

## Golden Nugget Awards Recipients

Our first recipient is a volunteer who is able and willing. This mother of two sons balances work and volunteering with great willingness. She volunteers as Room parent, classroom helper, and Chinese New Year (CNY) Fair Co-Chair. She has served multiple years as the CNY fair Co-Chair. Last year she co-chaired the very memorable and successful Renaissance themed Carver Carnival. Please congratulate **Charlene Chang!**

This next recipient is an enthusiastic volunteer who has been a Room Representative for multiple years, co-chaired the Carver Directory, and served two years as PTA Reflections Chair. Last year she hosted the very popular and memorable "Una Noche in Argentina". This Parent Party Fixed Bid Auction item was an outstanding success. This year she is hard at work on her latest creation "Treasures and Trinkets for our Schools". This PTA Council Fundraiser is a labor of love for this volunteer. Thank you and congratulations to **Gabriela Crowell.**

Despite working full-time, this volunteer has taken on some of Carver PTA's biggest jobs. She has served as Recording Secretary and she is a member of the PTA Allocations Committee. She has volunteered as Room Representative for her son's class for 4 years. Last year she co-chaired the very successful Denim and Diamonds themed Carver Parent Party. This year she is serving as VP of Ways and Means and is charged with overseeing all of Carver's Fundraising. Please congratulate **Betty Hutchison!**

This energetic volunteer is always smiling. She has served as a Room Rep for multiple years and worked with the Carver Enrichment Fund as Secretary. This mother of two can be found helping with Chinese New Year, Art Festival, 5th Grade Activities, Parent Party, Carver Carnival and the Family Life Program. These past two years she has held the very important position of Treasurer. She is always a pleasure to work with. Please congratulate **Angela Liang.**

The fifth recipient has a lengthy resume including multiple years as Room Representative, serving on the Steering Committees for both the Carnival and Parent Party, classroom helper and Music Box helper. It is difficult to believe that this mother of 4 has had time to serve as VP of Programs, Yearbook Co-Chair for multiple years and Book Fair Co-Chair. Please congratulate this loyal Carver volunteer **Yvette Nikoui Smith!.**

This energetic volunteer has been going like gangbusters since her first child started at Carver. She is often seen on campus as a classroom helper and Room Representative. She has served as Hospitality Chair for PTA Council and Carver PTA, co-chaired the Carver Art Festival, and served as Corresponding Secretary for the Carver PTA Executive Board. She volunteers for both Parent Party and Carver Carnival Steering Committees without batting an eye. She has chaired the Poinsettia Sales for two years and co-chaired the Carver Holiday Boutique. In addition, she is serving as Room Rep Coordinator. This mother of two is an inspiration to all that know her! Please congratulate **Rene Pak!**

This next volunteer exemplifies the Spirit of Carver School! His smile and enthusiasm are contagious. He is generous with his talents, writing and producing the 08/09 parent party video, co-hosting the premiere of his movie "Gunless" as a Parent Party Fixed Bid auction item. He keeps our children safe as he mans the drop off and pick up. He has served as Safety Chair, heads Carver's "Walking School Bus" Program, monitors Carver's earthquake readiness and always lends a hand with the Carnival set-up and take-down. Please congratulate this Carver School icon **Bill Phillips!**

This amazing individual is a working mother of three. She has served as Curriculum Lab Coordinator, Carver Appreciation Week Co-Chair, and Teacher Parent Luncheon Coordinator. This marathon running mother serves as Room Rep and has been involved with multiple Parent Party steering committees. In 2007 she began work on the Carverette as Assistant Editor; this year she is Editor-in-Chief! Lets give a huge round of applause for **Gloria Wong!**

**And now our final recipient:**

This wonderful Carver teacher began working at our school in 1995.

She enjoyed it so much, that she went back to school to earn her teaching credentials in special education and began a job share position in 2000. Soon after, she took over the program full-time.

She is an EXCELLENT resource to our Carver students and teachers. She diligently works to meet the needs of each student, providing specialized academic instruction and supporting the students in their classrooms. Her students are often seen eagerly going to her class and hanging-out with her before school. This is a tribute to her wonderful, caring

relationships with her students. She also fosters such relationships with parents and colleagues. It is her dedication, deep and caring understanding of her students, and going the extra mile that demonstrates her outstanding service to our students.

She is a special individual who is HOME GROWN in San Marino. She attended Carver School, Huntington, and graduated from SMHS. She was a very active volunteer when her own children attended Valentine, Huntington and SMHS. Her children, Jenny & Greg, both pursued careers in education: a credit to their mom.

Please congratulate Golden Nugget Recipient, [\*\*Ann Matthiessen\*\*](#).