

2024 Honorary Chairperson
Rosetta Schaffner

For over 30 years Rosetta was a part of DIFI and A World A'Fair. She started as a delegate for Germany and then served as an officer for many years in roles such as Secretary and President. Rosetta was the President at the time of her passing in May of 2022. She worked passionately and tirelessly at promoting inclusion, diversity, acceptance, and education of all the world's cultures. A World A'Fair weekend was her most enjoyable weekend of the year. She would be exhausted by the end of it but would say "I can't believe it is over already". For many she was the voice and face of A World A'Fair. You could hear her opening and closing the festival each day and making announcements over the loudspeaker. You would see her on stage cutting the ribbon and declaring the festival open on Friday and handing out Culture Awards on Saturday. She would be in the Show Manager's office answering questions from patrons and delegates alike. Many people, whom she would only see once a year at the festival, would come into the office, pull up a chair and catch up with her. Rosetta loved her A World A'Fair family so very much. She would be so proud of what the festival has become here at the Greene County Fairgrounds. The A World A'Fair continues to be a family event for Rosetta's family; her husband Henry runs the cash ticket sales office; son, Matt oversees the front and back door guards; daughter, Sarah, is First Vice-President of the festival; and granddaughter Jaislenn is in charge of the outside volunteers. So, this weekend, please eat your way around the world, see as many shows as you can, dance along on the Interactive Stage, take in all the cultural exhibits, and make some new friends from all over the world in Rosetta's memory.

