

MUSHILL AWARDED SECOND KEY TO THE CITY

It was quite a surprise for Troy/Maryville/St. Jacob/Marine Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Dawn Mushill, when, at her own Chamber event, she was unaware of what Mayor Adomite had up his sleeve. "I had no idea – just doing our usual announcements and he pulled out a plaque. He started off by saying that someone once told him that if you surround yourself with great people, then great things will happen. That is what I always say so it peaked my interest" said Mushill.

From there, the Mayor discussed how the City and the Chamber have worked together over the years, utilizing over \$600,000 in tourism funding (hotel/motel tax) since 2005 and put it all to good use. "The relationship between the Chamber and the City has resulted in countless events and activities, most of them completely free, from movies in the Park, to the City Wide Garage Sales, to the Chamber Expos and others. Each year, Dawn pours her time and talents into improving our community, and the City of Troy truly appreciates her leadership," said Troy Mayor Al Adomite.

The Chamber's Alive @ 5 event was hosted by the City of Troy on Thursday, October 11 at City Hall. This is a monthly event the Chamber hosts at a variety of locations. The event brings together businesses to network and learn about each other's business. Different hosts have the opportunity to show off their business and introduce their employees.

In 2005, Mushill was awarded the Key to the City by former Mayor Tom Caraker at the Chamber's Business After Hours. That award was a complete surprise as well. Mushill has been the Executive Director of the Troy/Maryville/St. Jacob/Marine Chamber of Commerce since June of 2000. She has assisted in helping the Chamber grow from 111 members to 516 to date, with much support from the Chamber Board of Directors, Ambassadors, the four community municipalities, as well as the general community. "I feel so lucky to have this job. It is a great balance of helping our members, being part of the community and getting to know a whole lot of people" said Mushill. "Literally I have met thousands of people in the last eighteen years. If you know me, you know I like meeting people!" said Mushill.

Mushill holds an Associate of Science Degree from Southwestern Illinois College, a Bachelor's of Science Degree from Southern Illinois University Carbondale and a dual Master's Degree from Webster University. She is a member of the National Speakers Association and also owns her own business, Customer Service And Beyond. In 2008, Mushill wrote a book "Customer Service and Beyond ... it is all about the Wow".

For more information about the Troy/Maryville/St. Jacob/Marine Chamber of Commerce, visit www.troymaryvillecoc.com or call them at 618-667-8769.