



Susan Schaell Handelman Award for Scholastic Excellence in Science & Technology

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Susan Schaell Handelman has been an educator in private and public schools in CT and NY, and a volunteer for many organizations including the PCDC. Being an R.N. and teacher, Family Science Nights included Susan with the 3D human body puzzles and eye & ear models, sharing anatomy and physiology facts with curious children and their chaperones. She arranged the initiation of the Hands On Science classes at the Kent Schools in Carmel, NY to provide day and evening enrichment workshops, which attracted participants from other districts as well.

Originating from a small, rural community in Illinois, Susan graduated from Northwestern University, having received a full academic scholarship to study childhood development and education. A Master of Science degree from NY Medical College and Pace led to Nursing Board Certifications as a Family Nurse Practitioner and also Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner ("pioneer" positions). She was also a Certified Electrologist.

Though now retired these ongoing educational, science, and health interests inspired a special appreciation and support for the quality programs PCDC brings to communities. She has recruited funding, teachers, judges, shared PCDC judging protocols, and lobbied for science fair publicity resulting in increased participation.

Her late husband James, and sons Zach and Jed participated in PCDC endeavors also. Grandson Asher is expected to continue the tradition.

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