

Candidate: **Sharon Gow**

Glide resident **33 years - Graduated from Glide High School in 1968.**

GCC member **4 years**

GCC meetings attended in the past 12 months **24 - all, I haven't missed any**

Have you ever served on the GCC board of directors before? **no**

What contributions have you made to the club?

I work at bingo on Friday nights; painted the new partitions; work at the First Citizen Celebration; am a vendor at the Farmers Market

Have you served as a director for any other organizations?

Yes. I am currently on the Glide/Idleld Sanitary District board. Previously, Tax Practitioners Association, served as Secretary of the state organization.

What other ways have you volunteered your time and talents?

Volunteered with both Boy and Girl Scouts when my children were young. Worked with the teen group Glide Together - hauled the kids to various public service activities (i.e. cutting wood for seniors). I have taught tax classes and conducted seminars on taxes.

What is your career background?

Nurses aide in California, working with newborns. Was the manager of the nurses registry - called out nurses and worked with hospitals. My parents had a tax service in Roseburg and I worked in the office for years. Eventually I ran the office for 5 years. I am very knowledgeable of bookkeeping, taxes, and payroll. I keep the books for my husband's business, so I stay current on taxes and accounting practices. I have worked with small business administration, helping new businesses get up and running.

Name some of the specific skills you will bring to the board?

Bookkeeping, taxes, lots of business experience. I have years of community knowledge, which will help when working with community issues.

Do you have any personal goals for your term as director?

I would like to have a good time. I enjoy interacting with the members and would like to see a friendlier atmosphere and help the club get past disputes. The center should be a place where people can have a good time. It is a neat place for people to go and have fun. I would like to participate more with the children's activities.

Is there any particular area that you want to focus your efforts while serving as director?

Good will ambassador

Do you have any ideas or suggestions for ways the GCC can better serve the community?

Would like the club to sponsor a community garden and expand the Farmers Market.

Are there any other reasons you are running for the board this year?

I think the club needs the continuity of level-headed people for the benefit of the community. It keeps me social, gives me an opportunity to share my skills with the community. I would like to see the center become a place where people can interact without cliques.

Is there anything else that you would like the members of the GCC to know about you?

I am a hard worker. To me, work can be fun. I have dreams that there will be a public park in Glide one day. I love watching and feeding birds. I like picking berries and fruit, cooking, and bee keeping.