

Macomb Feminist Network Writing Women Into History

2012 Honorees

Maria Dunstan and her husband, Tom, moved to Macomb in 1970 where their long educational careers began. Maria worked for the Macomb schools as a teacher, guidance counselor, principal, assistant superintendent, and is currently a Field Supervisor of student teachers at WIU. She was also involved with political campaigns, lobbied for the ERA, worked on the reaccreditation of MDH, and was president of the teacher's union. In 2000 she received the "Dare To Be Great" award from the Illinois Women Administrators.

Judith Kohler came to Macomb in 1970 with her husband, Fred. She has devoted much of her working career to the welfare and advancement of women. She has worked for the IL Commission on the Status of Women (Executive Director), Women Employed, and the Chicago Commission on Women, and directed the Women for Economic Security Project in the Chicago area. In Macomb she provided critical encouragement to the WIU women who organized the Women's Center and she worked for the reaccreditation of MDH. She is currently President of her local Alliance for Retired Americans.

Donna Werner and her husband John moved to Macomb in 1969. Elected to the Macomb Board of Education she served as its president from 1978-85. She ran for the IL General Assembly in 1987 and was employed by the IL Commission on the Status of Women from 1978-85. She worked for the McDonough County Rehabilitation Center and since 1989 for Bethphage (now Mosaic) where she serves as Senior VP of Organizational Development. She developed the Bethphage program in Great Britain and served as its first CEO. She has provided training and technical assistance in program development to indigenous NGOs in Latvia, Romania, Kenya, and Tanzania.