

## **Dr. George and Martha Walters**

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Whether it is building a house or organizing a funeral dinner you will find the Walters serving as integral members of the volunteering community of Emporia. Martha and George belong to the First United Methodist Church where they do much of their volunteer work. They have served on the Abundant Harvest committees, they work on the bulletin and newsletter, have taught Sunday School, and served on the Holy Hospitality committee. George was Sunday School Superintendent as well as

coordinating the usher teams. Martha helps coordinate the Funeral Dinner Committee. They also organized the “Dinners for Eight” program that is still fully functioning and active.

George has been a member and held leadership positions in Lions Club, Outlook Study Club, the Emporia Camera Club, and Habitat for Humanity - where he has helped to build six houses. He volunteers time and energy to Presbyterian Manor, National Teachers Hall of Fame, United Way, and with Cub Pack and Boy Scout Troop 152 that is sponsored by their church - and more since his retirement from Emporia State University where he was Associate Dean of the School of Business. The skills he picked up in his professional life and his hitches in the U.S. Navy have served him well in his personal life and volunteering efforts.

Martha had been involved in University Women and is an active member in Chapter CG of PEO. She has been a Cub Scout Den Leader and Sunday School teacher - all the while balancing that with the duties of full time wife and mother after she left teaching.

The Walters have received community recognition for their years of service as well as receiving the Community Service Award from KARSP in 2011 – nominated by Emporia Area Retired School Personnel specifically for their work as tour guides and docents at the William Allen White House. It is people like George and Martha Walters who keep this great country strong. What marvelous examples for us. Thank you Dr. & Mrs. Walters.