

Laura Randazzo 2020 Hometown Hero - 5th Congressional District

It is a great pleasure to announce that Hardwick's own Laura Randazzo, President of the Hardwick Seniors has been selected as a Hometown Hero for the 5th Congressional District. Al Carrazzone and Rich Ohl were similarly honored in 2018 and 2019 respectively. This is a great honor and we are very lucky to have such committed volunteers in Hardwick. Here is the letter I submitted on behalf of Laura's nomination:

Laura Randazzo has been dedicated to providing needed and critical services to Senior Citizens in Warren County and Hardwick in particular for approximately 17 years. During this time, she has selflessly volunteered many hours in support of the following:

- **Current President and Publicity Chairperson for the Hardwick Township Senior group. In those roles, Laura is responsible for:**
- **Coordinating monthly "Lunch Brunch" events at local restaurants**
- **Writing and sending the monthly Hardwick Seniors Newsletter that provides updates on upcoming activities along with medical and safety tips**
- **Developed a call list for Seniors with contact information for members to stay in touch and check-in**
- **Developed an emergency call list and protocol for contacting each other during storms or event cancellations**
- **Manages the Hardwick Seniors annual budget**
- **Instituted monthly game day for Senior meetings**
- **Identifies and schedules speakers to attend Hardwick Seniors monthly meetings and discuss topics such as Medicare, investment choices, exercise tips and avoiding scams**
- **Coordinates annual projects whereby Hardwick Seniors create and donate items for disabled Veterans such as knitted scarves and hats and shaving kits.**

Laura has a long history of volunteerism in Hardwick and I cannot say enough about her dedication and commitment in support of the Hardwick Seniors. She attends monthly Hardwick Committee meetings to provide updates and continues to advocate fiercely for Hardwick Seniors during the COVID-19 pandemic. Her contributions have been numerous and greatly appreciated by everyone in her orbit. The Hardwick Township governing body values the energy and passion that she demonstrates every day on behalf of our Seniors and feel that she is very deserving of this award and recognition.