

Ruthann Sumpter

Ruthann Sumpter was born in Southern Indiana, moved to Peru before the age of 5, then after finishing her education, got married and moved to Ohio. She later moved to Marion in 1961, has lived here ever since, and has thus far devoted 55 years of her life serving the Marion community.

Ruthann led celebration activities in 1982 for the Marion/Grant County Sesquicentennial. Tri Kappa, an Indiana organization known for activities supporting women, charity, culture and education, honored her recently for 40 years of involvement. Ruthann has served nearly 10 years with the Department Club, mainly known for the "Klothes for Kids" drive. She is a member and one of the founders of Friends of the Library in Marion, a volunteer group which helps purchase additional items for the library, and has been serving on the Marion Library Board for the past couple of years. During the 1970s, she volunteered her time producing and directing "Miss Marion," a Miss America preliminary pageant.

She is a recipient of multiple achievement awards including the Sagamore of the Wabash, Indiana's highest honor.

Last year, notably the year of Indiana's 200th birthday, Ruthann served tirelessly as the Courthouse Celebration Coordinator for the Bicentennial, the Veteran's Day Parade of Heroes Co-coordinator, and is currently leading the Grant County Courthouse celebration of 200 years of Statehood, which will occur on December 11th (Statehood Day). She was also nominated and selected as one of the torchbearers representing Grant County during the Indiana Torch Relay in September.

"I love this community and the people. We need charity, culture, and education...and if I can help, I want to do it." – Ruthann Sumpter

"Listen to Good Morning Grant County, read the paper, read the Sunday Chronicle Tribune with club news. Clubs do things like give scholarships. They're terribly important to the health of the community." – Ruthann Sumpter