**HISTORY OF THE EVELYN BURSTON AWARD**

Recognition of one of its peers had long been a topic of discussion for the Executive Board of the State Association of Directors of Volunteer Services (PSDVS/PAHVRP). During the years immediately following Evelyn Noble Burston’s death, her name was associated with these award discussions. Her pioneering accomplishments were respected and emulated by her state associates and her fame extended beyond Pennsylvania’s borders. Mrs. Burston’s career spanned twenty years, from 1957 through 1977 in the field of volunteer services and public relations. Evelyn developed and organized volunteer service programs at Germantown Hospital (Philadelphia, PA), which was one of the few existing formalized volunteer programs in the nation at that time. Her innovations have been duplicated nationwide. She was one of the first volunteer managers to understand the importance of patients’ opinions and their value to overall hospital operations and improvements. She initiated the Patient Visiting Services during her tenure. Mrs. Burston was the first volunteer manager to coin the title, “Candy Striper” for junior volunteers. Along with this, Evelyn developed a male hospital volunteer program. A male volunteer, in the hospital setting, was a relatively new concept however; Mrs. Burston had a clear understanding of the important role of male volunteers.

Mrs. Burston died in 1977 but her accomplishments and name have always been synonymous with excellent hospital volunteer services programs. With that in mind, the 1982 Board of the SDVS decided to recognize one member of the state association each year with an award in Evelyn Burston’s honor. This distinguished award is bestowed each year at the annual state conference to a Director of Volunteer Services who best exemplifies Mrs. Burston's vision, energy and professionalism. PSDVS/PAHVRP members submit the nominations. This year’s nomination documentation is attached. Each nomination is carefully evaluated using seven objective judging criteria. The reviewing panel is comprised of members from each region, the Burston Chairman and past award recipients.

**Past Burston Award Recipients**

1982-Nancy McBain 1998-Suzanne DeTuerk

1983-Olivia Herman 1999-Sara Atkinson & Vicki Mogan

1984-Nancy Herman 2000-Anna Olszewski

1985-Kerry Dibble & Diana Kreiling 2001-Ceil Maynard

1986-Joyce Wise 2002-Joan Cardellino

1987-Not Awarded 2003-Betty Anton

1988-Ruth Hughes 2004-Diane Gloor

1989-Carol Getty & Betsy Laylon 2005-Bonnie MacGregor

1990-Not Awarded 2006-Jennifer Kopar

1991-Marjorie Weiss 2007-Melissa Heinlein

1992-Beth Modery & Nancy Rigney 2008-Fran Braun

1993-Polly Sutch 2009-Connie Klunk

1994-Hazel Kramer 2010-Iris Douglas

1995-Jane Frain 2011-Judy Lieberman

1996-Not Awarded 2012-Donna Cawthorne

1997-Susan Arnold 2013-Kimberly Giovannelli

 2014-Karla Bachl

 2015-Dana McKee

 2016-Sue Espenshade

 2017-Not Awarded