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## **SPOTSYLVANIA CITIZENS CHOSEN TO RECEIVE THE 2010 GOVERNOR SPOTSWOOD AWARD**

Spotsylvania, VA – March 3, 2010 -- Spotsylvania residents **R. DuVal & Anne D. Dickinson (joint nomination)** and **George Gregory Raines, Jr.** have been chosen as the 2010 recipients of the County's annual Governor Spotswood Awards. The Awards will be presented at an Awards Ceremony and Reception on Thursday, March 18, 2010, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Marshall Center, 8800 Courthouse Road, Spotsylvania. The Awards Ceremony will take place in the newly renovated Auditorium, with the Reception following in the Senior Center located down the hall. This event is free and open to the public.

Both DuVal and Anne Dickinson have enjoyed a lifetime of service and commitment to the Spotsylvania community, much of which has been done as a team. They were jointly nominated by Harry Dickinson. Together they delivered Meals on Wheels from the 1970s until 2008. Anne serves as Treasurer of the Friends of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library's Spotsylvania Chapter. DuVal helped with fundraising for the equipment and furnishings when the Salem Church Branch was being built. They have both served the Chamber of Commerce in various capacities to help local small businesses. DuVal has served as: Chairman of the Spotsylvania Service Authority from 1964-1977, helping expand water/sewer availability and job opportunities; on the Tri-County Soil and Water Conservation Commission; on the Board of Mary Washington Hospital; and, on the Board of Hospice Support Care. He was the Charter President of the Chancellor Ruritan Club and was appointed to the Governor's Regional Economic Development Advisory Council. He also serves on the Board of the Fredericksburg Agricultural Fair.

Anne and DuVal stayed active in Parent Teacher Associations when their children were in school. Anne also served on the Board of the Mental Health Association in the Fredericksburg-Pratt Chapter and chaired its Personal Counseling Service committee. They have faithfully served in many ways in their church since their marriage in 1946. They

have both served in Commonwealth-level organizations and offices. Through their business, Dickinson Equipment, Inc., they set the example and continually encouraged their employees to volunteer in the community.

George Gregory Raines, Jr. has also generously given of himself to the Spotsylvania community. He has donated countless hours of his time and talent as a trustee and deacon at an historic local church, working diligently for preservation of this important part of Spotsylvania history. He is the current president of the Izaak Walton League, a conservation organization located in Spotsylvania which was formed to save the outdoors for future generations. He works in support of the preservation of woodlands, water, wetlands, open spaces, protection of habitat and species, and public education about these issues. Greg works closely with Boy Scout troops to enable them to enjoy the Izaak Walton League facilities and grounds for Scout activities and camping.

He has led a volunteer team which completely replaced the roof and shingles on a Spotsylvania home of someone in need. He works with the Children's Miracle Network on fundraising events designed to help Spotsylvania area children and families get hospital services. He is an Ambassador with the U.S. Army Freedom Team Salute (FTS) Program, working to locate and honor Army Veterans living in Spotsylvania. He spends time talking with veterans and desires to give them recognition for their sacrifices. Greg was nominated by Karen Carter.

The Governor Spotswood Award was initiated in 2004 to honor select County residents who enhance the community through words, actions and deeds, displaying integrity, courage, County loyalty, personal discipline and etiquette. Nominations are sent in and a random Selection Committee of residents makes the choices. Winners receive a work of art especially designed and created by Spotsylvania blacksmith Hunter Perkinson, Jr. to capture the rich history and heritage of the County. For more information on the Governor Spotswood Award visit [www.spotsylvania.va.us](http://www.spotsylvania.va.us).

The 2010 Governor Spotswood Award Reception is open to the public, at no charge. To RSVP, please call County Administration at 540-507-7010.

For additional County information: [www.spotsylvania.va.us](http://www.spotsylvania.va.us)

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