

Martha Pyron
2009 Opal Durant
Granbury Woman of the Year Award Recipient

Martha Pyron never turns her back to someone in need. Her acquaintances and co-workers say she is always available to lend a hand to a stranger or to listen to a friend. She helps countless individuals, adults and children, by way of her volunteer work in numerous local charities. At work, she lends her talents to making the Hood County News an award-winning newspaper and directs the esteemed Newspaper in Education program. Simply stated, Hood County wouldn't be the same without Martha Pyron.

Pyron, who received multiple nominations in 2008 and 2009, was unanimously chosen by the Woman of the Year committee based on her ability to handle the day-to-day responsibilities of a demanding profession while generously giving of herself to community and family. Martha has been married to her husband, Max, for 37 years and has one son, Nick, who is attending Texas State University. She has been employed by the Hood County News since 1986 working in several capacities. Pyron is now the Director of Subscription Services, which includes duties such as coordinating the pre-print program, customer relations and acting as community liaison.

Martha is passionate about having the opportunity to help better someone's life and is able to balance her time among the many organizations and agencies in which she participates. Community and charitable entities that have benefited from Pyron's labor of love include Operation School Supply, Christmas for Children, Hood/Erath Foster Parents Program, Kiwanis Club, Citizens on Patrol, GHS Key Club, More than Me Youth, Community Emergency Response Team, Rainbow Room and Texans Looking Out for Texans. She has served as board secretary for five years with United Way of Hood County and she has acted as director for the Granbury Police Department's Citizens Police Academy Alumni. Martha also helps children learn to read through the Baccus Elementary Academic mentor program and is involved in the Mambrino Camus Leadership Team.

Martha exhibits many of the same fine qualities that the community admired in Opal Durant. Martha gives of herself to help those in need. She exhibits compassion while working tirelessly to achieve her professional goals. And she earns the admiration and respect of her community. She is a role model to all who know her.

Martha Pyron is a unique individual who continues to amaze her friends, colleagues and the people whose lives she touches. Her kindness and enthusiasm know only the bounds of a 24-hour day!