

Sara C. Atkinson

Burston Award 1999

York Hospital/WellSpan Health System - 1989-2002

Years as DVS: 13

Advice from Sara:

Always be informed of what is happening in your profession and your healthcare organization by being involved with your professional organizations, networking with your colleagues, and implementing what will improve your volunteer program to assist staff and patients. Know your volunteers, their abilities and interests and utilize them to the fullest. It takes time, patience, creativity, energy and teamwork but the end result will be worth your efforts.

What You Didn't Know About Sara . . .

- President - CCDVS 1995; SDVS 1999
- Married 45 years with two children and five grandchildren (enjoy being with them whenever possible)
- Currently leading an Education Team to Ghana, Africa. This will be the third mission trip in September.
- She loves to travel and have spent much of her retirement seeing parts of the world (She has been in all 50 states and 36 countries so far).
- Researches genealogy when time permits.
- Involved with church activities: Feeding the Hungry, Operation Christmas Child, Missions Committee, Eucharist Ministry.
- Board Member of Building Solid Foundations.

About Sara . . .

Sara graduated from Albright College 1962– BA with major in French; minor English & History. She taught French at York Suburban High School from 1962-1968. Sara was a substitute teacher for 10 years while raising children. She developed French program for pre-school at Jewish Community Center and after school program at local library for children grades 1-5. She was the Director of York County Literacy Council from 1982 – 1986; Assistant DVS from 1986-1989 at York Hospital, and DVS at York from 1989-2001. She retired in 2001.