

2022 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR – **KEN WONG**

By Bruce Landeck

The “Volunteer of the Year” award is presented annually at the fall picnic to recognize “one or more individuals who have made a significant contribution to the club during the past year.” The 2022 award will be presented at this fall’s picnic on October 21 to Ken Wong, who was unanimously selected by the Board of Directors at the September 28 meeting. Most members are aware that Ken has been the club’s webmaster since he created our website in 2011. This position alone requires considerable time to maintain and update the site, and to send membership frequent notices, bulletins and advisories.

However, in addition to his webmaster duties this past year, Ken prepared a comprehensive audit of the club’s financial records, which resulted in some needed changes. Just on the audit alone, Ken spent over 55 hours. He also serves as a member on the newly created Technology Committee, whose mission is to review the club’s current technology and make recommendations regarding future needs, including computing, security and technology. Additionally, Ken volunteered to prepare the club’s excellent bimonthly Newsletter during the temporary absence of Maureen Spence. Ken regularly attends Board meetings, as he has for years, and provides insight, historical perspective and ideas which significantly improve the administration of our club. While our club is very fortunate to have many talented members, Ken really stands out, having made so many contributions for so many years in his unselfish way.



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After learning he had been named “2022 Volunteer of the Year”, Ken responded: “It was a great honor for me that the Board recognized my contributions to the club and selected me as 2022 Volunteer of the Year. I sincerely appreciate this award and will always treasure it. Thank you!”

While he is honored to receive the award, our hiking club is also honored to have Ken as a member. Congratulations Ken on this well-deserved award!