

Cypress

Christy Schopp

State Assemblyman Jim Silva once proclaimed that Christy Schopp “is known as a ‘doer’ who never looks for glory and as a single mom, somehow balances her family, work and her volunteer activities to the advantage of all three.

Schopp, benefits manager at Yamaha Motors in Cypress, credits Yamaha and her former supervisor, Phil Wendel, for encouraging her to get involved. While she was already active as a coach for her son’s many sports teams and daughter’s competition dance group, Yamaha encouraged her to expand her community involvement. At their urging, she joined the Cypress Chamber of Commerce in 1994 and was soon recruited as an Ambassador, something she enjoyed for the next 12 years.

Shortly after joining the chamber, Schopp became a member of the Business and Education Committee. In 1995 she got involved with planning the annual Student Business Breakfast, for which she helped write and produce videos, and in 2001 she was Mistress of Ceremonies for the event.

Meanwhile, Schopp branched into working with the chamber on the Orange County Ride Share program and two other annual events – the golf tournament and Holiday Extravaganza.

Schopp, who likes “hands on” projects says she likes “finding a cause, helping and then moving on to something else when done.” While she works on many causes, she especially “likes supporting kids and parents.” Perhaps that is why her involvement with King Elementary School has been rewarding. The King Elementary School Partnership Collaborative brought the Cypress Elementary School District, King School and the Cypress Boys and Girls Club together to raise money for the school. “This partnership sparked my enthusiasm and understanding to a whole new level of appreciation to get involved,” she said. When the grant check from then-supervisor Silva, for \$20,000 arrived, Christy, the project chairperson, was chosen to accept the gift.

Schopp has also served youth through her membership in the Cypress Rotary Club. Since joining in 2000, she has been chosen secretary, vice president and president, as well as Youth Service Representative. She is proud of her club and their annual events supporting the community, including a holiday party for kids at the Boys & Girls Club, Cypress Police Open House, Challenger Baseball, Cypress Festival, a “Spaghetti Feed,” as well as helping many other organizations raise money.

Her desire to help the community’s young also led Schopp to become a member of the board of directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Cypress, a position she held for many

years. In addition, she has been a member of the Steering Committee for the Oxford Academy Council, and a member of both the Business Advisory Committee and the annual Golf Classic Committee at Cypress College.

At Cypress High School, Schopp has volunteered for both the football golf tournaments and Career Days. Community-wide, she has been active with Red Ribbon Week, Day of Caring, Cinco de Mayo, Cypress Festival and chairman of the Mayor's Breakfast. For the festival, she has supported the Rotary Chili Booth and the 5/10k run, organizing a team from work. For the festival as a whole, she has judged the annual Chili Contest and has served as a member of the festival's Public Relations Committee.

For her efforts on behalf of the community, Schopp was named Woman of the Year by the Cypress Chamber of Commerce in 2001. She was also Ambassador of the Year in 1999, and has been honored by both Soroptimist International of Cypress and the Cypress Elementary School District.

Schopp was born in San Pedro and graduated from South High School in Torrance before attending El Camino College and California State University, Long Beach, where she majored in speech and audiology.

For 25 years, Schopp has resided in Cypress, moving only recently to Westminster. Her son, John Entsminger, resides in Anaheim, while her daughter Kristin O'Neal lives in Garden Grove with her husband, Ricky, and daughter Caylee.

