Congratulations to our April 2020 WISE Member of the Month: DOLORES BERGEN!

Dolores was awarded the April 2020 WISE MotM award in recognition of her many and ongoing efforts at the Chapter level, the strength of which resulted in a change to the structure of the Chapter to retain knowledge and honor the time commitments made by members.

Dolores has become instrumental in bringing WISE to ASSP Greater San Jose in 2019 and has made many efforts to "bring WISE to the forefront under her leadership." As an executive committee member, Dolores "would advocate for the addition of WISE announcements at PDCs and on the executive board," and then she took steps reproducing what she had asked for within her sphere of influence at the Chapter level.

From her nomination: Dolores added a WISE page on the ASSP chapter website for her Chapter; she created a WISE section in the Chapter newsletter, and she allowed access to WISE rosters. These actions provided the Chapter a place to share information about upcoming events, location activities, training, and opportunities to volunteer, and also attract "member participation in attendance at WISE networking and mentoring activities."

Dolores is also the San Jose Chapter WISE Community Outreach Chair and has successfully put together drives for homeless shelters in our region, generated interest of company sponsors to provide hygiene products, and using her lunch break, delivered products from San Jose, 60 miles south to Salinas.

Dolores is the outgoing Chapter President, and as recognition of and for her visible commitment to the Chapter, it was requested that a ‘Past Presidents Committee’ be established. With her tenure finished Dolores could have "remained at large while working full time"; instead, Dolores is now Chair of that committee.

Dolores "tirelessly advocates for women in Safety" and encourages her members at all levels, and she "embodies the essence of community." Dolores, for all these reasons and many Californian miles more, you are our April 2020 WISE Member of the Month.

Congratulations, Dolores!

Photos from Tanya Conole's post in Women in Safety Excellence (WISE)