



IRWA REGION 7 - "Gem of the Northwest"

We salute the following 2018-2019 **REGION 7 GEMS** and their Accomplishments

As of August 1, 2018

2017-2018 SR/WA DESIGNATION RECIPIENTS (Chapter # in parenthesis):

- ❖ **Paula Brault, SR/WA (49)**
- ❖ **Krista Chambers, SR/WA (45)**
- ❖ **Karen Keesecker, SR/WA (49)**
- ❖ **Midge Kline, SR/WA (64)**
- ❖ **Jesse Ray, SR/WA (4)**
- ❖ **Joshua Resnick, SR/WA (49)**
- ❖ **Kathryn Schreckenghost, SR/WA (49)**

SARPA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER:

- ❖ **Brooke Whelpley** – daughter of **Cyndi Whelpley, SRWA**, our Region 7 Secretary
 - **Chapter 4 and 2017-2018 President Kent Melton, SR/WA**, for helping promote Brooke's application.

EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR (more than 20 employees):

- ❖ **HDR, INC.** – Several of our Region 7 members are employees of HDR.

GENE LAND AWARD for significant net membership growth:

- ❖ **Chapter 4 – Bellevue / Seattle** (gained 50 new members in 2017-2018)

FRANK C. BALFOUR PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR:

- ❖ **Patricia F. Thayer, SR/WA of Chapter 71 – Fairbanks**

HONORABLE MENTION to the following Finalists:

- ❖ **Leslie D. Finnegan, SR/WA, Chapter 3 – Frank C. Balfour Professional of the Year**
- ❖ **Chapter 3 for "Beaver Tales" - a Newsletter of the Year Finalist**
- ❖ **Chapter 3 for "Beaver State" - a Website of the Year Finalist**
- ❖ **Chapters 4 and 19 for being Highest Percentage Membership Gain Finalists**

CHIP Incentive Winner:

- ❖ **Chapter 4 - 10% growth incentive for the 2017-2018 fiscal year**
 - Chapter 4 will receive
 - 3 free IRWA memberships for 2018-2019 fiscal year

- 2 free conference registrations for the 2019 IRWA Annual Conference in Portland Oregon
- \$500 voucher to be used for 2019 conference travel.

IRS COMPLIANCE - INCOME TAX COMPLETION (in July of 2018):

- ❖ **Jim Lingeman, SR/WA, Region 7 Vice Chair / Treasurer** – Region 7 Income Tax filing
- ❖ **Chapter 4 - Kent Melton, SR/WA, and Jesse Ray, SR/WA, 2017 -2018 President and Treasurer, respectively,** Chapter 4 Income Tax filing

CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU!

The honors are well deserved and your commitment, professionalism, and dedication to IRWA, your Region, and your Chapter truly inspires all of us