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**MAPC CONGRATULATES THE NOMINEES and WINNER!**

Manitoba Association of Parent Councils presented **the Judy Aiken Memorial Award** at their “Our Kids- Their Future” AGM and Conference held May 4 & 5, 2007 at the Victoria Inn, Wellington Street in Winnipeg.

***Nominees for the Award:***

***Bill and Wendy Brenner***, nominated by the Whitmore School Parent Council, Mountain View School Division

***Lori Carpenter and Dawn Froese***, nominated by the Portage Collegiate Institute, Portage La Prairie School Division

***WINNER: Karen Carey***, nominated by the Hazelridge School Parent Council, Sunrise School Division

**AWARD is a \$200.00 cheque and an engraved plaque and a beautiful glass figurine.**

**( About the winner)**

“ Mother of four, involved in schools since her first child entered school over 18 years ago. Experienced on parent councils at early, middle and senior years levels. A driving force behind a \$100,000 fundraising effort towards a playground structure, raised garden beds, flower gardens and trees. Also instrumental in launching a \$30,000 computer lab which allowed students to access computers in the rural area. Dedicated to encouraging and to supporting parents, in both her words and actions, to being actively involved in their child’s educational experience .Served for one year as a board member of the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils, and was also elected as a trustee in the Sunrise School Division in Oct. 2006”. Congratulations Karen!

**(Eligibility for the Award)- in brief**

- Has a record of long standing years of service ( minimum of six years) on a parent council or school association group)
- Has a record of serving in numerous capacities in the best interest of students
- Has been instrumental in promoting parental involvement

Has demonstrated:

- Energy and enthusiasm for his/her volunteer position
- Cooperation and team work
- Strong dedication and commitment to completing a task

**ABOUT THE AWARD**

The Judy Aiken Memorial Award is an opportunity to honor the memory of Judy Aiken (who was a long standing member of the Manitoba Home and School Parent Teacher Federation which later became MAPC). MAPC and Judy's family established this award opportunity to honor exceptional individuals who through their actions and efforts on behalf of their parent association have made a significant contribution to their school community. This award has been granted annually since its beginning in 2004.

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