

# CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

## LIZ CROCKER

NOMINATOR: JOE WASHINGTON



I am nominating Liz Crocker for the 2019 Dublin Citizen of the Year primarily for her efforts with the award-winning Dublin High School Irish Guard Band and Colorguard. In 2019, Liz fearlessly took the lead in planning and executing the two biggest volunteer projects for the band and color guard – heading up the “Grub Club.” The band program’s biggest fundraiser is hosting a yearly field show competition. The 2019 edition was the largest in school history, as we hosted 27 bands and close to 3,000 performers. Liz led a team of parent volunteers, and she could be

seen whizzing around campus in her golf cart in her trademark tutu and cape, making sure every detail was in order. The competition was a complete success, and band directors from all over the State complimented Dublin High School for hosting such a well-run event. The Grub Club also feeds a nutritious meal to 175 kids, volunteers, and coaches for each of the band’s five field show competitions. During the season, she shops; stores and prepares all the food and supplies in her home; and has covered the cost when donations don’t match the need. Her attention to detail is remarkable to the point of providing volunteers with chef’s hats accented with DHS colors. The band is taking a trip to Boston in the spring of 2020, and Liz stepped forward in 2019 to organize the special trip for over 70 of our kids. The planning and logistics are mind-boggling, but Liz’s tenacity for completing tasks thoroughly never wavers. As a result, the group is poised for a terrific experience.

Liz is also a key volunteer for other Dublin organizations as well. She played an integral role in putting on the St. Raymond’s Parish Festival, even taking a turn in the dunk tank. She is a longtime Girl Scout leader and volunteered again for 10 days at the Butano Creek Summer Girl Scout Camp. In a time where groups struggle to get enough parent involvement, Liz takes it upon herself to take on the toughest challenges and sees them through for the betterment of all. She often incorporates her creativity and the small business she owns (Wiziwigg Embroidery) in providing that extra touch that people remember. Her work can be found throughout Dublin, and she is known for her willingness to work with people who need extra consideration. Quite simply, Liz’s courage to take on huge tasks and her ability to execute them at a high level makes Dublin a better place to live. She does it with a joyful heart and kindness, which makes it all the better.