



Marie Clinton Bruno will receive the Hubble Medal for her work with literacy during the 2009 Cherry Blossom Festival in Marshfield, MO.

BIO: Marie Clinton Bruno

Marie Bruno has served as executive director of Arkansas Literacy Councils (ALC) in Little Rock since July 2004. She previously worked as executive director of ALC from 1993 to 1998, and served as ALC's Administrative Assistant from 1990 to 1993. From 1998 until June 2004, she was communications manager for the Arkansas Department of Workforce Education.

A native of Fayetteville, AR, Marie graduated in 1981 from the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Broadcast Journalism with emphasis in Political Science.

Marie began a career in television as an intern for what is now KNWA-TV/24 (NBC) in Fayetteville while she was in college. She has ten years' experience in commercial and public television news and promotion at KNWA; KOTV/6 in Tulsa, Oklahoma (CBS); the Arkansas Educational Television Network in Conway, Arkansas; and KTHV-TV/11 (CBS) in Little Rock, Arkansas. It was her work at AETN that led her to a new career in nonprofit adult literacy.

Marie is married to Gio Bruno, communications/publication designer & art director for Arkansas Blue Cross/Blue Shield in Little Rock. Together, they have four children: Richard, 29, married to Mary Cross Bruno; Dominic, 24; Genny, 20; Jack, 18; and one granddaughter, Miss Tillet Starling Bruno, born October 31, 2008.

In addition to her work at the state level, Marie is also a member of the national ProLiteracy Public Policy Committee and the ProLiteracy Council of State Organizations. She has also been a volunteer tutor for Literacy Action of Central Arkansas in Little Rock. Marie is a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Little Rock where she also serves as treasurer of the Columbarium Board and as a singer in the Alto section of the St. Mark's choir. She is a volunteer for the Little Rock Marathon in media relations and for Alzheimer's Arkansas.

Marie is the daughter of Butch and Roy Clinton, Jr., of Fayetteville. Her grandfather, Roy Sr., is one of three older brothers of Roger Clinton, Sr., stepfather of President Bill Clinton. She became hooked on politics at age 14 when she volunteered evenings and weekends at her cousin's campaign headquarters in 1973-1974 during his race for Congress from Arkansas's Third Congressional District.

In the early stages of the campaign, Marie at times worked late after school organizing Mr. Clinton organize his card file of volunteers, potential donors, and other supporters. She considers her ability to decipher her cousin's handwriting a considerable skill. When they were finished, Mr. Clinton would take her home, giving her first-hand experience with his total lack of driving skills and getting him a seat at Butch's dinner table.

She has volunteered for her cousin in every campaign since that time except for the November 1990 general election for governor, when she took a break in advance of Jack's birth in January 1991. She is a

member of the "Arkansas Travelers" volunteers that campaigned for Mr. Clinton in both of his presidential elections and for Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's campaign for Secretary of State - all on their own time and expense. Marie's Traveler trips were to Northern Louisiana in October 1996 and to New Hampshire in January 2008. She is a founding volunteer for the Clinton Presidential Center in Little Rock, which opened in 2004. She is also a founding board member for the Virginia Clinton Kelley Festival for the Cure, which will enter its second year this October following the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in Little Rock. Proceeds from the festival are given to Mrs. Kelley's fellowship for research in breast cancer at the University of Arkansas at for Medical Sciences in Little Rock.

Marie cherishes her relationship with her cousin Bill and her entire Clinton family, which includes second and third cousins. She is still close to many friends she met and worked with over the years in his political campaigns and during his years in public office. She remembers the call from the Clinton Foundation in late 2005 asking her to represent President Clinton in Marshfield in April 2006. She is still thrilled and humbled to continue to represent him and her family in Marshfield as part of the annual Cherry Blossom Festival and the National First Families Library and Museum activities.