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International Nanny Association Announces INA Meritorious Service Award Recipients

The International Nanny Association Meritorious Service Award goes to an INA member who has been a strong, sustained supporter of the International Nanny Association and its mission. Individuals eligible to receive this award cannot receive remuneration for the activities supporting the INA. The individual is a volunteer whose activities support the INA.

On Saturday, May 19, 2018, the INA Board of Directors awarded the INA Meritorious Service Award to Susan Tokayer and Karen Yatsko.

Susan is one of INA's veteran leaders and she served on the INA board of directors for 12 years, 3 as Vice President and 6 as President. One of her first memories was serving under Annie Davis on the conference committee. Since this was all before email, when the internet was just in its' infancy, Susan's job was to call ALL the members that didn't attend the conference and find out why they didn't attend and what would make them want to attend a future conference. She literally typed up the results and send a big envelope to Annie, with all the results.

Susan's nanny industry colleagues describe her as follows:

- She is always understanding
- She explains things.
- She makes nannies feel valued.
- She is business savvy, empathetic and can always see the bigger picture

Karen has served on the board and has given countless hours as a volunteer to INA. She is also involved with other leading Industries such as DEMA, Nannypalooza and International Nanny Training Day. Kellie Geres said "she is so approachable. She finds something good about everybody. She does it all so selflessly and wants everyone to welcome and not left out." Karen's friends describe her as follows:

- She finds something good in everybody.
- She is friendly, warm, loyal and committed to everything she does.
- She has positive energy.
- She has a genuine thirst for learning.

The INA Board of Directors is proud to recognize Susan Tokayer and Karen Yatsko work as to the industry, to her colleagues and to the International Nanny