

MARY GEORGE RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Distinguished Service award is the highest honor that we as the Colorado Court Reporters Association can give to one of our peers. It goes to someone who has shown dedication to not only our profession but also to our association.

Mary George, this year's recipient of the DSA is a Colorado native. She was born in Denver, and grew up on a farm west of Brighton with three brothers and one sister. She is the third of five children. She graduated from Fort Lupton High School. Her grandfather was a District Court Judge in Brighton.

She was the first realtime writer in Colorado and beta tested the first realtime system in the Greeley Courts in the late 80s. She is one of a handful of Certified Realtime Reporters in Colorado.

She has held all of the offices in our state association including President in 1991.

Her Committee work has been vast and varied. She has chaired and been a member of the Fall Seminar Committee, the Spring Banquet Committee, Student Education Committee, Computer Integrated Courtroom Committee, Ethics and Grievance Committee and was a member of the Court Officials Committee.

She has always encouraged and counseled students and new reporters. She has won the Colorado speed contest and has competed at least once in the National speed contest. She was instrumental in CCRA's purchase and installation of the first Computer Integrated Courtroom in Colorado, paving and leading the way for the current CIC's. She is giving of her time and energies. And once again this year she is stepping up to the plate to be on the Presidential Committee to help lead our association.

Congratulations, Mary, on a well-deserved honor.



Mary George (left) receiving award from Julie Matt Graeber April 25, 1998

We would like to take this time to thank Teresa Copley for her years of service as the Ramblings editor. As a direct result of Teresa's efforts, Ramblings has played a critical role in communications for CCRA. The membership has enjoyed the many articles and tidbits and looked forward to each publication as a source of information pertinent to court reporting in Colorado and nationwide. Teresa, the excellent work and endless hours you have devoted to CCRA's newsletter has not gone unappreciated! We will miss your "touch" in Ramblings but sincerely hope that you enjoy your well earned rest from journalism.

Ramblings has a new editor as of this issue – Julie Matt Graeber. Please welcome Julie and feel free to submit any articles or enclosures to her in care of CCRA, 6751 S. Independence St., Littleton, Co. 80128.