

## **Dianne Swauger**

### **Meritorious Service**



Dianne was born in Fayetteville, NC and raised mostly in Germany and El Paso, TX. She graduated from Andress High School in El Paso in 1981, attended El Paso Community College, and received her Bachelor of Science degree with honors in Management from the University of Maryland in 2012. She has been married to her husband Robert for 39 years and they have one son. Dianne currently works for the US Army Aberdeen Test Center at Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) as a Facility

Manager.

Dianne took up bowling as a youth when her father was stationed at Oakland Army Base in California. She joined an adult league for a few years at Ft Bliss, TX before moving to Germany. After relocating with her husband and son to APG in 1996 she joined the APG Friday Night Mixed league. When that league dissolved, she helped in starting the Friday Night Fun Bunch league with a few fellow bowlers in 2001. She has been the Secretary/Treasurer of that league for 21 years and received the “Secretary of the Year” award for the 2014-2015 season from the Harford County Women’s Board.

Dianne first became involved with the APG youth leagues when her son started as a youth bowler in 1997. She began coaching that year and then eventually taking over the league in 2005. She joined the Cecil-Harford Youth Board in 2005 and has helped with or ran the Annual Youth Championship and Regional Pepsi tournaments and banquets, served on the scholarship committee, and has volunteered at State youth tournaments. Dianne created and has managed the King of the Hill tournament for CHUSBC youth giving them another opportunity to earn scholarships.

Dianne also ran fundraisers for the APG youth bowling program to raise money so each youth bowler in the program could earn scholarships and one year all the youth earned bowling balls at the end of the year. Donated funds also helped in giving every youth bowler at APG the opportunity to bowl in tournaments, often having 100% participation.

Dianne joined the Harford County Women's Board as a Director in 2011 and remained with the CHUSBC Board as a Director after the men's and women's boards merged in 2015. In her capacity as a director, she has served on or chaired several committees, such as Neighbors in Need, Finance and Budget, Secretary of the Year, Bingo Fundraiser, Tournament Committee, and Youth Committee. She has chaired tournaments and volunteers at most of the adult tournaments.