



THE YMCA OF MEWSA
96th ANNUAL DINNER MEETING
THE PINES MANOR
MAY 4, 2016

96th ANNUAL DINNER PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies

Gary Ostermueller

Invocation

Rev. Ellen Clémot

Board Chair's Remarks

Bruce Peragallo

Presentation of Officers and Directors

George Trapp

DINNER

John Malinowski Award Recipients

Anthony Balistreri,
Child Care Services YMCA

Matthew Rapach,
South Amboy YMCA

Cory Matthew,
Edison YMCA

Kelsey Tonery,
Metuchen YMCA

Presented by Bruce Malinowski

Charles S. Edgar Memorial Award

Bill Lovett

Presented by Lorraine Mulligan

Peter J Barnes, Jr., Community Champion Award

Mickey Gross

Presented by Katie Barnes,
Wife of Hon. Peter J. Barnes, III

President's Message

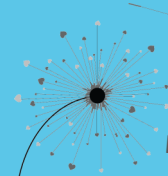
Rose Cushing

Benediction

Col. D.B. Kelly Pipes & Drums Band

Closing

Gary Ostermueller



Musical entertainment provided by faculty and student musicians of the Metuchen High School

Table décor crafted with care by YMCA Child Care students, please feel free to take the pieces to share with someone in need of a bit of joy.

**REPORT OF THE
BOARD GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

George Trapp
Chair

Retiring Directors

Ralph Steinhardt
25 Years of Service to the YMCA

Appointment of 2016-2017 Officers

Bruce Peragallo, Board Chair

Jan Grayzel, Vice Chair

Mike Lackland, Treasurer

George Trapp, Secretary

Lucinda Florio, Immediate Past Chair

Appointment to the Board of Directors

Class of 2019

Katie Barnes

Jay Elliott

Steve Epstein

Kathy Kovach



MALINOWSKI AWARD WINNERS

John G. Malinowski(1922-2016) was the general director of the (then) Metuchen YMCA, presently the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy, from 1980 until his retirement in 1988. His advice to the next generation is "leave yourself open to meeting new people and making new friends. You never know where your relationships will take you in your career." Mr. Mal was instrumental in spearheading the community efforts to assist those who found it financially challenging to enjoy a holiday. In retirement Mr. Mal continued to show his passion for the YMCA; most recently documenting the construction and opening of the South Amboy YMCA , in 2010, through his photographs. John Malinowski lived the core values of the YMCA- Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility. This award, in his name, ensures his attributes are recognized in the young workforce of the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy. The *2016 Malinowski Awards* are presented to the following staff members:

Anthony Balistreri *Child Care Services* Anthony exemplifies every aspect of the title "outstanding youth employee". He goes out of his way to interact with each & every child, lead the CATCH program, help the students with their homework, and keep all children healthy and safe. Most importantly, he is role model for the children he works with everyday.

Cory Matthew *Edison YMCA* Cory started working as a lifeguard three and a half years ago, over the years teaching youth enrichment classes and working in Edison's before and after school programs. Cory goes the extra mile to be a leader to children and staff.

Matthew Rapach *South Amboy YMCA* Matt began as swim instructor and has worked as a lifeguard, deck supervisor and swim team coach. Matt is always willing to step up; he offered to be the instructor for youth soccer, and was ready to run the class if anyone signed up. His co-workers look to him for advice; he is frequently requested by parents for private swim lessons. Matt has made a big impact on our young swimmers on the swim team.

Kelsey Tonery *Metuchen YMCA* Having grown up at the Y as a member of the swim team and former Oakcrest camper, Kelsey now coaches our youngest swimmers with the same enthusiasm as she once experienced. Her love for kids and her passion for swimming has made her an admired coach by both parents and swimmers. In addition to coaching, Kelsey works as a swim instructor and lifeguard while balancing the demands of a full time college schedule. Kelsey is highly regarded by her co-workers and plans to coach at the Y as long as she can to give kids the same experience that she once enjoyed.

THE CHARLES S. EDGAR MEMORIAL AWARD

The Edgar Family were farmers in Middlesex County, near the town of Metuchen. After discovering clay on the farm in 1870, Charles S. Edgar with his two brothers, formed the Edgar Brothers Clay Co. and began to mine it during the winter months when there were no crops to tend.

Edgar Brothers Clay Co. grew to become what is known today as Edgar Minerals Inc. Charles S. Edgar was an active member of the community and a strong supporter of the YMCA. Upon his death, Charles S. Edgar endowed the YMCA with a sizable gift to continue the work of the YMCA in the community after his death. The Charles S. Edgar Award was established in 1989 to honor Mr. Edgar's legacy of volunteerism and philanthropy.



This year we honor **William "Bill" Lovett** with the *Charles S. Edgar Memorial Award* for his outstanding work with the YMCA and our community. Bill is the currently the Executive Director of The New Jersey Alliance for YMCA's, Prior to this position, Bill was the Chief Executive Officer of the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy from 1988 until his retirement in 2012. In addition to many successful projects to expand the reach of our YMCA, during his tenure Bill has played an important and active role in the National YMCA Movement having served on the YMCA of the USA Board of Directors

and President of the New Jersey Alliance of YMCA's. He positively impacted our community outside his role as CEO when he led a number of community initiatives including the establishment of wellness programs outside the walls of the YMCA buildings including the Student Fitness Center at Metuchen High School. He gave leadership to the community when establishing the Metuchen Freedom Plaza, a memorial to New Jersey residents who lost their lives on September 11th, 2001. He worked effortlessly with the Metuchen Board of Education to institute programs such as the Metuchen High School STAR Awards and Project Graduation. His collaborations with area churches included the organization of 6 child care programs; as well as the Martin Luther King Breakfast. This breakfast brought people together to celebrate the life of Dr. King and featured an essay contest for students focusing on civic responsibility. Bill was a member of the Livestrong/Lance Armstrong Foundation National Collaborative and Chairman of the Public Policy for the NJ Alliance of YMCA's and Chairman of the Garden State Executive Network. Bill is also State Program Director of the New Jersey Partnership for Healthy Kids funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and leads the New Jersey Healthy Communities Network.

THE PETER J. BARNES, JR COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARD

Peter J. Barnes, Jr. (born September 12, 1928 in East Providence, Rhode Island) is an American Democratic Party politician. He formerly served as Middlesex County Democratic Chair. From 1996 to 2007 he served in New Jersey's General Assembly where he represented the 18th legislative district. In honor of Peter J. Barnes, Jr's legacy of service and long standing support of the work of the YMCA, The Peter J. Barnes, Jr. Community Champion Award was established in 2005. Each year, this award honors an individual official who serves as an example for others of leadership, integrity and the four core values of the YMCA: caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.



This year **Michael "Mickey" Gross** is honored as the recipient of *The YMCA Peter J. Barnes Jr. Community Champion Award* for his outstanding leadership and contribution to the YMCA and to the community as a whole. Mickey Gross is currently the head of the Environmental Division of the Middlesex County Health Department, overseeing twenty-five municipalities. A resident of South Amboy for over 30 years, Mickey proudly serves as Chairman to the New Jersey Public Health Council (appointed by Governor Codey in 2005) and as a member of the New Jersey Hospital Planning Board. As a member of the Public Health Council, Mickey was the board

member who made a motion for stronger immunization reform for all children enrolled in school, which was approved and is a law in New Jersey today.

Mickey has been active in South Amboy since he and his wife Susan moved here in 1985. Some of the highlights of his volunteerism are assisting with South Amboy Little League; Vice President of the St. Mary's Athletic Association for seven years; Mickey and Sue both serve as Board Members of the Mavis Music Association of the Visually Impaired for over 20 years, which provides musical equipment and lessons to the blind who have a desire to learn how to play musical instruments; Board Member of the Frog Hollow Swim Club for over 15 years and served for one year as President, during his years at Frog Hollow, he chaired the 5 Mile and 5k runs throughout the streets of South Amboy and Sayreville, which raised funds for the South Amboy First Aid Squad and Fire Department; Mickey was a member of the South Amboy Zoning Board for numerous years before being voted "Councilman at Large" and for the last two years has held title as Council President; and countless fundraisers within South Amboy.

CHARLES S. EDGAR MEMORIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

1989	Martin Jessen	2002	Dr. Richard Neuberger
1990	Harry Russell	2003	Katherine Liseno
1991	Walton Zelle	2004	John Wiley, Jr.
1992	Walter Bradstreet	2005	Ralph Steinhardt
1993	John Cassell	2006	Ronald Grayzel
1994	Frederick Runyon	2007	Michael Patterson
1995	Donald Wernik	2008	Lucinda Florio
1996	Richard Hale	2009	Edward H. Perrone
1997	Robert Beringer	2010	David Belowich
1998	Deborah Hassert	2011	Gary Ostermueller
1999	Pamela Brown	2012	Dora Ramos
2000	Jack Belowich	2013	PSE&G
2001	Dr. William Ainslie	2014	Theodore and Sally Ayotte
		2015	Maria Tomaro

PETER J. BARNES, JR COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARD

2005	Peter J. Barnes, Jr.
2006	Barbara Buono
2007	Caroline Ehrlich
2008	Charles Tomaro
2009	Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr.
2010	David Crabiel (Posthumously)
2011	John T. O'Leary
2012	Thomas Vahalla
2013	Middlesex County Greenway Committee
2014	Peter J. Barnes, III

THE YMCA MISSION STATEMENT

Our YMCA is a charitable organization rooted in Judeo-Christian values. We are devoted to supporting individuals and families in their quest to realize their full potential through programs and services that foster youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.



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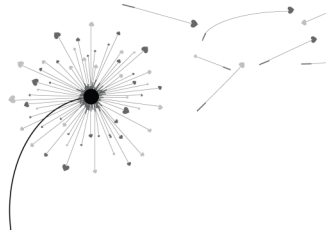


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