especially after Norm’s death in 2008. “I just enjoy helping everyone”, she says. Carol is also an active member of the Grace Bible Fellowship on Church Road, and spoke highly about the church’s close-knit community.

Carol is a characteristically modest person: “There are a lot of people that deserve this honor more than me.” As a behind-the-scenes sort of person, she’s not crazy about leading the Minerva Day Parade on July 1, Minerva Day, but will manage it for sure. She has put together some notes for her “speech” at the opening of the Minerva Historical Society Museum Minerva Day afternoon, and says she will be pretty brief. Many congratulations to Carol Frazier for this recognition.