

# Entry Form for Project Manager of the Year Award

This award is given to the member who, in the opinion of the judges, served best in the capacity as manager of a chapter project within the award year. This project may or may not include fundraising. Fill in all eligibility requirements and information requested.

Nominee's Name: Carmela Davis  
Chapter: Longview Too Ambucs District: 6I Region: Southwest Region

## Eligibility

Attendance at meetings: 90 %

The undersigned certifies that all the information written herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Name of narrative writer: Sue Haywood  
Signature of narrative writer: Sue Haywood Date: 7/3/18

The undersigned certifies that all the information written herein has been carefully read and believed to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Name of chapter president: Irina Roberts  
Signature of chapter president: Irina Roberts Date: 7/3/18

## Eligibility requirements

### Region/National

- The nominee for this award must have been primarily responsible for the operation of a project in their chapter during the award year. This project may or may not include fundraising.
- The nominee must have had 75% or higher attendance at chapter meetings in the award year.
- No dual or co-nominees are allowed.
- The nominee must be present at the National Conference to win the national award.

## Procedures

### Region/National

A typed narrative of approximately 500 words is prepared by the chapter awards chairperson with the qualifications of the nominee. The narrative should include their organization of the project, how it was promoted, implementation of the project and the benefits derived. As a cover sheet, attach this entry form making sure all information is filled out and signed. Submit the award entry to the Region Director by July 1.

## Judging and awards

The judges may not declare ties. The judges must select a single winner from the entries. Judges will base their selection on the following accomplishments, narrated in approximately 500 words:

## Project Manager of the Year

Our Project Manager of the Year nominee is truly one of a kind. The lady is kind like the Energizer bunny... none of us can keep up with her! She never slows down and always has a boat load of things going on in her life. She has this incredible love of Christmas decorations – actually it's an out-of-control love of Christmas decorations and lights!

She works 9 months a year planning and building the next year's presentation. Her Christmas presentation is known all over East Texas and grew so much that she had to secure additional property to contain it. During the two-month season, hundreds of people show up every night from all over the region and several adjoining states to drive through her display.

But prior to opening to the public each year, she allows our Ambuc club to host a night only for special needs families and groups to drive through the magnificent displays. Families come through multiple times with the riders changing sides of the vehicle so they can see what is on the other side of the displays. They are served hot chocolate and cookies and have their special time with Santa Claus with a memorable photo with Santa to take home with them. Public relations that night are awesome as all those photo's end up on Facebook. We hear from the families for months following their night at the lights.

This past year, she suggested to our chapter that, in addition to having a Special Needs Night that we could have a Run/Walk through the Christmas lights. Well, she worked nine months to get it together so we jumped at the chance. Of course there is no parking areas in a drive through Christmas light show. So we hired buses to ferry the people from a school parking lot across a 4-lane major highway and back safely. We had over 300 participants and everyone had a great time.

The walkers walked through once and the runners ran the course several times. We presented AmTrykes (in the dark), and the riders loved riding back and forth through the entire area, among the walkers and runners. Everyone got the best perspective of Ambucs and AmTrykes in the middle of more than a million Christmas lights.

The event was a huge success and also resulted in great public relations for Ambucs and its mission, and for other groups in town that helped us out during the event. It also raised several thousand dollars for our club. It was a hot chocolate kind of night and everyone left feeling full of the Christmas spirit.

Longview Too Ambucs Project Manager of the Year is Carmela Davis.