The big picture is: it takes two of us to handle what Kathy has already done by endearing herself to all of us. She really is Kingswood.

This would be the story of a dedicated Girl Scout Troop leader “gone wild” among the Kingswood and Cranbrook Alumni.

Kathy is a listener
How many people do you know who can remember 5000 alumni by name and nature? I remarked, on day, what an amazing career she had developed and she said, “just look at all the wonderful people I’ve been able to meet.”

Kathy is a possibility planner
After she listens and defines a goal to improve the situation, she suggests a plan; puts it on the table; and somehow gets the people involved.

Kathy is a launcher
Her best kept secret is this: now she could single-handedly, in a ¼ of the time, eliminate most problems or get the job done, but she doesn’t work that way. She does all the research, has several perspectives of what the outcome could be, and then she sets us up to succeed – and think that we’ve really done the jobs ourselves.

Kathy is a connector
I have somehow been part of the Kingswood Alumnae Board for the past 40 years with periods of less than desirable participation, funding, leadership, etc. But for the past 20 years, with careful guidance from Kathy’s office, the KSC Alumnae Association has been on an upswing.

Kathy’s personal gifts of wisdom, care, compassion and common sense really make a difference. You know how Rick Nahm talks about “it’s all about the people…” Now anytime we have contact with the alumni office we receive a sense of belonging and that we count. Just look at the success of “Reunions” now – they reflect all of that.

So if you need answers to ANYTHING or just a nice person to talk to…try it…her number is 248-645-3613, and she will answer day after day, in spite of all her night meetings.

Last year our Kingswood Alumnae Association gifted Kathy with a silver charm link bracelet. We said we were the links and she was the clasp that held us harmoniously together. Well, Kathy, here’s a little something to go with that, from our hearts to yours.

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