

# Bush

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there's a pond there now," she said.

Bush's mother, Kathryn ("It's OK to call her Tip . . . everyone does," said Bush) was part of the enthusiastic crowd that turned out to honor the latest Citizen of the Year.

"My parents raised raspberries and sold them to Mr. Gravin (who operated a fruit market at 13 Mile and Northwestern Highway) for \$1 a quart. Mom, I still think you sold them too cheap!"

Bush, a Realtor and member of the Farmington City Council, has a long history of service with the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, including a term as president.

She showed her salesmanship last summer when she sold the most tickets for the annual Founders Festival Corvette raffle.

She developed and chaired that Meadow Muffin Mania fund-raiser for the city of Farmington's 125th Anniversary in 1992. With Jack Curd, Bush helped spearhead efforts to honor Farmington-area residents who fought in World War II.

A North Farmington High School graduate, Bush worked 26 years for Thompson Brown Realtors before leaving recently to begin her own business.

"As you can see, I really do have many, many fond memories of both Farmington Township and the city of Farmington over the past 40 some years," Bush told the gathering.

"However, tonight will always be a very special night for me . . . an evening I'll always remember. I'm very grateful for this recognition. However, I've just been doing what I enjoy doing in our communities."

Bush closed her remarks with a quote from Winston Churchill: "We make a living by what we get. But we make a life by what we give."

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What a night for Mary! Citizen of the Year Mary Bush (top photo) has a special smile for special friend Walter Sundquist, himself a Citizen of the Year (1992). In the photo above, Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce officials Jody Soronen (left) and Maria Esposito lead the cheers for Mary Bush during the banquet to honor her.

Stand up, Mom! Mary Bush's mother, Kathryn (Tip) Bush, is asked to take a bow during her daughter's banquet Wednesday evening at the Relish Grill restaurant. The family has lived in the Farmington area for four generations.



# Hume

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service," said Inspector Dennis Hughes, a career firefighter who has worked alongside Hume on many fire investigations. "He is the consummate professional and could easily win this award every year."

In presenting Hume with the award, Marinucci noted that the married father of two had been his first mentor. The chief also mentioned a high-profile arson case that may be the best indication of why Hume receives such high praise.

In December, Hume led a painstaking fire investigation for several days after two women died in an early morning fire on Quail Hollow. Two men are now facing first-degree murder charges in connection with that arson fire.

"He had the determination to find out exactly what happened,"

Marinucci said. "He took a personal interest in two people who lost their lives. He wanted to know why."

Hume said the department investigates all fires, whether they are suspicious or not.

"We want to know what caused a fire," he said. "That helps us on the prevention side."

When it came to the Quail Hollow fire, Hume said it became apparent early on that it was no normal fire.

"We were able to eliminate all of the accidental causes," he said. "When it comes to a fire where there is a death, we look at every possibility."

So with the help of Farmington Hills police detectives and other fire investigators, Hume dug through the maze of debris at the site in the cold and snow, before the evidence literally

became cold.

Hume said although he is the department's fire marshal, he is also an experienced firefighter. That gave him a valuable perspective in any investigation.

"You know about a flash over, and what it can do because you've seen it," he said.

Marinucci said Hume also knows how much is enough in a given investigation. In the Quail Hollow case, the department had to put a lot of resources into that investigation.

"We have to get to the bottom when there's a death involved," Marinucci said. "And Steve would not quit."

Hughes, himself a former firefighter of the year, agreed. "His thoroughness provided key evidence for the case," Hughes said.



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