

2017 J. Tillman Hall Award Winner for Retired Staff Volunteer Service to USC

Connie Horak is an exemplary Trojan who continued her active career at USC (including presidency of the Staff Assembly) into her retirement years.



As a retiree, in spite of several serious health challenges, she has volunteered her time and energy in support of the Emeriti Center, her fellow Staff retirees and toward the betterment of the campus community. She participates in campus activities, from music and artistic events to a lively book club, continuing interaction and communication across cultures and generations.

As a member of the important Emeriti Center Benefits and Resource Committee Connie was instrumental in producing the valuable publication "My Confidential Documents" which has been very helpful to retirees and others. And she volunteered with the informal "Trojans Helping Trojans" group to produce a paper on helpful hints for seniors (anyone, really) who live alone.

More recently, Connie has served as the SRA Vice President, taking on the huge task of arranging the Annual Staff Recognition Retirement Luncheon with very little preparation. She worked personally on essential details far beyond what could be expected, and excelled in coordinating a strong group of volunteers. In arranging, the Retirement Luncheon Connie made very important contacts -- friendships, really -- with the staff in the Office of the Senior Vice President for Administration. Her efforts have helped make our retiree integration into the general Trojan Family that much stronger.



In addition to volunteer activity with various USC units, Connie is active in her community. She volunteers with her church in various ways. In that capacity she serves weekly as a volunteer chaplain at the County Jail for women. Very impressive!