

CURRENTS

Fall 2006

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF HOPE, HUMANITY AND COMPASSION

Our Chapter celebrated its 100th Anniversary at a Centennial Celebration and Annual Meeting held at Tarrywile Mansion where the first meeting of the Danbury Branch of the American National Red Cross took place 100 years ago.

The evening's program included the induction of new Board members, acknowledgment of those who have completed their terms, and award recognition to individuals and businesses that donated support throughout our Chapters 17-town jurisdiction.

Clara Barton, portrayed by actress Karen Tracy, paid tribute to our rich local history after welcoming more than 100 guests to the event. It was only fitting that "the founder" of the Red Cross, Ms. Barton, presented recognition awards to award recipients.

Julie Reppenhagen, Chapter Manager, thanked and recognized C. Drew Morten who fulfilled his Chapter Chairman term. In his six years, Drew served as Board member and Chapter Chairman.

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Photo by Tom McNulty

Nikki Lynch and Liz Corrigan of the Brookfield High School Peer Counselors helped serve guests at the Chapter's Centennial Celebration and Annual Meeting held October 26th at Tarrywile Mansion.

Newly elected Chapter Chairman, C. Martin Medford, introduced first full term Board members Marianne Gaffey, Donna Pereira and Paul Schaffer. Clara Barton Society members, Robert Kaiden, Susan Medford and Drew Morten received recognition pins for their financial support.

Fundraising Award recipients were David George for his outstanding fundraising leadership, Martin Medford for the Westerners-Red Cross Golf Tournament, Patricia Sherry for her support of the New Milford Branch Breakfast, Dr. Rob Belden and Scott Mulhare for the Rotary-Red Cross Golf Tournament, Philip Farmer of Credit Resources for his continued support from the Lake Waramaug Triathlon.



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Members of the Connecticut Choral Society lead guests in singing *Happy Birthday* in honor of the Chapter's 100th Anniversary.

John Kaiser of WRKI Cumulus Media received an award for the Inaugural I-95 ESPN Golf Shootout and accepted on behalf of himself and Tom Principi. Richard Murray and Dave Dunleavy were on hand to accept awards for the Housatonic Valley Sports Organization Committee Half-Marathon & 5K.

Corporate Fundraising Awards were presented to Cartus (formerly Cendant Mobility), Dow Chemical and Boehringer Ingelheim Cares Foundation.

Outstanding Media Support Awards went to The News-Times, Yankee Pennysaver and WRKI Cumulus Media. Martin Bailey of The News-Times was presented with an Outstanding Media Marketing Award.

Angela Haselwood and Gene Newell of Brookfield High School accepted a Good Neighbor Award on behalf of the Peer Counselors for their volunteer and fund raising efforts. Mike Evans of Digital Video Productions, Lynne-Ann Hunt and Henry Edmonds of Dow Chemical, Melissa Marici of the Marketing House, Sarah Gallo Becker of Miracle Graphics, John and Andrea O'Connor (Sherman First Selectman), Frank Scahill of Frank IT Computer Consulting and Peggy Stewart of Western CT State University were all honored with Good Neighbor Awards for outstanding contributions and support of our Chapter.

The Red Cross Champion program acknowledges those who have raised \$1,000 or more in fundraising activities or services for our Chapter. Those honored with Champion loving cups were Michael Evans of Digital Video Productions who

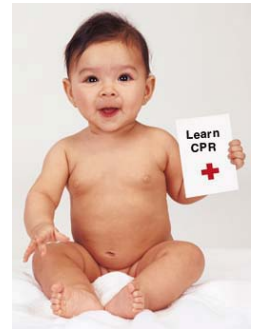
has volunteered his time and talent to create video presentations, over the last five years, with extraordinary stories of Red Cross Community Heroes celebrated at our Annual Breakfast. In honor of our 100th Anniversary, he also produced a documentary-style video of our Chapter's history, which was aired on Comcast and charter Cable television. Philip Farmer of Credit Resources was recognized for his contribution of nearly \$30,000 raised for the Red Cross from the Lake Waramaug Triathlon over the past six years. WRKI Cumulus Media was also recognized as a Red Cross Champion for their outstanding fundraising and media support of local Red Cross programs and services.

The evening closed with a rendition of "Happy Birthday" performed by the Connecticut Choral Society as students from Brookfield High School Peer Counselors, wearing vintage Red Cross uniforms, served birthday cake to our guests.

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Volunteer Recognition

Dow Chemical Company, Danbury
December 6, 2006

Connecticut Choral Society Concert

First Congregational Church, Danbury
December 9, 2006

Red & White Gala

Dinner Dance & Silent Auction
Amber Room
Colonnade, Danbury
March 10, 2007