This year the Evelyn Burston Award Committee received 8 nominations. Each nomination and profile was a testament to the incredible work you do everyday; the spectrum of departments and tasks you are responsible for; and the dedication you show as leaders in your organization, community and to society as a whole. Please take a moment to congratulate our nominees: Karla Backl, Camille Fjeld, Joyce Malicky, Joanne Marcianite, Dana McKee, Krista Ondo, Corrine Peterson. Thank you for all you do everyday and for your strong leadership qualities.

It is with great pleasure that the 2012 Evelyn Burston Award go to Donna Cawthorne. Donna has been the Community Outreach Coordinator at Passavant Retirement Community for four years. During these four years Donna has developed, initiated and worked collaboratively to create 21 new programs to serve her retirement community while at the same time demonstrating the strength of volunteers to her organization. Donna leads by example and serves her community in a variety of positions, everything from actively volunteering with her congregation to walking dogs. Over the last five years Donna has been an active member of the Western Chapter where she serves as the librarian responsible for researching and compiling lists of resources to be shared amongst the chapter membership.

Kim Grove, Donna’s supervisor was not able to join The festivities at the ACE Conference Center but I would like to share with you some of her comments.

“Donna’s faith and unwavering professionalism has given Donna a foundation that makes her an exceptional leader of our volunteer office. She is caring, forward thinking, committed to Passavant Retirement Community’s mission, is consistent and a strong advocate for all of her volunteers.”