



COME ALONG FOR A 2021 ANIMAL ADVENTURE!

# STATE TEAM CO-LEAD ROUNDUP

JOIN THE CALL ON

MAY 6, 2021

AT NOON CT, 11AM MT,

10AM PT

AT THE MSRGN Zoo(M)!



BRING YOUR FAVORITE FURRY FRIEND, PET, STUFFED ANIMAL,  
PHOTO OF AN ANIMAL (OR VIRTUAL ANIMAL BACKGROUND), FOR THE CALL!

# STATE TEAM CO-LEAD ROUNDUP

## AGENDA:

### First 40 minutes:



State Team Round Robin:  
8 teams x 5 minutes each



### 3 Questions:

1. What was your State Team's greatest challenge?
2. What was your State Team's greatest success?
3. Where did your State Team's \$1200 go?

### Next 20 minutes:

State Team Awards

### Last 20 minutes:

**SURPRISE!!!**

**Joyce's Retirement Party**



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AGENDA:



# SURPRISE!!!



# Joyce's Retirement Celebration!





**Mountain States**  
REGIONAL GENETICS NETWORK  
MSRCN PRESENTS THIS AWARD :

# THE BRIGHT BUTTERFLY AWARD

TO JOYCE HOOKER FOR  
ALWAYS BRIGHTENING  
OUR DAYS WITH HER  
SMILE, INSIGHTS AND  
ENCOURAGEMENT.



*THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED ON THE MAY 6, 2021  
BY KATHY AND THE MSRCN MANAGEMENT TEAM*



MSRCN PRESENTS THIS AWARD:

# THE QUICK AS A FOX AWARD

TO JOYCE HOOKER FOR BEING QUICK TO  
PICK UP ON SUBTLE NUANCES THAT  
ESCAPE MANY OF US! SHE IS ALWAYS  
QUICK TO ADDRESS A CONCERN, A PIECE  
OF WISE ADVISE OR SHARE A WORD OF  
ENCOURAGEMENT.



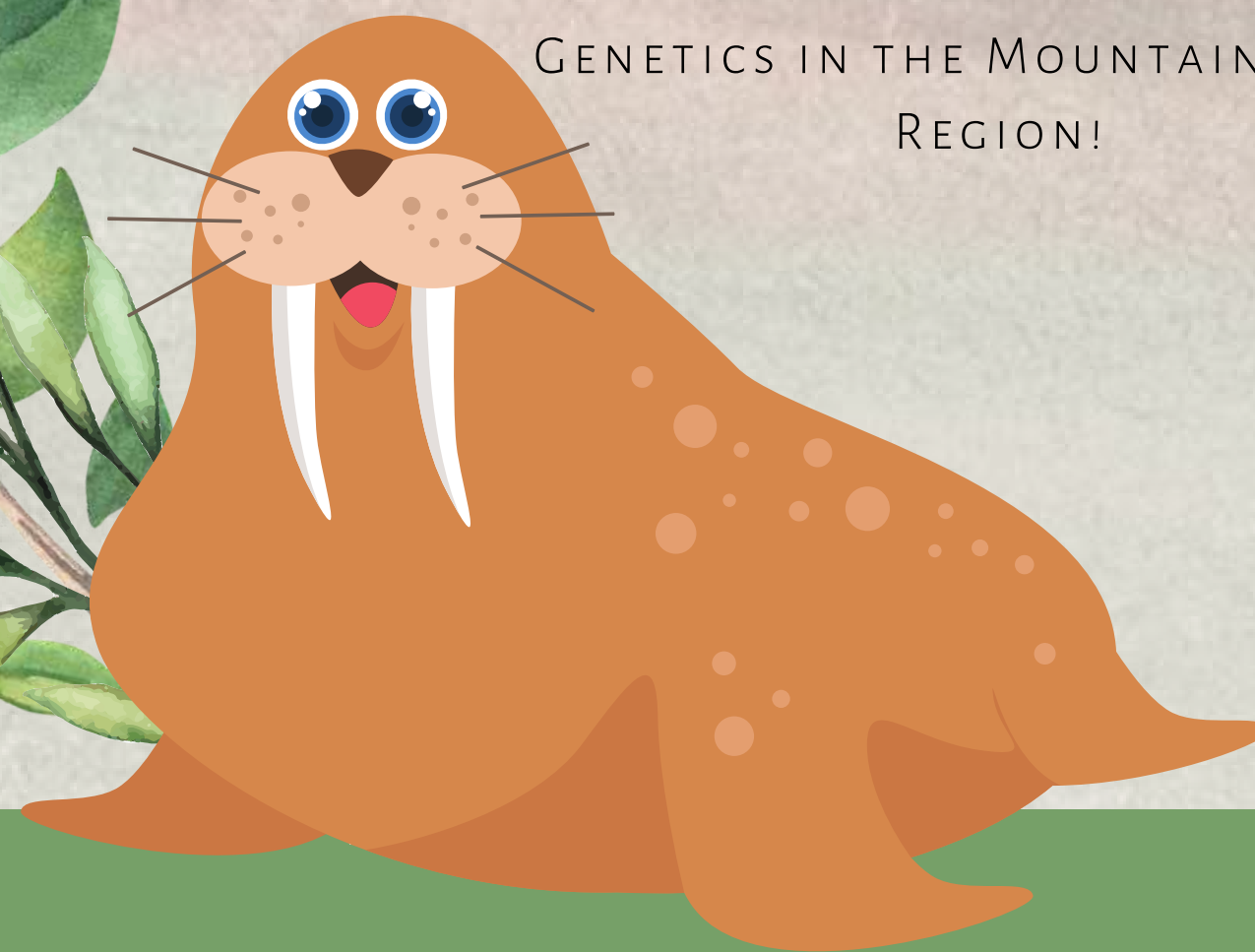
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BY JANET AND THE MSRCN MANAGEMENT TEAM



MSRGN PRESENTS THIS AWARD :

# THE WELCOMING WALRUS AWARD

TO JOYCE HOOKER FOR WELCOMING  
AND NETWORKING WITH ANY AND  
EVERYONE CONNECTED IN ANY WAY TO  
GENETICS IN THE MOUNTAIN STATES  
REGION!



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BY LIZA AND THE MSRGN MANAGEMENT TEAM



MSRGN PRESENTS THIS AWARD :

# THE DOG-GONE DOG AWARD

TO JOYCE HOOKER FOR HER LOVE  
FOR THE 4-LEGGED FURRY  
ANIMALS! WE APPRECIATE YOU  
JOYCE FOR LOVING MANY OF US  
2-LEGGED FURRY ANIMALS TOO!  
WE WILL MISS YOU WHEN YOU  
ARE DOG-GONE!



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MSRGN PRESENTS THIS AWARD :

# HORSING AROUND AWARD

TO JOYCE HOOKER FOR ALWAYS BEING  
READY FOR SOME FUN!

WHETHER IT IS VISITING THE MONUMENTS  
AFTER A NATIONAL MEETING IN DC OR A  
MARIACHI BAND AT DINNER AFTER AN  
MSRGN MEETING, JOYCE IS GAME!



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## Mountain States



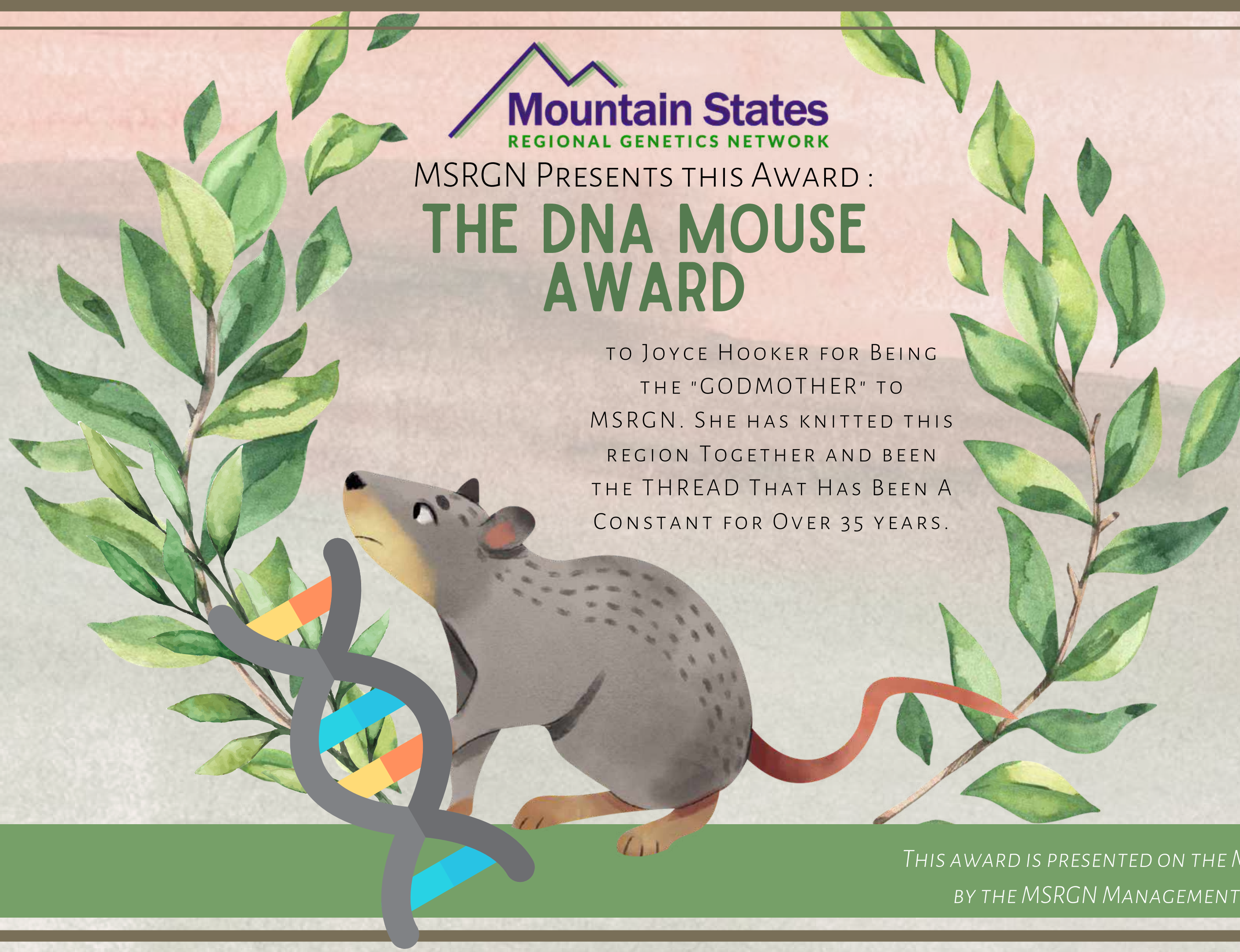
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MSRGN PRESENTS THIS AWARD:

# THE DNA MOUSE AWARD

TO JOYCE HOOKER FOR BEING  
THE "GODMOTHER" TO  
MSRGN. SHE HAS KNITTED THIS  
REGION TOGETHER AND BEEN  
THE THREAD THAT HAS BEEN A  
CONSTANT FOR OVER 35 YEARS.



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# Memories and Well Wishes for Joyce

Joyce, Lots of fond memories with you and best wishes for your well-earned retirement. Thanks for all your contributions.

Rani H Singh

Dear Joyce, I enjoyed working with you. I am glad you will be retiring and hopefully getting well deserved time! Thanks for all you have done for all those you served.

Very best wishes,

Sharon Terry

Genetic Alliance

Joyce Congratulations on 36 years!!  
I enjoyed the time I spent with you  
at the Network, wishing you  
happiness, health, and travel. If  
you and Dave make it to Lancaster,  
Wisconsin we for sure will have  
lunch. Best wishes always.

Rod



Joyce, one of the first people I met  
as a newbie to Mountain States,  
made me feel so welcomed.  
Through the many years, she's  
always been there....she will be  
greatly missed.

Kim Hart

I've only been involved with MSRGN for about 2 years. Since I've started, Joyce has been such a pleasant mentor and always full of "joy" during our meetings. She always remembered to ask about how my family is doing including our dog. It's clear that she has such a passion for helping and connecting people. She will surely be missed!!!

Hannah Barnhart

Joyce, I am so sorry to miss your party, but I can't thank you enough for all you have done for the region! I was there in Colorado at the very beginning so I know how committed you have been all these years. Best of luck to you!!!!

Joan Scott

Joyce, It has been a real pleasure to know and work with you these past 20 years. Wishing you the best in your retirement,

Nicola Longo

Hi Joyce -- Congratulations on your retirement! I am retiring as well this July from 29 years at the U of U. I hope you are excited as I am about new opportunities and adventures. It was such a great pleasure working with you in the past. Our friendship was a highlight of my association with the Mountain States. You were always professional, effective and caring of the people and the work. You made a tremendously valuable contribution to this important effort. Good luck and warmest regards!

Jeffrey Botkin

Joyce I'm in the middle of telegenetics training but I wanted to wish you the best as you open a new chapter in your life! Thanks for all you've done for the cause.....

Ed Kloza

Dear Joyce, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you for years and always appreciated your balanced and patient-centered comments and suggestions. I hope that you will continue to offer guidance and advise to the group as you have so much valuable experience. Please do not be a stranger and drop in on our meetings from time to time. I hope your next adventures are brilliant and joyful. You will be missed.

Hans Anderson

Joyce, we love you and you will be sooooo missed!  
Thank you for mentoring me over the years and  
letting me teach you how to use Facebook! But most  
of all thank you for your kindness, grace and wisdom  
and your willingness to include families in the  
genetics discussion.

Kristi Wees



Joyce, it has been such a pleasure working with you over the years! Mountain States will not be the same but I'm so happy for all the beach time (minus the seafood), card playing, dog & horse play you will finally get to enjoy! If you ever need someone to tag along to keep up with your purse or phone, I'm your girl! You will truly be missed.

All the best,

Stephanie Ondrias

Happy Retirement! And best wishes! Enjoy!!

Camille D Miller



Thank you Joyce for always being a ray of sunshine and your continued commitment to the families in Mountain States. We will miss you but also hope you enjoy retirement. Congrats on an exceptional career.

Natasha Bonhomme

Congratulations, Joyce! Thank you for the countless hours you have dedicated to the world of genetics! Enjoy this next chapter of your life!! You are most deserving of a great retirement!  
Take care,

Catherine Hafliger

Joyce, I hope you have a relaxing retirement. I wish I had the privilege to have met you sooner. You are such a lovely person. Best wishes,

Katie Seraji

Thank you for the incredible work over many years.  
You will be missed. Enjoy Advocate, Hawaii and San  
Diego.

Debbie Freedenberg



Joyce, It has been a pleasure working with you. It was always evident that you loved what your were doing. You have made a difference. Now go and dip your toes in the water and relax. Love ya! .

Katharine Levandowsky

It has been a pleasure meeting you and getting to know you over the last few months. Wishing you all the best.

Cathy Salazar

Oh Joyce, you've always been there supporting me since the start of my career. I have many, many memories of lots of laughs and wonderful conversations at meetings over the years. I wish you the very best in retirement. You deserve the many adventures ahead!

Erica Wright

Here's to a wonderful friend and colleague of many  
years. Enjoy every minute of your retirement. With  
love,

Celia Kaye



Thanks for all you have done! Very best wishes on  
new paths in retirement!

Laura Buckner

So many memories! One involves grocery carts . No further details are necessary. Thank you so much, Joyce, for inspiration and support for those working hard in medical genetics! Genetic education and literacy has never been more important. Enjoy your (final?) retirement.

Linda Beischel

Joyce!!! I hope you can spend more time in the Maritimes!!! You are an absolute gem and will be very missed in the NBS community...it's been a pleasure knowing you and I do hope I run into you sometime in NS. Cheers!

Ward Jacox

Joyce, Thank you for your leadership! I will miss your advice and positivity! I hope you enjoy your travels and retirement! Best Wishes, Fran

Fran Altmaier

Joyce, It has been a very long time since I have been with Arizona's Newborn Screening Program and interacted with you on a regular basis, but I still remember you and our interactions very fondly. I appreciate the help and guidance you provided (including your fondness of Spring Training games in AZ) and learned a lot at the Annual Meeting(s) in Denver, as well as enjoying them greatly. I do not know how many of us are still left from before the 21st Century began, but I do know you will be greatly missed!

Ruthann Smejkal

Joyce, you have been such an encouraging and positive influence for me and many others! Thank you!

Melissa Fox

As part of the heart and soul of genetics in the mountain region, your impact will continue long beyond your "official" time. Thank you so very much and God bless you!

Kathryn Hassell

Joyce, it was such a treat to meet you, get to work along side you and learn from you this spring. You have truly done so much for MSRGN and the genetics realm as a whole... Blessings and congrats on your retirement! :)

Mekayla Perkins

Oh, Joyce, I'm absolutely delighted for you!!  
Friend, role model, and kindred spirit describe  
what you are to me. Visiting you at your home  
in the north remains on my bucket list. I wish  
you only joy, peace, and love.

~Lori Dean

Joyce, It has been so wonderful working with you. You are an amazing person and will be missed. I wish you all the best in your retirement.

Yasmine Adem

Hey Joyce, although I have only known you for a very short time, I have been amazed by the grace you've used to work with each of the eight state teams. Moreover, I loved hearing your take on all of the work that you've put in to make MSRGN what it is today. I hope you have the happiest and relaxing of retirements! We will surely miss you!

Cody Price

Dear Joyce, it has been a pleasure working with you for all these years. Due to your skills at getting people to network, I have been a better genetic provider. Thank you for all your hard work, patience and laughter. You are not replaceable. Take care,

Karen Byrne-Essif

Joyce, Happy Retirement! I will so miss seeing you at MSRGN meetings as well as your participation on NCC calls. You have always provided such wonderful insights to our system that will sorely be missed. I hope you have exciting adventures in retirement and that our paths cross at some point in the future!

- Megan Lyon

Congratulations on your retirement, Joyce!  
Thank you for your decades of  
contributions to the care and well-being of  
our kids and families. BEST wishes for a  
new beginning that brings much  
fulfillment and contentment.

- Ivy Goldstein

Congratulations, Joyce! I still have wonderful memories of our times at the CORN meetings and collaboration with the other networks! Enjoy your retirement!

- Mary Rose Simpson

Joyce: oh-no. Is it time for me to consider retirement???? We will miss you and the MSRGN history you can provide! Do you want to join the NV team???

- Robbin Palmer

During the little time I have knowing you, I noticed you love what you do. I wish you have a happy retirement, you have worked fot it. Congrats!!!

Lourdes Torres

Joyce, you are always so upbeat and supportive and fun to be around. I'll miss you! Have a wonderful time with lots of freedom and fun on the horizon.

Heidi Wallis

I just wanted to share how bittersweet it is that Joyce is retiring with her. I'm sad to see her go, but excited she's able to travel without having to find a spotty Wifi connection! She really took me under her wing 13 years ago and helped me develop relationships in my region that have been essential to Wyoming's success. We'll miss her!

Carleigh Soule

I met Joyce at my first MSRGN meeting and clearly she was at the center of the action! She took the time to welcome and talk with me and I began to feel a part of this wonderful organization. Thank you Joyce for sharing your wisdom with all of us and working so hard to help children and their families find the pathway to care, resources and support.

You will be greatly missed.

Warm regards,

Susan Fernbach

Hi Joyce. We go back a number of years to the Genetics Advisory Board in Colorado. I always thought this was one of the most foresightful projects in my pediatric/ethics career. Thanks for your dedicated work! So happy to be associated with a real Canadian (being so close to one as a Wisconsinian from Green Bay). Enjoy your free time —maybe take up hockey!

Stefan



Congratulations Joyce on your retirement!! I have known Joyce since the 1990's when she welcomed me into the MSRGSN family and became a true friend. Ok, Joyce, you and Dave will have to come visit me in Wisconsin! best wishes always.

Your Friend,

Rod

Congratulations! You will be very missed! I will always remember meeting you as the face of public health genetics early in my training. Thank you for all you have contributed to the field, communities, families and patients. Best wishes on this next part of your journey. Please keep in touch!

Laura Pickler

Joyce: It has been terrific working with you over the last 35 years (even though I've been absent for the last 5 or so.) I appreciate all you have done for Mountain States. I think you held the group together in the early years. Your cheerful personality and sense of humor made everyone feel welcome. General Hooker would have been proud of you. I too will be retiring at the end of this year. Give me a break, I'll be 74.

Kirk Aleck

Dear Joyce,  
Congratulations on your upcoming Retirement! I'm so  
happy for you!

Thank you for introducing me and welcoming me to the  
Mountain States Team so many years ago.

I have learned so much and met so many wonderful  
people along the way!

Thank you for always helping me, greeting me with your  
beautiful smile, and sharing family pictures and stories!

May God bless you and your family!

Enjoy!!

Love,

Lori Wise



Dear Joyce – thank you for all the lives you have touched in a positive way over many years. And congratulations on the new adventures that lie ahead; may every new day bring you joy and fulfillment!

Warm regards,

Winton Wood

Dear Joyce,

I have the fondest memories of meeting you over the years in Washington, DC, to further the work on genetics.

I can't think of anyone else who had such a broad understanding. But just as important, I really valued our friendship. It bloomed walking around the monuments, visiting butterfly exhibits, talking about Eleanor Roosevelt, trying something new for dinner. You are curious and warm-hearted, and I was grateful to get to know you.

Karen Volle

Hi Joyce

I just wanted to CONGRATULATE you on your wonderful career and now on your retirement! We will certainly miss you!

I just wanted to thank you for welcoming and embracing me when I became Co-lead for NM. You are always so supportive and kind.

May the Lord bless you as you embark on this new adventure!!!

Sandy Whistler



