

# NOMINEES FOR 2016 ELECTIONS TO THE KVVP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There are three open positions for Board Members. Below are the names of the candidates, in alphabetical order, and their brief statements.

**Presented in alphabetical order:**

## **Ron Graham**

Ron Graham, a native of Preston County, West Virginia, and a current resident of Kanawha County. In December 2014, Ron retired from a career managing analytical chemistry laboratories for the minerals-inspection industry (with an initial two-year stint as a high school science and math teacher). At his retirement, Ron served as the Global Technical Governance Manager for the Minerals Division of the world's leading inspection, verification, testing, and Certification Company. Ron's formal education includes a BS in chemistry from West Virginia University, a MS in chemistry from Youngstown State University, and a Quality Management in Manufacturing certificate from DePaul University. Ron's technical committee work has included ASTM (committees D05 on Coal and Coke; E01 on Analytical Chemistry of Metals, Ores, Concentrates, and Related Materials; and E11 on Quality and Statistics) and ISO (committees TC 27 on Solid Mineral Fuels and TC 183 on Copper, Lead, Zinc and Nickel Ores and Concentrates). Ron served as the Head of the US Delegation to ISO TC 27 from 2009 – 2013 and as the Head of the US Delegation to ISO TC 183 from 2004 – 2013. Ron's volunteer activities have included FOOTMAD (Friends of Old Time Music and Dance), KVVP (Kanawha Valley Village People), and FIAGKV (Faith in Action of the Greater Kanawha Valley). Ron enjoys hiking, reading, and working out at the YMCA.

## **Barbara Hutchinson Smith**

Retired Music Specialist, Putnam County Schools where I served as Faculty Senate president at Poca Elementary School. Assoc. degree in the Science of Church Music, Bachelors' degree in Music Education with 18 hours towards a masters degree in reading education. Lots of volunteer work and many years of performing, teaching, and directing choirs. Volunteer work, to name a few, with Woman & Children's Hospital, WV Public Radio, Hospice Care, Social Chairperson for womanSong Chorale, Kanawha County Library system, and oh so many more. KVVP is an organization whose concept I so truly believe in, and I would like to see folks who are members participate in just a little more "raising awareness" of what we have to offer the community. Which would hopefully lead to a significant jump in membership and much growth for KVVP.

## **Ruth Zika**

Ruth has a B.A. and a B.S.N. from Marshall University. She has worked as an R.N for 43 years, both in various paid positions as well as volunteer ones. She spent nearly 20 years as a hospice nurse, including starting the Education Department, doing provider relations, being the long-term care liaison and the infection control nurse. She spent many years as a full-time call nurse, loving the problem-solving that position entailed. She is married to David Stephenson, and both are charter members of the KVVP. She has been a member of the resource committee for several years and is currently one of two persons that members may call for referrals from our resource list. As a member of the resource committee, she helped set up the April 2 panel on services available to seniors. She is active in her church community, serving on the finance and nomination committees, served as secretary to their board of directors, and is currently the general chairperson for the Service Auction as well as the chair of the donations committee. She is an avid hiker, gardener and reader. She and her husband have enjoyed traveling together in this country and Canada, as well as the Caribbean. They live at Mink Shoals with two Golden Retrievers and one demanding 20-year-old cat.

**NOTE:** *There may be persons nominated from the floor on the day of the Annual Meeting. If the person nominated is present and agrees to run, you may write in their name(s) should you choose to vote for the new nominee(s).*