

Kiwanis Club of Aurora

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Kiwanis Club of Aurora Presents “God and Fellow Man” Award

• Laura Martinez is 2015 recipient of Kiwanis award.

Aurora, Ill., May 22, 2015 — The Kiwanis Club of Aurora presented its annual “God and Fellow Man” Award on Tuesday May 19, at Gaslite Manor, to Laura Martinez. The award honors a community member for their consistent service as a role model to the Aurora community. Martinez joins a long list of recipients since the award’s inception in 1975.

Recipients are awarded \$1,000 to be given the charity of their choice. Martinez gave her check to the Dominican Literary Center. She serves on the center’s advisory board as president. Dominican Sisters Kathleen Ryan, Ann Clennon, and Jane Ann Beckman were 2009 award winners.

Martinez’s involvement with the community are numerous. Her involvements include the following: CASA Kane County; Partners in Health: INC; Aurora University and the Latino Resource Council; Salvation Army; Fox Valley United Way; Latino Men's Health Fair; Aurora Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; NCIHC; SHINE; Interpreter Leadership Council; and ED-Net (Waubensee Community College).

Award-winner Martinez works at Presence Mercy Medical Center as the supervisor of Language Access to Healthcare. She has been married 23 years to Jose and has three children, Aidan, Nathaniel, and AJ.

Currently she attends DePaul University seeking a degree in Strategic Leadership.

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The evening award dinner included many past “God and Fellow Man” award recipients including 102-year-old Ruth Dieterich Wagner. Wagner recently received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Aurora YWCA.

The Kiwanis Mission is to “Serve the Children of the World.”

Chartered in 1916, the Kiwanis Club of Aurora was the first club in the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District and the twenty-first club chartered in the world. The Aurora club currently has approximately 110 members.

Current officers of the club for 2014-2015 are Cheryl Vonhoff, president; Clyde Shields, vice-president; Joan Kettley-Weinert, secretary; and Kim Granholm, treasurer. Denise Blettner serves as “God and Fellow Man” committee chairperson.

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