

## Person of the Year, Ruth Anten

A perfect description of Ruth Anten is that she is a quiet 'angel' in our community.

Every week she bakes brownies and blueberry muffins to take to our community shut ins, anyone who is ill, or those who just need a smile and a word of cheer. She even bakes gluten free for those who need it.

I personally experienced her kindness when I had a minor procedure. I am not sure how she found out that I was down for a few days, but she delivered blueberry muffins to my house along with a get-well card.

Ruth worked to help to recruit riders for this year's Santa Shuttle. We hosted a cart ride for community members who do not usually get out to see Christmas Lights. As we planned this event, I learned how many people know Ruth in our community, and the admiration they have for her.

Did you know that Ruth sends cards to our residents who are ill, celebrating a birthday, experience a loss, or just need a 'thinking of you' note? This thoughtfulness adds up to hundreds of cards a year. Ruth does this all by herself, out of the kindness of her heart, and at her own expense.

Ruth has been an active member of FISH for years and serves as co-chair of the Holiday Basket Program. She gets people to hand out fliers and pick up donations. This is a huge job that takes hours of reaching out to volunteers, including snowbirds who may not be in town. In addition, Ruth helps out at the community Craft Fair raffle table, selling tickets.

Ruth is someone you can always count on to step up and help out. She does everything with a smile on her face and with a big hug. Thank you, Ruth, for all you do!