



2016 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Nominee: Katherine Utsumi

Nominator: Michelle McDonald



In the Nominator's words:

Katherine Utsumi has served our Dublin community for more than a decade in a variety of ways, and absolutely deserves highest consideration to be our 2016 Citizen of the Year.

Katherine's work is never done. She has gone above and beyond in many instances to serve.

Katherine has used her technological talents and

creativity to establish new websites for both the Dublin High School (DHS) Irish Guard and the Dublin High PFSO, websites that have helped both organizations to better engage with their individual communities. She has served for two years as the Chair of the DHS Raise Your Class Fundraiser, turning last year's disco-themed event into the most profitable effort in the history of the event. She has long served as a Girl Scout leader to a troop of girls that includes her daughter Karyn, and is in her final year, as those girls are all seniors and preparing to graduate.

Katherine has also organized what has become an annual event, the Team Sloth Turkey Trot, named after her running group. This event gives an increasing group of Dublin community members a chance to come together on Thanksgiving morning for a vigorous walk and a great dose of community spirit.

Quite simply, Katherine is a person who says, "Yes." "Yes" to help out at gates for DHS football and basketball. "Yes" to donating her time and efforts to selling fireworks. "Yes" to a friend in need or an opportunity to promote positive community spirit on social media. Katherine is an amazing representative of our giving spirit in Dublin and would be a very worthy recipient of Citizen of the Year honors.