Riden Receives Honor



Queen for a Day: Tammy Riden takes in the moment with (L to R) Life Care President Beecher Hunter and her supervisor, Jeff Billings.

Tammy Riden, secretary in Legal and Risk Services reporting to Jeff Billings, was named Secretary of the Day (in effect, Secretary of the Year, since she will reign until next year's celebration) as part of Administrative Professionals Day at the corporate offices in Cleveland Wednesday morning.

When her selection was announced, she was escorted by the Life Care president down a red carpet to the front of the auditorium in the Professional Development Center, where she received a bouquet of roses, a tiara and a spa package.

In her nomination, Billings described Riden as one who has served Life Care faithfully for more than five years and has worked tirelessly to improve her writing and organizational skills. She "takes advantage of every professional development opportunity she can, and demonstrates great character in caring, not only for her own children, but for her young half-sister during a difficult time for the family."

When Riden's honor was announced, Billings said of her: "She is a great asset to the company. She's very organized and very supportive. I couldn't do without her. Tammy has a strong faith that has carried her through her life. Her cheerful and giving heart is reflected in the job she does each day. She not only attends to her own direct responsibilities but exemplifies the Life Care spirit by helping others in the department; whether it be simple administrative tasks to complicated legal matters, she is always there to help those who ask."

As she walked to the red carpet, Riden said to a friend and another secretary, "Am I still standing? Is this for real?"

Upon receipt of the roses and the tiara, she said to the audience, "I love this company – everything about it and everything it stands for. I love the way they treat us with respect; even as a secretary, you're important. People have shown me such kindness; I just want to give back. This award is a great honor."

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Speaker for the occasion was Donna Tyson, a nationally acclaimed motivational speaker. She is a former television and radio talk show host, successful business owner, community leader and mother of three grown children.

Administrative Professionals Day gives Life Care and other companies the opportunity to highlight and recognize excellent performers and the qualities of good secretaries, including integrity, encouragement, leadership, loyalty, professionalism, pride, connection and importance – which are characteristics we all should strive to emulate.

Congratulations to Tammy and all the secretaries who serve Life Care so faithfully.

- Beecher Hunter



Secretary of the Day Tammy Riden (L) and special guest speaker Donna Tyson (R)