

Macomb Feminist Network Writing Women Into History

2020 Honorees

Janine Cavicchia, a resident of Macomb since 1985, is probably most easily recognized as the Director of Western Illinois University's Women's Center, having served in that position for 18 years and initiated and/or supported numerous organizations, programs, and activities that frequently brought the town and campus together. These range from co-sponsored projects with the Western Illinois Regional Council to Girl Scouts of Central Illinois.

Patricia I. Jones, in Macomb since 1979 as a student, then a WIU employee, and now a retiree, has been a particularly strong supporter of cross-cultural understanding through her work with international students at Western and within the Macomb community. She has also been exceptionally active as a Board member of various organizations and a member of the L.I.F.E. Curriculum Committee and the Interfaith Alliance of Macomb (IAM).

Lois Lueck, came to Macomb in 1969 and became a forceful advocate for many, including a Cambodian refugee family, the developmentally disabled, and Habitat for Humanity housing applicants. Her commitment to literacy is evident in her support of WIU's Children's Literature Center and a collection of literacy instruction materials. Her ongoing interest in area history is clear from her many years on the Western Illinois Museum Board.

Sue Scott has served as Curator of the Western Illinois Museum eleven years, initiating a multitude of new projects and collaborations with various Macomb institutions, such as the Macomb Food Coop and WIU's Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center. Her contributions to the museum range from building restructuring and maintenance to an array of programs and exhibits that encompass music, dance, theatrical performance, and oral histories.