

GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF PENNSYLVANIA

DISTRICT IV

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE COIN

The Distinguished Service Coin is presented to garden club members who, while serving in any capacity, have distinguished themselves by exceptional meritorious service. This award recognizes achievement in the areas of innovation, community building, strategic leadership, and commitment to strengthening garden clubs within District IV.

The following criteria will be considered in selecting the award recipient:

- **Innovation** – a leader who is perpetually searching for new ways, solutions, and unconventional ways to continually grow their club and/or District IV.
- **Community Building** – a member who reaches out into the community to build relationships with other organizations, either by partnering or collaborating. This can be done through civic development, working with students in the FFA or any other aspect that promotes, encourages, fosters, and cultivates interests in gardening, floral design, civic planting, and conservation in the local community.
- **Strategic Leadership** – a leader or club member committed to establishing a professionally-managed organization with appropriate systems in place to assure its endurance and future success.
- **Commitment to Strengthening the Organization** – a leader or member committed to mentoring the next generation of garden club members and is actively engaged in activities that elevate and strengthen the District.

Instructions/Nomination Requirements:

Submit a nomination narrative, it should be one page and no more than 500 words, single spaced to support your individual's nomination to the District IV Director by January 15.

The narrative should include:

- A brief outline of the nominees' garden club history. Include the name(s) of garden club(s), dates, significant accomplishments/highlights at each and any awards or recognitions received.
- Why you think the nominated individual is deserving of the District IV Distinguished Service Coin, including any specific examples of the criteria above (Innovation, Community Building, Strategic Leadership and Commitment to Strengthening the Organization).
- How has the nominee's efforts inspired other club members of their organization or the District? Provide at least one example.

The award nomination write-up will accompany the Distinguished Service Coin as well as a certificate. The recipient(s) will be recognized at the District IV Semi-Annual Meeting.

In even years the District Director may distribute coins at their discretion to members who have demonstrated exemplary service during their term in office during the September Annual Meeting.

****The District IV Director reserves the right to award a Distinguished Service Coin to anyone they recognize as deserving without repercussions. The District IV Director also reserves the right to not select a recipient based on the award narrative. A short descriptive email will include the reasons for not selecting.**