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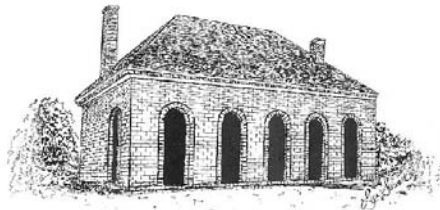
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**KAREN WINSTON OF HANOVER COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE'S OFFICE
RECEIVES STATE AWARD**

Karen Winston, Deputy Commissioner for the Hanover Commissioner of the Revenue's office, has received a prestigious award from the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia.

Winston, an Ashland native and resident, is the Association's 2010 recipient of the Margaret Ann Anderson Award. This award is given to the top Deputy Commissioner in the State.

Winston has served customers of the Hanover Commissioner of Revenue's Office for more than 35 years. She started as a drafting technician in the office's real estate division in the summer of 1974, weeks after graduating from Patrick Henry High School.

"Through her own initiative and commitment, Karen quickly became skilled in the processes necessary and assumed primary responsibility for the time-consuming hand-drawn adjustments of tax property maps," said Scott Harris, Hanover's Commissioner of the Revenue. Harris nominated Winston for the Margaret Ann Anderson Award.

Winston was promoted to Deputy Commissioner for Real Estate in 1992. In 1995, she completed the courses necessary for the designation as a Master Deputy Commissioner.

"Karen has worked faithfully and tirelessly to promote a level of professionalism and commitment to our organization we would encourage all of our deputies to aspire to," Harris said.

Karen said she was "shocked" to receive the award.

"I had no idea that I had even been nominated," she said.

In a sense, Winston is really 'old-school' – literally. After graduating from PHHS, she took architectural drafting after what used to be called Richmond Technical College on Westwood Avenue.

She's also 'old school' in her attitude towards serving the public.

"I like working with the people," she says. "We have a lot of hands-on contact with the general public in this office and it's one of my favorite things about the job. We have a chance to help people solve their problems and we try to do that as much as we can."

The Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia was formed in 1937 to promote a uniformity and cohesion in regards to the challenges of assessment of taxes and the administration of state and local revenue laws. The Association currently has 600 members.