

**Joe Stock**  
**2014 VOCHOA Volunteer of the Year**

Joe Stock is truly deserving of the 2014 VOCHOA Volunteer of the Year Award. In fact, I think he should be volunteer of the decade!

Often in a busy community, many take for granted the amount of work that goes into making sure common areas are clean and well kept, ensuring back end bookkeeping is both done, dues are collected, meetings are scheduled and run, and contracts are negotiated with vending partners. As a busy working mom myself, I haven't always noticed these things either. But a funny thing happens when people in other neighborhoods, outside of VOCHOA, start commenting about how lucky we are – when they see our community garage sale signs and lights out at the entrances at the holidays – and I started to notice them too.

Then stories are told about how much people miss the Villages of Oak Creek when they move out and often our former neighbors reflect that you just can't beat the community of people in VOCHOA.

Many of these things are because of the countless volunteer hours given by our volunteer Board of Trustees. Unfortunately the feedback these trustees get often comes in the form of the stress of someone's bad day that gets taken out on them while they are working hard to try to enforce codes that were voted upon or collect dues all have agreed to pay.

Starting the Block Watch this year, I have had the privilege of working more with Joe and team and I can tell you that no one cares more about our community than Joe Stock. When the sidewalk needs fixed, he is the first to connect you with the right person and drive by to be sure it was done. When you need to know who is the right person to call in the community to get signs put up, he can point you in the right direction with ease. He keeps things moving along in a collaborative way to ensure we continue to have the very best neighborhood.

Joe has served as a volunteer trustee for three years and currently serves as President of our HOA. When our Treasurer role was vacant, he did both positions for months – again unpaid and often unappreciated. One of his fellow trustees said, "Joe has performed a tremendous amount of work for the HOA. I doubt there is any previous president who has done as much as Joe has for the association. No one in the neighborhood could compare if you include him in the consideration."

Some of these behind the scene activities include creating and launching our new website and managing content to ensure it's current and all residents have the opportunity to be informed, even if they can't make it to meetings. He has taken the time to use his content expertise to create neighborhood maps and put them online, free of charge, from his company. He has scanned all the deed restrictions, obtained construction drawings from the county and township and placed all of this content online too. He honors the history of our neighborhood, and those who have helped to build it, researching every past trustee and compiling a list to share on our website. He even called many past Presidents for history and knowledge of our HOA.

He is a true believer in transparency between the VOCHOA Board and homeowner members of VOCHOA.

It is because of his tireless work on behalf of all of VOCHA that we are pleased to honor Joe Stock because he deserves special recognition for being such a committed volunteer, devoted to our neighborhood. Thank you, Joe, for all you do that makes you beyond deserving of this acknowledgement and we are pleased to present you with the 2014 VOCHA Volunteer of the Year Award.