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Carol and Dwain Bartels Honored with ASCCA Hall of Fame Award

Sacramento, October 8, 2014 – The Automotive Service Councils of California (ASCCA) honored the late Carol and Dwain Bartels with an ASCCA Hall of Fame Award during its Team Weekend event held September 27-28, 2014.



Pictured: Carol and Dwain Bartels' family members

The award was presented to the many members of the Bartels family who attended the awards luncheon on September 27. The ASCCA Hall of Fame Award recognizes individuals in the independent automotive business for their outstanding contributions to automotive repair industry.

Carol passed away in Sacramento on July 9, 2014, two years after Dwain. They were married for 39 years. Carol was a past president of the ASCCA, serving in 2002 and 2003. They both held numerous leadership positions with the organization and helped advance the automotive repair industry.

Together Carol and Dwain Bartels operated D & L Automotive in Sacramento and were longtime Chapter 34 members. Carol was secretary of the Sacramento chapter for twenty years and developed monthly trainings for their 100 chapter members. Then Dwain stepped in as chapter president for another five years. They both enjoyed establishing a tight community of automotive repair shop owners and have been dearly missed by that chapter.

“I had the honor of being Vice-President during her reign as our leader, and she was an excellent teacher,” said Dan Biggs, ASCCA president in 2004. “She was a fierce proponent for our legislative causes, and always had a nice thing to say.”

“She had a passion for the work and devoted many volunteer hours in watching out for the independent shop owners in the state,” said ASCCA member Larry Moore. “She was one of several women who worked tirelessly for ASCCA on many fronts and blazed a path for other women to be recognized in this arena. She will be missed.”

Carol was also a founding member of the ASCettes, which was a women-driven leadership team, focused on expanding education and training for youths. They started the ASC Educational Foundation (ASCEF) which has grown exponentially into a scholarship fund with a history of \$60,000 in student scholarships.

Carol once said, “There has to be more training for the technician. We need to help the high schools and colleges so they can offer automotive technology to their students. We can accomplish these with the help of the whole association, our partners, and legislation.”

At the awards ceremony, ASCEF Chair Glenn Davis announced the establishment of the Dwain and Carol Bartels Memorial Scholarship Fund, which will provide funds for students to learn automotive technology.

Founded in 1940, the Automotive Service Councils of California is the largest independent automotive repair organization in California. Its members represent all areas of the automotive repair industry, including mechanical, auto body, suppliers and educators.

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