

Ann Sulley debits and credits activities



Ann Sulley integrates work with volunteering and sports. Photo by David Lowe

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Ann Sulley is the branch manager for American National Bank. That alone would send many of her peers to seek a quiet evening at home: but not Sulley.

For the last eight years she has volunteered with Junior Achievement, an organization that has taken the responsibility of financial education through school systems covering Southern Colorado from Trinidad to the south, Glenwood Springs to the west and Kansas to the east. El Paso County is the northern border.

Originally she started as a classroom volunteer teaching grades K-3 the importance of financial literacy and entrepreneurial creativity. Her contribution to the organization has been awarded; she now sits on the Junior Achievement board.

Even as a board member, she continues to teach financial literacy to elementary students at Monument Academy.

"The State of Colorado passed House Bill 1168 in 2008 requiring the adoption of standards for financial literacy being taught in the school districts," Sulley said.

During the 2009-10 school year, Junior Achievement will place a total of 805 successful business executives in classrooms throughout El Paso County, thus providing over 18,000 local children with programs on entrepreneurship, financial literacy and workforce readiness.

Sulley also has served on the YMCA board for the last six years of a 20-year affiliation that has included both employee and volunteer status. Her assorted duties have included working on the membership desk, the Partners Campaign, financial money raisers, assistance programs and even coaching basketball.

Longevity appears to be a trademark for Sulley in her volunteer activities. She has been an ambassador for the Colorado Springs Chamber for the last eight years. The ambassadors

support PR functions like ribbon cutting ceremonies for new businesses and Business After-Hours functions.

“Volunteering for the ambassadors represents a great networking opportunity,” Sulley said.

No portfolio would be complete either without a membership in a civic club. Sulley is a member of Academy Optimist. She judges four-minute speeches by students on select topics for the Annual Oratorical Contest.

On weekends from Thanksgiving through Christmas she also plays an elf on the Cog Railway’s Santa Train.

Sulley is also a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), which allows her to help with an Alzheimer’s patient on the weekends and nights.

Additionally, she holds an MA in Sports Administration from the University of Northern Colorado. The love of sports is evident in her selection of personal activities.

For starters, she has worked in the ticket office the last four years for the Colorado Springs Sky Sox. As well, due to having friends involved with Roush-Fenway Racing, she has enjoyed many NASCAR events in Phoenix with a pit pass, and there’s nothing wrong with establishing a few more friends, who can get good seats for the Arizona Cardinal NFL games. Back home, Sulley has had season tickets to the Air Force football games for the last 20 years.

On top of that, she is putting her love for golf to good use and has already volunteered for the 2011 Women’s US Open at the Broadmoor. She will be the assistant hole captain for Tee Box Two. “I’m still in need of a few volunteers, its fun, a lot of souvenirs, give me a call,” she said.

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