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The Volusia Flagler Association of Women Lawyers (VFAWL) holds regular monthly meetings. Traditionally during their May luncheon, the organization of approximately 70 members honors one member with the Woman of the Year Award. This year, the recognition was bestowed on attorney Julie Ozburn.

Ozburn is an attorney for both the Domestic Abuse Council and has her own private practice in which she specializes in family law and mediations. VFAWL member Jane Almy-Loewinger nominated Ozburn for her outstanding contributions to both the legal profession as well as to her commitment to the community as a whole.

Julie is an excellent attorney and mediator, but most of all, she is a good person and role model," Almy-Loewinger said. She shared that Ozburn received a certificate of Recognition for Distinguished Child Advocacy among several other commendations.

"I am extremely humbled by this award. I know the women who were recognized before me and I am grateful to be part of that group," Ozburn said when she accepted the plaque at the Halifax Yacht Club. She also talked about the value of VFAWL to the community the impact the organization makes.

During the same meeting, Almy-Loewinger presented Arnold Anderson with the Department of Children's and Family's a photo collage of the items that were collected over the past several months for the foster children served locally by DCF. The membership held a four month collection drive for under-garments for elementary school children.

According to Kayla Hathaway, an attorney with the State Attorney's office and on the communication committee for VFAWL, both men and women can be members of VFAWL. Members are comprised of anyone working in the legal profession, from court reporters, to law firm administrators, to attorneys and judges.

VFAWL was formed to promote the advancement of women in the legal profession, expand the leadership role of its members in the community at large, further the common interest of its members and to encourage camaraderie among its members and other professional women in Volusia and Flagler Counties.

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