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# Atlantic County board honors three with disabilities

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Three Atlantic County residents with disabilities were honored with the county's Donald J. Sykes Award on Thursday for community involvement and personal accomplishments.

They were May Landing residents Ellen Moskowitz and Lynne Kenny, and Mullica Township Resident Rita Busch.

The annual award is named after Donald J. Sykes, who died in 1991, and was a disabled county resident active in many community causes, including as chairman of the Atlantic County Disabled Citizens Advisory Board. Awardees are nominated by local organizations, family or friends as people who continue Sykes' legacy.

Moskowitz was nominated by Pat Jones, chief operating officer of Arc of Atlantic County.

"Ellen always looked at her abilities and passion as a way to give a voice to others with disabilities," Jones said of Moskowitz, president-elect of the New Jersey Self Advocacy Network (NJSAN) Advisory Board.

Kenny, an unpaid volunteer at the John D. Young Memorial Lions Blind Center, who is also disabled, is an inspiration to many, including the administration of the Lions Blind Center, Administrator Tom Louge said.

"Disability has never impeded her life journey," Louge said.

Rita Busch, who has a prosthetic leg due to a complication with her diabetes, was nominated by Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation where she

Rita Busch, of Mullica Twp., left, Lynne Kenny, of Mays Landing, and Ellen Moskowitz, of Mays Landing, are honored, Thursday Oct. 16, 2014, at the 26th annual Donald J. Sykes Awards ceremony at the Mays Landing Country Club.



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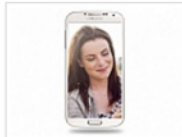
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