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MERCY OTIS WARREN



TENTH ANNUAL
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Susan French

Susan French of Barnstable Village has been named the Tenth Annual Mercy Otis Warren Cape Cod Woman of the Year. She is described as the quintessential volunteer who gives to our community day in and day out, year after year. Always behind the scenes and outside of the spotlight, Sue quietly gives of herself and her time in a myriad of ways.

Mrs. French is a volunteer at Independence House, serving on the Medical Advisor Team. She also serves at the Baby Center and Hospice and Palliative Care of Cape Cod.

Barnstable Village is Sue's home where she has volunteered in many community activities, notably the January 1 Polar Bear Plunge, Ham and Bean Supper, Holiday Stroll and Fourth of July Parade. She is a frequent volunteer for events at the Barnstable Fire Department, Sturgis Library and St. Mary's Church.

For the past eight years, Sue has facilitated the course "*Inside Barnstable Town Government*" designed to create better informed citizens who might then be likely to volunteer for service in town government. The popularity and success of the course is in large part due to Sue French's competence and organizational skills.

Sue was also a special needs teacher in the Dennis-Yarmouth school system for over twenty years. She continues her advocacy for students even in retirement, recently helping one student work through homelessness and mental issues.

What perhaps separates Sue's volunteerism from others is her unflinching optimism, her view of the glass half full, her decision that "happiness is a choice" and her preference to remain in the background and allow others to take the bow.

As Mercy Otis Warren's life was a force in her community in the time of the American Revolution so Sue French's work has improved the quality of life for the residents of Barnstable in her time.

OPENING CEREMONY

Monday, June 6, 2011
7:00 p.m.
Old Colonial Courthouse
Route 6A, Barnstable Village

Opening Ceremony

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem:
John Jenkins of Barnstable

Invocation:
Reverend Kenneth Warren of Barnstable

Master of Ceremonies:
Louis Cataldo

Presentation of Plaque to Tales of Cape Cod, Inc.

Recognition of previous recipient by Alice George

Greetings:
Ann Candey, Barnstable Town Councilor
Mary Pat Flynn, County Commissioner

Remarks:
Senator Dan Wolfe
Representative Demetrius Atsalis

Presentation of Award:
Alice George, Chair of Selection Committee
Gloria Rudman, M.O.W. Woman of the Year 2010

Closing:
God Bless America, John Jenkins