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EXCEPTIONAL GRADUATES



Carnegie Hero **Jenna Fanelli** displays the Hero Fund Commission honor cord that she will wear at her graduation this spring.

GRADUATING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT FIRST TO WEAR HERO FUND HONOR CORD

In the Hero Fund's Deed of Trust, Andrew Carnegie declared, "For exceptional children exceptional grants may be made for exceptional education." The members of the Commission are delighted to support recipients of the Carnegie Medal and qualifying dependents in their academic endeavors.

After a person is awarded the Carnegie Medal for risking their life to an extraordinary degree to save the life of another, the supportive presence of the Fund remains, including in the form of scholarship aid.

In an effort to highlight the successes of Carnegie heroes and their dependents, *imPULSE* will feature profiles on graduating scholarship recipients, beginning with Carnegie Hero Jenna Fanelli, who will graduate from The State University of New York Downstate Medical Center this spring. ▶ p.4



From left, Master of Ceremonies Scott Simon and Carnegie Hero #10001 **Jimmy Rhodes** applaud as **Vickie Tillman**, the 10,000th awardee, is presented the Carnegie Medal by the police officer she saved, **Billy Aime**. At right stands the roll of honor defined in the Hero Fund's founding deed of trust, which was also unveiled during the ceremony.

2018 in review: 71 awards made, more than \$845,000 given in grants

By Sybil P. Veeder, Chair, Executive Committee
Carnegie Hero Fund Commission

2018 was an eventful year for the Commission. The organization awarded and celebrated its 10,000th Carnegie Medal for heroism, and in honor of the occasion, the Commission unveiled at the same time a hand-drawn rendering of the Hero Fund's 1904 founding deed of trust, the final sentence of which reads:

"A finely-executed roll of the heroes and heroines will be kept displayed at the office in Pittsburgh."

The roll of honor which Carnegie decreed in his founding document was also unveiled, as part of celebrations of the Commission's work in honoring the more than 10,000 Carnegie heroes to date.

The Commission's 10,000th hero milestone came at an important moment. It coincided with a collective effort by Carnegie institutions, far and wide, to mark the enduring legacy of their common founder as we approach the 100th anniversary of Carnegie's death in 1919. ▶ p.2



BOARD NOTES

CARNEGIE HERO FUND STAYS TRUE
TO FOUNDER'S VALUES

By Mark Laskow, Chair
Carnegie Hero Fund Commission



Mark Laskow

"FIRST. To place those following peaceful vocations, who have been injured in heroic effort to save human life, in somewhat better positions pecuniarily than before, until again able to work."

That is plain enough, although you might be surprised that Carnegie put material support of heroes ahead of honorable recognition of the heroic act.

His concern for material support is reflected in his philanthropic outlook. Like many wealthy men, he maintained a private pension list, providing pensions to artists or other public servants who might have done well by their fellow man without creating retirement savings for themselves. In the most notable case, the Carnegie Corporation of New York announced in 1912, the year after its founding, that it would pay pensions to future ex-presidents of the United States and their unmarried widows, at least until Congress created an official pension for them. Closer to the Hero Fund, Carnegie provided for the families of two volunteers killed in rescue attempts at the Harwick, Pa., mine disaster. He created the Hero Fund that year.

The Deed of Trust also demonstrates a second Carnegie goal, public recognition of the heroes and their deeds. In the document, he created the Carnegie Medal and directed that each one recite the heroic deed of its recipient. Again, this was consistent with earlier philanthropic action. In 1886 Carnegie contributed to a monument for a 17-year old Scottish boy who drowned in a rescue attempt. He also publicly acclaimed the heroic acts of the Harwick Mine rescuers. Thus the Carnegie Medal publicly recognizes heroic acts and thanks the heroes and their families for the risks and sacrifices they undertook.

Finally, Andrew Carnegie's creation of the Hero Fund and the Carnegie Medal spoke to the world about the eternal importance of altruism and self-sacrifice to the operation of a productive society. As he said in the Deed of Trust,

"We live in a heroic age. Not seldom are we thrilled by deeds of heroism where men or women are" ► p.3

What was Andrew Carnegie up to when he created the Hero Fund in 1904? You might think the answer is obvious, but it's worth reconsidering from time to time.

To begin, the Deed of Trust that created the Hero Fund Carnegie stated this goal:

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2018 in review

In continuing our daily work, we draw constant inspiration from the reminders we receive, in many forms, of the impact of our work and of the heroic actions of those we honor. Connie and Kevin Schroepfer, parents of Carnegie Hero **Justin William Schroepfer**, who died attempting to save two 22-year-old girls from drowning in Lake Superior, passed along their thanks for Justin's award and recognition, along with this Bible verse (John 3:18), which has provided them comfort since Justin's passing: "Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other, let us really show it by our actions." They noted that 3:18 p.m. is the presumed time of Justin's death.

Awardees

Nominations of new cases numbered 616 during the year, and of the 76 submitted for review by the Committee, 71 were awarded, a decrease of six from the previous year. The total number of awardees throughout the life of the Hero Fund was 10,062 at years-end.

As usual, the awardees represented a broad geographical range in 2018, with the 66 U.S. heroes coming from 22 states and the five Canadians from three of the 13 provinces and territories. In the U.S., **Sean Zacharey Thayne** (12), followed by Pennsylvania (10) and Massachusetts (six). In Canada, British Columbia and Newfoundland claimed the most, two each, Nova Scotia had one. At 7% of the year's total, the ratio of Canadian heroes was similar to the historical rate of 7.7% over the life of the fund. The number of female awardees last year – 10, or 14% -- was higher than the historical rate of 8.9%. The ten posthumous cases in 2018 or 14.1% of the total, fell below the historical rate of 20.4% and constituted a decrease from 2017's 23.4%. All of the rescuer deaths associated with awarded cases 2018 resulted from drowning, including **Sean Zacharey Thayne**, who died attempting to save a 4-year-old girl and her mother who had entered the swift-flowing Provo River and were swept downstream, and **Jason A. Sigelow**, who died helping to save a 9-year-old boy who was carried into deep, rough water in Lake Ontario.

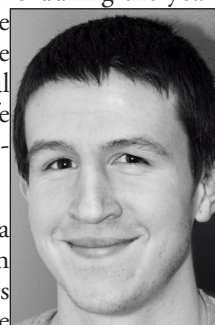
The youngest heroes were all 17: **Brent Rudy Edwards**, who rescued his 23-month-old nephew from a house fire in Philadelphia; **Marcus L. Eliason**, who saved a friend from a burning SUV in Flagstaff, Ariz.; and **Jay Agli**, who, despite not knowing how to swim, drowned trying to rescue his sister struggling in the Connecticut River. The oldest hero was 68-year-old **Ronald W. Manning**, of Bogalusa, La. Manning fully entered a burning sedan through an opening in its rear windshield to remove two women in the front seats. The ages of heroes in 2018 included four teens; 12 awardees in their



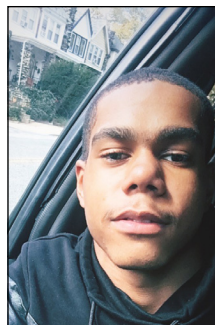
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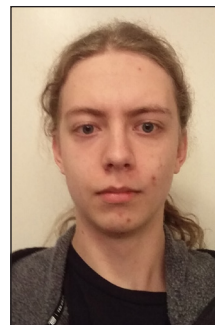
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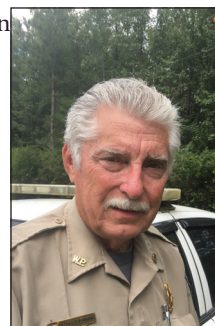
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Marcus L. Eliason



Jay Agli



Ronald W.
Manning

20s; 15 in their 30s; 17 in their 40s; 13 in their 50s; and 10 in their 60s.

By type of act, drowning and fire-related cases accounted for a combined 57 of the 71 awarded cases, or 80%. There were nine human assaults, three animal attacks, one elevation case, and one ice-related rescue. Of the human assault cases, several involved heroes who came to the rescue of police officers, including our 10,000th hero: **Vickie Tillman**, of Baton Rouge, La.

Tillman came upon a police officer struggling with a man he was arresting. Tillman grasped the assailant's hand and pulled it away from the officer's gun and held it behind his back. As the assailant and the officer continued to struggle, Tillman continued to impede the attack until other police officers arrived.

Grants

Each of the year's awardees received a one-time grant of \$5,000. Awardees are also eligible for scholarship assistance, defined as aid applied toward the academic costs of tuition, books, and fees. In 2018, \$231,897 was given in scholarship assistance by year's end. The students who receive the scholarship assistance are diverse and impressive, each a hero themselves or a dependent of a disabled or posthumous awardee. Regarding the beneficiaries, who are primarily the widows of posthumous awardees, \$259,000 was paid in 2018 in monthly installments that averaged \$396; the number of beneficiaries continued to decrease to 49 at year end, through death or other attrition, continuing a trend of the past several years. Each of the beneficiaries receives an annual review, and all changes in grants are reported to the Committee.

Outreach

Press coverage of heroic acts, awarding, and medal presentations was robust, and website and social media public engagement saw continued increases across the board. The June 2018 Power of One celebratory event, at which the Commission's 10,000th and 10,001st awards were presented, was a successful event which included heroes, partners including fellow Carnegie institution representatives, and current and former Commission board and staff. The event attracted significant media attention and featured NPR's Scott Simon as Master of Ceremonies and Pittsburgh's own Michael Keaton, renowned actor, as keynote speaker.

Personal medal presentations to awardees continued at a rigorous pace, with almost all receiving their Carnegie Medals from a Commission representative, public figure, volunteer presenter, or case principal.

Abroad

During 2018, grants were disbursed to the Italian fund in support of operations. Additional grants, provided by Carnegie Corporation, with a goal to support and maintain the vibrancy of Carnegie's European Hero Funds, supported travel of European representatives to Pittsburgh to join in the Power of One celebration as well as travel to a peace symposium hosted by the Peace Palace in The Hague in October. Both events were part of a series of events entitled "Forging the Future," intended to properly commemorate the anniversary of Carnegie's death in tribute to his lasting and widespread contributions to peace, heroism, literacy, and the arts, to name a few.

Organizational

No changes were made at board level during the year. At the staff level, Gloria Barber, long-time administrative assistant, retired. The full-time staff was joined by two college interns, who contributed admirably to the effort, with fresh eyes. One joined the staff as a full-time operations and outreach assistant in January 2019, and will serve as the Hero Fund's first archivist. This acknowledges the importance of our work, and helps to secure an accurate record of it for posterity.



Many thanks to the staff for their hard work, without which we would not have had such a productive and memorable year. ☼

Sybil P. Veeder, a member of the Commission since 1992, has chaired the Executive Committee since 2002.

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CARNEGIE HERO FUND STAYS TRUE TO FOUNDER'S VALUES

injured or lose their lives in attempting to preserve or rescue their fellows; such the heroes of civilization. The heroes of barbarism maimed or killed theirs."

These bold words seem directed to the wider world. Again, this concept had roots in Carnegie's philanthropy. The monument he helped erect in 1886 to the young Scottish rescuer bore these words from Carnegie himself:

"The true heroes of civilization are those alone who save or greatly serve [their fellows.]"

The line of Carnegie's thinking that lead to the Hero Fund was in development for at least 18 years. Also, if we look at the other organizations he created, we see that the Hero Fund is part of his effort to improve society across a broad front. Some of his work was in conceptual areas, such as the Carnegie Endowment for World Peace, the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs, and the Peace Palace at the Hague. The Hero Funds fit in this cluster of values-oriented activities. He also initiated major efforts in education and science to build infrastructure supporting a great and good society. Finally, he created what might be considered "guardian" organizations, the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Carnegie Trust for the United Kingdom and Scotland with wide-ranging powers to identify and address societal issues.

It is daunting to see the Hero Fund included in this phalanx of great and long-established intuitions, but included we are! But how are we doing, addressing Andrew Carnegie's three goals?

We seem to be better than ever at finding and recognizing heroic acts. We still use our traditional tools, such as newspaper clipping services, but have added online searches. We do worry that the decline in local news reporting will cause problems, but we are working on solutions. We also seem to be doing well at helping with the material needs of rescuers injured or killed in their efforts. Carnegie could not have anticipated how our society has developed a "social safety net," but we have adapted by focusing our resources to fill gaps and unforeseen needs.

Finally, we are working harder to spread the word that altruism is vigorously alive in the acts of our civilian heroes. As we have written before, we see altruism as part of the "glue" that holds a society together and helps make it great. We are putting new energy into traditional tools and combining these with new social media tools. Today, almost all our Carnegie Medals are presented in person, often by a public official. These presentations create separate news events, retelling the heroic acts, which then ripple across both traditional media and social media. Happily, no matter how "new" the media gets, it still responds to the wonderful stories of our Carnegie Heroes that so touch our hearts. They always have, and they always will. ☼



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GRADUATING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

In 2015, Fanelli was awarded the Carnegie Medal for helping save a 5-year-old boy from drowning in Yonkers, N.Y. She swam to the boy, wrapped her arm around his chest, and used her free arm to swim toward the bank against a swift tidal current that carried them farther up the river. Others helped in getting the uninjured boy out of the water. Fanelli was nearly exhausted and sustained some cuts to her feet, but she recovered. A man who also entered the water to save the boy died during his rescue attempt.

In May, Fanelli will graduate with her master's degree in occupational therapy. She will have achieved a 3.8 grade point average and maintained her spot on the dean's list every semester.

"The support the organization has provided has given me the opportunity to focus on school and excel in my program. It has removed the stress of financial struggle from my plate, which has been a blessing I will acknowledge for years to come," Fanelli wrote in an email to the Commission.

Deemed her proudest accomplishment, Fanelli was admitted to the highly competitive Specialization in Early Intervention program, which focuses on promoting and supporting the development of children, from infancy to age 3.

"This [experience] is so meaningful to me because I wholeheartedly believe that all children should have ample opportunities to live a productive and fulfilling life," she said.

During the past two and a half years she has busied herself with research projects, community work, and extracurricular activities. Fanelli helped run information sessions for future students interested in studying occupational therapy at The State University of New York Downstate Medical Center. During these sessions Fanelli said she advocates for the program, guiding potential students through the requirements and answering questions about the field.

"Providing applicants with a personal perspective about the program and the profession can have a genuine impact on the paths they chose to pursue," she said.

Her master's project focused on providing education on early intervention in various professional fields, which is currently lacking in New York City, she said.

Using Blackboard software, participants completed five sessions of an online module, as well as surveys before and after the experience.

In the community, Fanelli teaches life skills to patients at Clementine, a residential eating-disorder treatment center located in Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. She and a fellow student run weekly groups to help patients develop skills such as communication, positive use of social media, relationship building, personal hygiene, transitioning to college, and time management.

"After speaking with staff and clients at Clementine, life skills were identified to be the greatest area ► p.5

Andrew Carnegie's immigration story appears in essay compilation

The immigration story of Hero Fund founder Andrew Carnegie – as told by great-granddaughter and Commission member Linda T. Hills – is included in more than 70 essays about journeying to America in a book recently released by RosettaBooks.

Editors Andrew Tisch and Mary Skafidas, who heads investor relations and corporate communication for Loews Corporation, compiled the 72 essays about "immigration and American greatness" in *Journeys: An American Story*. Noted in the book's description, the book "celebrates the vastness and variety of immigration tales in America ... This is a collection of family lore, some that has been passed down through generations, and some that is being created right now."

In 2016, Tisch, co-chairman of the board of Loews Corporation, spoke at a swearing-in ceremony for 100 new citizens from 41 different countries held in the New-York Historical Society's auditorium. Tisch stated later that the ceremony made him consider how an individual's or family's arrival in the United States is a monumental event in that family's history.

What began in 1607 with the Jamestown settlement would eventually inspire individuals from all over the world to chase down the American dream. Although the archetypal desire of "the American dream" is often classified as the motivator for immigration, Tisch and Skafidas dug deeper to unearth the reason that desire was so fervent. They separated the narratives into categories and sorted them by the rationales for making the journey to America. Ten categories arose: the changers, lovers, originals, rescuers, seekers, strivers, survivors, trailblazers, undocumented, and institutions.

Among those chapters are essays written by MASH actor Alan Alda (lovers), Astoria-born singer Tony Bennett and U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (trailblazers), and the American Ballet Theatre (institutions).

Hills' essay (in the changers chapter) shares the story of Carnegie's immigration that took place nearly 170 years ago.

"In 1848 the most compelling reasons to immigrate were very similar to the way they are today," Hills wrote. Master weaver William Carnegie, Carnegie's father, could not find work when industrialization hit Dunfermline, Scotland.

So, to the West the Carnegie family of four journeyed, crossing the Atlantic Ocean and then traveling for three weeks up the Erie Canal through Buffalo, across Lake Erie to Cleveland, and up the Ohio River to Pittsburgh, where, Hills wrote, "Scottish friends and family awaited them."

Throughout the essay, Hills details Carnegie's work and philanthropic endeavors in America.

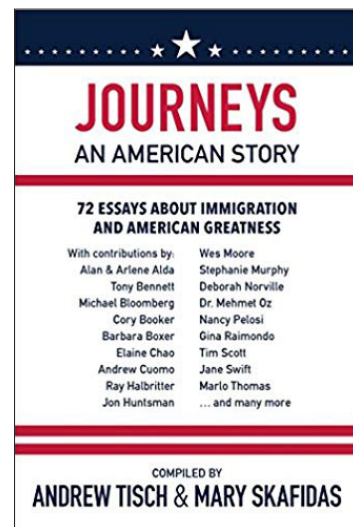
"From working with railroad sleeper cars, to building bridges, to eventually founding the largest steel company in the world, Carnegie was an exceptional individual," she wrote.

Carnegie established 24 philanthropic institutions, 22 which are still active today, including the Carnegie Hero Fund, founded to "celebrate the noblest behavior of which human beings may be capable," Hills quoted in the essay.

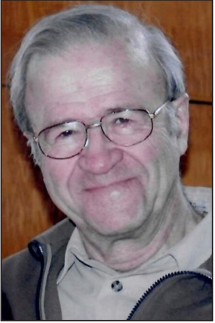
Hills concludes the essay with a hope for the future: "We are an open and welcoming people, and I hope that will never change," she wrote.

All profits from *Journeys: An American Story* will be donated to the New-York Historical Society and the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation. The book can be purchased at online book sellers. For more information, visit journeysanamericanstory.com

-- Lauryn Maykovich, intern



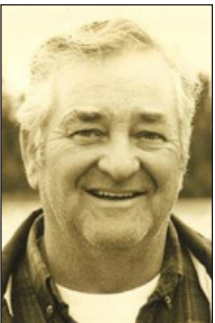
FRIENDS REMEMBERED



Jean B.J. Vautour

survived by his wife of 60 years, Ann Marie; three children; a grandson; and multiple siblings.

Jean B.J. Vautour, 85, of Ottawa, Ont., died Friday, Sep. 14, 2018. He was awarded the Carnegie Medal in 1964 for helping save two workmen from drowning in a hydroelectric channel. He submerged 4 feet and freed the first man's feet from the grating of a generator station and then re-submerged 16 feet below the surface and forced his body between the second man and the grating to overcome the immense water pressure. Vautour worked as a civil engineer and was a scout and venture leader for many years. He was a longstanding member of the Rotary International and was involved in fundraising for families in need. He was named Citizen of the Year for 1987. Vautour is



Vernon R. Hughes

enjoyed watching his children's and grandchildren's baseball and football games. In addition, he was an avid fisherman and hunter and a friend to all who knew him. He is survived by his wife, Mary; five children; numerous grandchildren; great grandchildren; and siblings.

Vernon R. Hughes, 83, of Yreka, Calif., died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2019. Vernon joined the Air Force in 1954 and served in Guam until 1957. He married in 1960 and made a home in Happy Camp, Calif. There, he co-owned and operated H&H Logging. He was awarded the Carnegie Medal in 1964 for rescuing a truck driver whose air brakes failed, resulting in a runaway in Blue Lake, Calif. Hughes increased the speed of his truck and moved ahead of the runaway. Using his mirrors to monitor the runaway, he then decreased his speed and allowed the vehicle to strike his own. Hughes carefully steered the vehicles to the guide rail. In 1975, Vernon moved his family to Yreka. He



Marion J. Wheeler, Jr.

Marion J. Wheeler, Jr., 67, of Gasden, Ala., died Friday, March 1, 2019. After rescuing a woman from assault in 1996, he was awarded the Carnegie Medal in 1997. Seated in his car in a church parking lot, Wheeler heard screaming and a gunshot followed by a woman fleeing her home and falling into the street. He ran to the woman and placed her between two cars then attempted to distract the assailant. Wheeler lunged at him and struggled while others joined to disarm and subdue the assailant. Wheeler retired from AT&T after 42 years of service. He was a member of Southside Baptist Church where he taught Sunday school. He is survived by his wife, Karen; four children; four grandchildren; and two brothers.

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of need and therefore became the primary focus of my project," Fanelli said.

In addition to her research projects, Fanelli said she stays busy as a substitute teacher and aide in the Pleasantville (N.Y.) School District, where she assists intellectually disabled children with daily activities, education, and vocational, social, and emotional skills. Fanelli also helps implement therapeutic coping skills, behavior plans, and academic modifications to better manage the students' education.

On the weekends, Fanelli works as a caregiver for an adult with autism and during the summer she teaches swim lessons to children. Both roles, she said, have given her invaluable experience she will rely on as an occupational therapist.

Fanelli's future goal is to work in the area of early intervention.

"As an occupational therapist working in early intervention, I will have the power to educate and support families of children with developmental, social, emotional, intellectual or physical delays and empower them to overcome challenges they may be facing," she said.

— Abby Brady, operations and outreach assistant



ATTENTION GRADUATING CHFC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Carnegie Hero Fund now provides honor cords representing the Tartan plaid of Andrew Carnegie. The tri-color cord of red, green, and gold also features a tassel tag engraved with "CARNEGIE HERO." Contingent upon individual university policy, the honor cord can be worn at graduation. If you are a graduating scholarship recipient, please contact Operations and Outreach Assistant/Archivist Abby Brady (abby@carnegiehero.org) for more information.



ANNUAL REPORTS AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Hero Fund's most recent biennial report (2017-2018) is available online as a PDF.

The annual report contains the 148 heroic acts awarded during the past two years including the extraordinary actions of seven children and teens. Among those were **Kevin D. Little, Jr.**, 10, of Milwaukee, and **Sanford Harling III**, 12, of Norristown, Pa., who both died attempting to save family members from their burning homes.

For their efforts, each was awarded the Carnegie Medal. Accounts of the heroic actions of Kevin and Sanford appear alongside 146 other ordinary citizens from throughout the United States and Canada in the biennial report for 2017 and 2018.

"The Hero Fund publishes these reports periodically at Andrew Carnegie's direction," Commission Chair Mark Laskow says in the report's preface. "We hope that as you review those acts, you will feel how momentous each of these events was to both rescuer and victim. Our goal is to share these stories and the sense of their importance both with you and the wider world."

To date, the Hero Fund has considered more than 90,000 heroic acts for awarding and by the end of 2018, 10,062 were selected for recognition. Carnegie Hero Vickie Tillman, #10000, was named in March 2018 and presented the Carnegie Medal at a Pittsburgh gala the following June. Historically, 20 percent of the awards were to those who lost their lives in rescue attempts, exemplifying the scripture that appears on every medal: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).

In addition to the medal, each of the heroes or their survivors received a financial grant and became eligible for other benefits from the Hero Fund, including scholarship aid, ongoing assistance, and death benefits. More than \$40.5 million in such grants has been awarded by the Commission since its inception, in keeping with Carnegie's wish that if the hero is injured in his bold attempt to serve or save his fellows, he and those dependent upon him should not suffer pecuniarily.

The report is available online (carnegiehero.org/annual-reports/) or by contacting the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission.



A screenshot from a recording of historian David Nasaw's lecture on Andrew Carnegie's work on ending war worldwide. Nasaw spoke Sept. 24, 2018, at the Carnegie PeaceBuilding Conversations, a three-day program held at the Peace Palace in The Hague.

Historian David Nasaw speaks of Carnegie's dreams of peace at Hague event

The Carnegie PeaceBuilding Conversations, a three-day program presented by Carnegie institutions worldwide and their partners, was held Sept. 24, 2018, at the Peace Palace in The Hague. Among the event's roster of speakers, Carnegie biographer David Nasaw examined Carnegie's efforts to build worldwide peace. Here are excerpts from his remarks:

We are here today because of a funny-looking little Scotsman, who, in his high-heeled boots stood no more than 5 feet tall, a strange-looking gnome of a man who resembled Santa Claus in a top hat or a miniaturized Karl Marx.

We are here today because that little man believed in evolution, in reason, in humanity ... because that little man had a big voice and the money to make himself heard and be taken account of, that little man dedicated himself and a good part of his fortune, his welfare, his health, and his reputation to campaigning for peace. We are here today to celebrate, learn from, and carry on the legacy of [Andrew Carnegie].

Andrew Carnegie knew that the laws of evolutionary progress guide change over time, that history has both purpose and direction, that the world was getting more prosperous, more civilized, [and] more humane. The age of barbarism had been marked by savagery, the inability of men to settle disputes other than through violence, the organized killing of innocent men by innocent men. The age of civilization would, on the contrary, be marked by the replacement of violence with reason in the settling of domestic, personal, and international disputes.

"You will find the world much better than your forefathers did," Carnegie declared in his second rectorial address to the students of St. Andrews, delivered just five years into the new century. "There is profound satisfaction in this, that all grows better; but ... There still remains the foulest blot that has ever disgraced the earth, the killing of civilized men by men like wild beasts as a permissible mode of settling international disputes."

Carnegie was not alone in campaigning for peace. The first half of the 19th century, in the U.S. and Britain and on the continent, witnessed the proliferation of local, regional, and national peace and arbitration societies, congresses, and campaigns. Peace, disarmament, and arbitration activists had come to believe that their cause was achievable.

The scaffolding for a new, civilized world order was already in place — here, at The Hague, where a Permanent Court of Arbitration had been established at the international conference in 1899, called by Czar Nicholas II, and attended by the representatives of 27 nations.

To celebrate the dawn of this new era, Carnegie, in April 1903, committed \$1.5 million (about \$43 million today) for the erection of a Peace Palace to house the Permanent Court of Arbitration and a library. Mankind was now set on the path to peace ►

— and progress along it appeared inexorable.

In October 1904, U.S. Secretary of State Hay issued a call for a second peace conference at The Hague.

In June 1905 Japan and Russia ceased hostilities and agreed to negotiate peace terms, with President Teddy Roosevelt as arbitrator, in Portsmouth, N.H.

Carnegie, buoyed by events, stepped up his personal and now full-time campaign for peace. In October 1905, in his second rectorial address at St. Andrews, he delivered an overly long treatise on the history of peace activism, on the folly, the madness, the immorality, the inhumanity of war, and the need to eliminate it from the face of the earth through “Peaceful Arbitration.”

“Most of the monuments in the world,” Carnegie had discovered, to his dismay, were “to somebody who has killed a lot of his fellowmen.” That was not heroism. His Hero Fund would call attention to, recognize, and reward the true heroes of the world.

With every utterance, Carnegie made new enemies and enflamed old ones. Carnegie was undeterred by the criticisms, by the caricatures, by the insults to his manhood. What worried him was that, while mankind appeared to be progressing toward peace, there were fearful signs of war on the horizon. Though Carnegie Steel was making a fortune outfitting new battleships with steel armor, Carnegie insisted that armor was for defensive, not offensive, purposes. And, to his partners’ dismay, he campaigned for an end to this arms race.

The second Hague conference saw little accomplished on naval disarmament, compulsory arbitration, a League of Peace, or the organization of an international police force, which neither deterred nor discouraged Carnegie. More nations had participated in 1907 than in 1899 and the conference had adjourned with a resolution to meet again, though no date was set for a third conference.

Despite the failures of the second Hague conference, Carnegie remained confident that his peace-building goals would come to pass, but perhaps not just yet. Carnegie would succeed where the second Hauge conferece had failed, through the power of personal diplomacy. He had already established connections with the leaders of the U.S. and the U.K., and lesser but still friendly personal relationships with the leaders of France and Italy. He had failed, however, to make any headway with Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany. But he did not despair. He would enlist as his surrogate peacemaker a man who would have no trouble gaining an audience with and sitting down with the kaiser. Theodore Roosevelt would be his representative.

In April 1910 Roosevelt arrived in Europe and was greeted like a conquering hero in Paris, then in Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark, and Norway. Carnegie’s plan was that Roosevelt meet with Kaiser Wilhelm II in Berlin. But Roosevelt had no intention of doing his bidding.

Carnegie’s plans had fallen flat, but he did not give up hope. Instead he shifted his focus from Europe to Washington, where he intended, under the leadership of President William Howard Taft, to secure passage of a meaningful, near-compulsory, bilateral treaty of arbitration between the U.S. and Britain, after which similar treaties would be negotiated with France, Germany, Russia, Italy, and Japan, culminating in the creation of a functioning League of Peace.

To help Taft get his proposal through the Senate, Carnegie organized and donated \$10 million dollars to establish his “peace trust,” the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Taft’s treaties ran into trouble almost immediately. Teddy Roosevelt declared that the nation that pledged to arbitrate its differences would end up dishonored and impotent. To fight back, Carnegie took \$10,000 of his own money to pay for clergymen to travel to Washington and lobby their senators. Again, his efforts came up short and Taft’s arbitration treaty bill was eviscerated by amendments.

Carnegie failed to recognize the frightening insularity of America’s leaders. He had ► p.8

“We are here today because that little man believed in evolution, in reason, in humanity ... We are here today to celebrate, learn from, and carry on the legacy of Andrew Carnegie.”



GRAVEMARKERS AVAILABLE TO FAMILIES OF DECEASED AWARDEES

To further honor those who have been awarded the Carnegie Medal, the Hero Fund is pleased to offer at no cost a bronze grave marker to the families of deceased awardees.

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LOUIS A. BAUMANN, JR., Wilkensburg, Pennsylvania

Louis A. Baumann, Jr., died of cancer from drowning, near Wilkensburg, Pennsylvania, July 17, 1904. Louis, 17, laborer, died in Solihull Pond, in water 10 feet deep, and, after three attempts, resuscitated Charles, 16, who was near by.

Obituary: Louis A. Baumann, Jr., was born in Wilkensburg, Pa. He was the first of four children. His father was a millwright and his mother a housewife. Baumann had eight siblings: four brothers and four sisters. After operating a taxi service in Wilkensburg, Pa., he and three brothers became automobile dealers. In 1917, Baumann Chevrolet was established in Wilkensburg. Subsequently, both Buick and Pontiac automobiles dealerships were also started by the brothers. Although Baumann died in 1925, his brothers remained successful in the automobile business in the Pittsburgh area for over 50 years until their retirement. Baumann was the first awardee of the Carnegie Medal, which was awarded to him on July 17, 1904, rescuer of a friend from drowning in a lake pond. Baumann was married to Gertrude N. Baumann, one Smith. He and his wife had one child, a son named James David Baumann. From July 14, 1904, Baumann was buried in Hillside Cemetery, Pittsburgh, where a bronze replica of the Carnegie Medal marks his grave. (Excerpt from an obituary provided by a family member.)



OBITUARIES SOUGHT TO COMPLETE HERO FUND’S HISTORICAL RECORD OF AWARDEES

Written accounts of the awardee’s life, such as contained in an obituary, are sought for addition to the awardee’s page on the Commission’s website. Please send to Case Investigator Chris Foreman at chris@carnegiehero.org.



OVERHEARD

He was always thinking of somebody else. He was a hero in life, and he was a hero in death. —Friend of **Thomas M. Petruszak**, Carnegie Hero #9979, awarded posthumously

I don't agree with people calling me a hero. It was just the right thing to do, and I like to think anybody would have helped.

—**Noah Hill King**, Carnegie Medal awardee #9980

What I picture as a hero is different. For me it's more of a neighborly thing and that's what happens when humanity kicks in.

—**James Edward Giles**, Carnegie Medal awardee #9982

One guy called me a hero. They probably do that to everyone who saves somebody.

—**John Gerard O'Rourke**, Carnegie Medal awardee #9993

It's hard to think of myself as a hero, I only did what needed to be done and what I hope anyone would have done.

—**Damian Languell**, Carnegie Medal awardee #10022

We're all supposed to help each other. That's why we're here.

—**Nicholas Anderson**, Carnegie Medal awardee #10070

You do the right thing. That's the way I was raised.

—**Wyatt Jordan**, Carnegie Medal awardee #10078

I wasn't screaming, I wasn't panicking, I wasn't scared. I was just asking for help, and that man saved my life.

—Five-year-old girl saved by **Arcangelo F. Liberatore**, Carnegie Medal awardee #10069

In my opinion he's a hero. It was selfless and there aren't many selfless people in the world.

—Reverend speaking of **Steven B. Wahler**, Carnegie Medal awardee #10063, who died rescuing a 12-year-old boy from drowning

He was a big hero in my life.

—Friend of **Frank Williams, Jr.**, Carnegie Medal awardee #10050

He's a tough, old bird.

—Spouse of **Michael James Jordan**, Carnegie Medal awardee #10077

The water was probably the coldest thing I ever felt hit my body.

—**David J. Connelly**, Carnegie Medal awardee #10073, who rescued a couple from a submerging vehicle

We all hear stories about people doing this sort of thing ... pulling people from burning cars ... from subway tracks before the train comes. I believe it is an instinct we have within us that we discover when tested by the right circumstances.

—**M. Ross Klun**, Carnegie Medal awardee #10027

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Historian David Nasaw speaks on peace

never paid much attention to public opinion, believing that he had the money and the skill to educate the public. It was a terrible mistake to build peace from the top down without simultaneously working from the bottom up. There was work to be done — then and now — in the United States. He did not do it, but we must.

The Hague conference had failed, Roosevelt's mission for peace had ended in failure, and Congress destroyed Taft's treaties of arbitrations. The arms race in Europe continued.

And still, the "Star-Spangled Scotsman," as he proudly called himself, refused to give up. In February 1914, Carnegie endowed a second agency, the Church Peace Union (known today as the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs) with \$2 million, with the understanding that it would take a more political role than the Endowment could.

And then, the unthinkable. The spark Carnegie had spent the last 20 years trying to extinguish took flame, and the nations of Europe resorted to violence to settle a local dispute between Austria and Serbia. He went to Washington, where he implored President Woodrow Wilson and the American government to do what it could to broker some sort of peace agreement. He failed, the war ground on, the killing accelerated.

Carnegie celebrated his 79th birthday in November 1914. In December he predicted that if a League of Peace were not established at the end of the war now raging, the vanquished would rise up again to renew the cycle of bloodshed.

In March 1915 he was asked in an interview with the *New York Times* if he had "lost faith in the peace impulse which centers at The Hague."

"Certainly not. I verily believe that in this war exists the most impressive, perhaps the only argument which could induce humanity to abate forever the curse of military preparation and the inevitably resultant woe of conflict ... This war staggers the imagination ... I do not underestimate its horror, but I hope, and I believe that this very horrible, newly barbaric excess will so revolt human nature against all things of the kind that the reaction will be great enough to carry us into the realms of reason. And the realms of reason are the realms of peace."

This was to be his last interview. He retreated into silence, stopped writing, seeing visitors, speaking, corresponding; he refused to read the newspapers. His friends were distraught, as, of course, was Louise, his wife, who did not recognize the once voluble, active, little man who could not stop talking. They were convinced he had suffered some sort of a nervous breakdown, brought about by his failure to do anything to stop the Great War. The supreme optimist had in the end been defeated by the reality of man's inhumanity to man. And had ceased to communicate with the world around him.

On Nov. 10, 1918, the day before the armistice was signed ending World War I, he took up pen again to write a last letter to Woodrow Wilson. "Now that the world war seems practically at an end I cannot refrain from sending you my heartfelt congratulations upon the great share you have had in bringing about its successful conclusion. The Palace of Peace at the Hague would, I think, be the fitting place for dispassionate discussion regarding the destiny of the conquered nations, and I hope your influence may be exerted in that direction."

We are here today because Andrew Carnegie remains with us in spirit. He was a man of the 19th century who hoped for better in the 20th century. We are now nearly two decades into the 21st. Let us pause — at this moment, in this grand Palace of Peace, and look back across the desolate dark century that has passed, the world wars, the genocides, the killing fields. Without forgetting the horrors of our recent past and the dismal failures to build a lasting peace, let us remember, celebrate, and build upon this little man's dreams. Let us renew, with him, our commitment to work towards a future when reason and humankind take the final step forward on the path from barbarism to civilization. ☼

To read David Nasaw's remarks in full, visit medalofphilanthropy.org/a-fool-for-peace/

“There was work to be done — then and now — in the United States. He did not do it, but we must.”

LATEST AWARDEES OF THE CARNEGIE MEDAL

Since the last issue of imPULSE, the following 19 individuals have each been awarded the Carnegie Medal, bringing the total number of recipients to 10,081 since the Hero Fund's inception in 1904. The latest awards, which were announced March 18, are detailed on the Commission's website at carnegiehero.org. The next announcement of awardees will be made in June.

Steven B. Wahler, 47, and **Bradley Eugene Murphy**, 21, both died during an Oct. 9, 2017, rescue in Gulf Shores, Ala. A 12-year-old boy was playing in rough surf in the Gulf of Mexico when a rip current carried him 100 feet from shore in water over his head. Waves up to 5 feet high were breaking close to shore when the boy's mother asked Wahler, an IT manager of Owensboro, Ky., and Murphy, a landscaper of Elberta, Ala., to help. With a boogie board, Wahler entered the water and swam to the boy, placing him on the board. Wahler began pushing the board toward shore, but a breaking wave separated the two, and Wahler was carried farther from shore. The boy's mother, also using a boogie board, reached her son and guided him back to shore. Murphy, who had also entered the water, swam toward Wahler and appeared to reach him before both men submerged. The boy was examined by medics but was not injured. Rescuers recovered Wahler and Murphy later, and they had drowned.



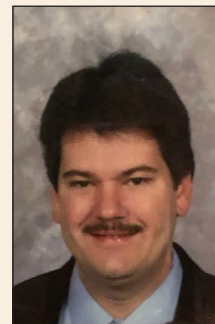
The last photo taken of Carnegie Hero **Malik Andre Williams** and his son, Jaden, fishing off a dock on the Mississippi River. Moments after this June 6, 2017, photo was taken by a passerby, Jaden fell into the water, and Williams died trying to rescue him.



Firefighters respond March 28, 2018, to the scene of a burning semi-tractor that had caught fire after an interstate highway accident. Carnegie Hero **Timothy Hunley** nearly entered the cab of the truck through its broken windshield and removed the passenger. Flames grew to engulf the cab and spread to nearby trees. The frame of the truck is visible in the background.

Malik Andre Williams, 25, of Galesburg, Ill., and 17-year-old **Van U. Thang**, of East Moline, Ill., rescued a 6-year-old boy who had fallen into the Mississippi River June 6, 2017, in Moline, Ill. Williams, a laborer, jumped feet first into the river after his son, Jaden, fell into water with a strong current. Williams submerged and resurfaced a few feet from Jaden and then floundered with Jaden near the dock, both submerging. Van, a high school student, arrived and, despite having limited swimming ability, waded and then swam 15 feet to Jaden, who had resurfaced. Van grasped Jaden's arm and towed him back to the bank where he handed him to his mother. Jaden swallowed water and was taken to the hospital and recovered. Jaden's father did not resurface and drowned. Van was not injured.

Forty-three-year-old film set painter **Timothy Hunley**, of Wilmington, N.C., was traveling March 29, 2018, on an interstate highway in Walterboro, S.C., when he witnessed an accident in which a semi-tractor that was towing a motorhome and trailer containing a vehicle and fuel containers left the highway and entered a wooded median, striking several trees and catching fire. Hunley ran to the scene and saw passenger Silvia Y. Valladares, 40, inside the cab. Despite flames burning at the truck's front end and inside the cab, Hunley stepped onto the wreckage, nearly entered the cab completely through the broken-out windshield, and grasped Valladares, hugging her to him. He backed from the truck pulling Valladares with him. As Hunley stepped down from the cab, he fell to the ground, landing on his back with Valladares on top of him. He then dragged her away from the truck, and others aided her to safety. Flames grew to engulf the cab and spread to the motorhome and trees surrounding the vehicle. The



Steven B. Wahler



Malik Andre Williams



Timothy Hunley



Kristian B. Harrison

driver of the truck died. Valladares required hospital treatment for her injuries, which included severe burns. Hunley suffered minor burns to his arms and recovered.

In the early morning of Nov. 24, 2017, **Kristian B. Harrison**, 47, a concrete finisher, responded barefoot to his neighbor's Dayton, Ky., burning house after being awakened by a man yelling for help. Despite seeing flames coming from inside the house, Harrison forced open the home's front



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door and entered the house. He went to his knees and crawled inside about 18 feet to a man, 29, who was unresponsive on the floor. As the ceiling above them burned, Harrison grasped the man by the ankles and dragged him while crawling backward to the front door, where others helped him move the man across the street. The man suffered severe burns; Harrison was not injured.

Off-duty police officer **Arcangelo F. Liberatore**, 31, of Hawthorne, N.Y., rescued a 5-year-old girl from an attacking coyote on April 29, 2018, in Thornwood, N.Y. Natalia K. Petrellese was playing in a park with her brother and mother when a rabid coyote approached them and bit Natalia's arm, latching onto it. The coyote dragged Natalia to the ground, where her mother attempted to fight it off. Liberatore was at the playground with his family when he heard screams. He ran to Natalia, grabbed the coyote, and pinned it to the ground. It released Natalia, whose mother took her to safety. Liberatore struggled to restrain the aggressive coyote, which attempted to bite him for several minutes. Police arrived and shot and killed the coyote. A bite wound to Natalia's arm required sutures. Liberatore sustained scratches to his hand. Both of them were treated for rabies and recovered.

Forty-five-year-old **Nicholas Anderson** saved five people from burning when he stopped at the scene of a May 26, 2017, accident in Willits, Calif. Six people were inside a pickup truck that collided with an SUV. Fire broke out at the front ends of both vehicles. With another man's help, Anderson, a San Francisco operations manager, pried open one of the truck's rear doors and freed a 7-year-old boy from his



*The burning pickup truck from which Carnegie Hero **Nicholas Anderson** saved five people May 26, 2017, in Willits, Calif. After the rescue, flames grew to engulf the truck.*

seat and removed a 22-month-old girl from her safety seat, handing her off to another person. As Anderson moved around the truck to reach the passenger side, he heard a man, 24, moaning from inside the covered bed. He reached through the cover's rear window and lifted the injured man through it, lowering him to the road. He then entered twice more to remove two women, 19 and 43, from the truck, as flames licked the front windshield. The fire rapidly spread and engulfed both vehicles; neither driver survived.

On Jan. 4, 2018, **Kali Allen**, 38, delivery truck driver of Broken Arrow, Okla., attempted to rescue 55-year-old Jeffrey K. McIlroy from drowning in Catoosa, Okla. McIlroy had fallen through ice into a deep pond. After being alerted by a woman, Allen ran to the pond, where he saw McIlroy partially submerged. Allen stepped onto the ice, but heard it cracking and backed away. He obtained a flotation device and then slid toward McIlroy. Seeing him completely submerge, Allen ran to the edge of the hole and entered the open water. He submerged attempting to find McIlroy but was unable to locate him. Allen resurfaced and

used the pool noodle to aid his floating because he could not lift himself out of the water. From a bank, responding firefighters tied multiple ropes together and tossed the extended line to Allen. Once Allen secured the line around his body, they pulled him onto the ice and to the bank. A diver later located McIlroy, who had drowned. Allen was treated at the hospital for hypothermia.

A 64-year-old retired teacher saved a woman from being struck by a train Oct. 10, 2017, in Brookhaven, N.Y. Janice C. Esposito, 43, was driving a van when it collided with another vehicle and came to rest straddling a nearby railroad track. **Peter C. Di Pinto, Sr.**, heard the crash from his nearby home and responded. He ran to the driver's door of the van, which was smashed and told a dazed Esposito that she needed to exit. Suddenly the crossing's gates descended and lights flashed warning them of the approaching commuter train, traveling at 65 m.p.h. Di Pinto ran to the passenger side of the van, opened the front, passenger door, reached in, and grasped Esposito. Di Pinto pulled her through the door and moved her off the track to ►



*Carnegie Hero **Kristian B. Harrison** entered this burning, Dayton, Ky., home and crawled to a 29-year-old man who was unconscious on the floor. As the ceiling above him burned, Harrison dragged the man from the house Nov. 24, 2017.*



Arcangelo F. Liberatore



Nicholas Anderson



Kali Allen



Peter C. Di Pinto, Sr.



LEFT: **Michael James Jordan**, right, holds up the pants that he was wearing when he and his son, **Wyatt Jordan**, left, saved a 24-year-old woman from burning in her pickup truck after a Nov. 14, 2017, accident in Killingly, Conn. Photo by Christine Dempsey, Hartford Courant. **RIGHT:** The charred remains of the pickup truck after the fire was extinguished. Photo courtesy of Connecticut State Police.

safety behind a signal box. The train, which had slightly slowed, struck the van about six seconds after Di Pinto had removed Esposito.

Thirty-year-old crane inspector of Providence Forge, Va., **David J. Connelly** rescued a couple in their 60s from drowning in a submerging vehicle on Dec. 22, 2016, in Doswell, Va. Brian D. Turner, 62, and his wife, Mary M. Turner, 60, were on an interstate highway, when an accident caused their vehicle to roll over a concrete barrier and fall into the Little River below. Connelly, who was driving nearby, ran down an embankment and, fully clothed, entered the river and swam to the vehicle. He pulled on the driver's door, forcing it open, and entered the sinking car. He unlatched Brian's seat belt, grasped him around his arms, and removed him from the vehicle. Connelly then reentered the vehicle and submerged to unlatch Mary's seat belt, and then grasped her around the arms and pulled her from the front, passenger seat. Holding to both the husband and wife, Connelly maneuvered them to the bank of the river. Brian

was treated for minor injuries and recovered. Mary suffered serious injuries in the accident. Connelly suffered cuts to his hands and recovered.

Sheriff's deputy **Charles Franklin Hoop** saved a 19-year-old man from falling off a bridge, 486 feet above the Snake River on Dec. 14, 2017, in Twin Falls, Idaho. Hoop, 40, of Wendell, Idaho, was dispatched to the scene, where a man, who was shouting incoherently, had positioned himself on the outside of the bridge's railing. Hoop approached the man from behind and stabilized himself by extending a leg through the vertical slats on the railing before lunging forward to bear-hug the man around his chest. The man released his grip and went limp forcing Hoop to support his full weight. Hoop held him against the railing and then pulled the man up and over the railing to the walkway. Hoop was not injured, and the sheriff later stated that by risking being pulled over the bridge himself, Hoop went above and beyond his call of duty.

After a Nov. 7, 2017, interstate accident in Louisville, Ky., 59-year-old Brad E. Vandeventer remained in the cabin of a semi-truck that had overturned onto its passenger side and slid into a retaining wall. Fire burned on the truck's undercarriage, at its front end, and on the road where leaked diesel fluid pooled. Forty-year-old off-duty police officer **Omar Lee**, of Louisville, and 42-year-old teacher **James Wyatt**, of Clarksville, Ind., went to the truck. Lee used his flashlight to strike the windshield, but he could not break it. After an air hose ruptured, flames intensified and they stepped back, but then returned to the truck. Lee used his handheld radio to break out a skylight window of the overturned truck. At the opening there, both Lee and Wyatt grasped Vandeventer and pulled him from the truck and carried him to safety. Flames grew to consume the truck, but Vandeventer was not burned.

Sterling, Conn., loggers **Michael James Jordan**, 47, and his son, **Wyatt Jordan**, 20, saved a 24-year-old woman who was trapped inside her burning pickup truck after a highway accident on Nov. 14, ►



David J. Connelly



Omar Lee



James Wyatt



The submerging SUV that fell into the Little River after an accident on a Doswell, Va., bridge. Carnegie Hero **David J. Connelly** entered the river from the bank and removed the driver and passenger.



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2017, in Killingly, Conn. Jordan ran to driver's side of the truck and attempted to open the door, but it was jammed. He grasped the door frame and pulled on it. His boot caught fire. He stamped his foot to put out the flames, and then Wyatt arrived at the truck to help, and they both pulled on the door frame until there was a gap large enough to remove the driver, Alicia E. Brunnett. Despite heavy smoke and intense heat, the rescuers reached through the gap, grasped Brunnett, and pulled her from the truck, while Jordan freed her legs from underneath the dashboard. Jordan's pant leg caught fire, and he smothered the flames. They moved her away from the truck. Brunnett was hospitalized for broken limbs and internal injuries sustained in the accident, but she was not burned. Jordan sustained a burn to his right shin, and he recovered.

Willowick (Ohio) police officers **Christopher M. Olup**, 34, and **Robert Prochazka**, 49, saved a man from a burning Willowick home April 5, 2016. The 54-year-old man, who had mobility issues, discovered a fire on the first floor of his house. The man crawled to a point at least 15 feet from the front door. Olup responded to the scene with Prochazka, and they entered the house, soon retreating after being overcome with smoke that made it difficult to see. While Prochazka went to his car to retrieve a flashlight, Olup re-entered the home crawling and called out for the man, who responded. Finding him, Olup grasped his wrist, rose to a crouching position, and dragged him toward the front door. Prochazka then re-entered, crawled until he located Olup, and then pulled Olup by the belt to the front door, while Olup continued to drag the man. At the doorway, a third officer arrived to assist in carrying the man

to the front lawn. Olup, Prochazka, and the man were treated at a hospital for smoke inhalation. They recovered.

County tax assessor **Christopher Schafer**, 42, of Hayti, S.D., helped save 16-year-old farmer Colt J. Brink from a burning semi-truck after an Aug. 17, 2017, accident in Blunt, S.D. Colt was semi-conscious and partly buried by wheat grain inside the cab of the tractor-trailer after it collided with a train at a crossing. Flames broke out in the truck's engine compartment, in the spilled grain, and among leaking diesel fuel from the truck. Schafer was driving nearby when he came upon the accident and went to the truck. He briefly fought flames with a fire extinguisher, but unable to squelch the flames, he then pulled on the driver's door of the cab. Another person joined him, and together they forced the door open. With flames issuing from the undercarriage threatening to breach the truck's fuel tanks, Schafer and another man extended themselves



Christopher M. Olup



Robert Prochazka



Christopher Schafer



*A bridge 486 feet above the Snake River near Twin Falls, Idaho. Carnegie Hero **Charles Franklin Hoop** saved a 19-year-old man who was trying to jump off the bridge to his death.*

into the cab and grasped Colt under the arms. They pulled him from the cab moments before the cab was fully engulfed in flames. Colt was hospitalized two weeks with injuries sustained in the accident, but he was not burned. He recovered. ☸



*LEFT: The scene of an Aug. 17, 2017, accident in which a semi-truck hauling grain collided with a train in Blunt, S.D. Carnegie Hero **Christopher Schafer** responded to the truck and removed the 16-year-old driver. RIGHT: The same photo enlarged, showing Schafer, carrying a fire extinguisher as he makes his way toward the driver.*

PRESENTING



LEFT: From left, Carnegie Hero Fund Commission President Eric P. Zahren speaks about the heroism of **Jennifer Lynn Dixon** and **Aaron Andrew Young**. Zahren presented the Carnegie Medal to them at a Feb. 28 ceremony held at the Lower Swatara fire hall in Middletown, Pa.

Dixon, 27, and Young, 39, rescued two teens who were trapped in an overturned, burning car in November 2016 in Middletown.

"Over 10,000 heroes later, we notice all the time that they're about as varied and different as 10,000 people can be," Zahren said. "The one thing that we see that is a very common, recurring thread is that they are humble. But it's important to all of us to hear their stories."

The parents of the teen boy that Dixon rescued attended the ceremony, along with Hero Fund case investigator Joe Mandak.

"Jennifer rescued our son, and we will be forever grateful to her and thankful for what she did. She gave us our son," said the boy's mother.

To see a video of the presentation, visit carnegiehero.org/cmp-dixon-young



ABOVE: In a surprise ceremony, from left, Francis X. Pisano, shakes the hand of Carnegie Hero **John E. Meffert**, while Janan Pisano looks on. Meffert attended a dinner party held Dec. 8 at the Pisanos's home in Coto de Caza, Calif.

Meffert pulled Francis Pisano from a burning airplane after it had crash-landed on an Irvine, Calif., freeway in June 2017. Despite flames several feet high on the wings, Meffert stepped onto the wing, partially entered the plane and freed Pisano's foot from the plane wreckage, before dragging him from the cockpit.

Pisano told case investigator Susan Rizza that he was pleased to collude with the Hero Fund to surprise Meffert with the Carnegie Medal presentation.

RIGHT: Carnegie Hero **Cregg Jerri**, center, holds an official Fresno, Calif., document proclaiming March 21 as the city's Cregg Jerri Day. His wife, Teri Jerri, left, and Fresno Mayor Lee Brand, right, stand beside him. Brand presented Jerri with the Carnegie Medal at a March 21 Fresno City Council meeting. Jerri was a customer at a Fresno coffeehouse on July 20, 2017, when a masked man armed with a hunting knife and a replica handgun demanded money from a barista. As Brand put it, Jerri "stood up for justice." Jerri struck the assailant with a chair, leading to a violent struggle in which the assailant stabbed Jerri in the neck. Jerri seized the knife from the assailant and stabbed him several times before they separated. The assailant fled, but police caught him soon after. "I'm glad there are heroes like Cregg who aren't afraid and do the right thing," Brand said. Jerri credited his wife and family for helping him handle the aftermath of the incident. "I did what I thought was the right thing to do," he said.



To see a video of the presentation, visit carnegiehero.org/cmp-jerri



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ABOVE: From right, Contra Costa County (Calif.) Fire Chief

To see a video of the presentation, visit carnegiehero.org/cmp-barnhouse

Jeff Carman, right, places a plastic fire hat on Alice, the daughter of Carnegie Hero **Samantha Olive Barnhouse** shortly after Carman and retired fire investigator Vic Massenkoff presented Barnhouse with the Carnegie Medal during a Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors Meeting March 12 in Martinez, Calif.

In February 2018, Barnhouse, 30, saved her 78-year-old neighbor from a burning house in Antioch, Calif. Barnhouse entered the apartment and found the man, who was sitting in a wheeled desk chair, unable to move. She pushed him through the house to the front door, where the chair became stuck. Barnhouse pulled on it, freeing it, and causing her and the man to fall outside beneath flames issuing through the doorway.

"I've had a job in public safety for 42 years, and never in my whole time have I seen a citizen exhibit such selfless bravery and true bravery as Mrs. Barnhouse did that day," Massenkoff said.

After accepting the award, Barnhouse took a few moments to reflect on her heroic act at the podium.

"Everybody's been asking me how do you feel about doing that. And my answer to that is I think that my whole life I've been fighting for my life due to medical issues," she said. "I think I have maybe a deeper understanding of how important life is, everybody's life, not just mine. Mine is not, you know, the only life out there worth fighting for."

Photo courtesy of Con Fire.



ABOVE: U.S. Rep. Jack Bergman, left, presents the Carnegie Medal to Deputy **Benjamin M. Hawkins** in a brief ceremony March 19 at the Kalkaska County (Mich.) Sheriff's Office. On Feb. 22, 2017, Hawkins and a former Kalkaska police officer, then-Sgt. **Blake Keith Huff**, both crawled across the floor of a burning home in Kalkaska and pulled a paraplegic woman to safety as they retreated. She died five days later from severe burns to half her body.

In a Facebook post, Bergman, who represents Michigan's first district, stated that he was proud to present the award to Hawkins.

"Thank you to Deputy Hawkins and all of the first district first responders for the great work that you do every day," Bergman stated.

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LEFT: U.S. Rep. Austin Scott, left, presents the Carnegie Medal to Amber Maynor, widow of Carnegie Hero **Bruce Maynor, Jr.**, while, from left, Maynor's surviving mother, Angela Smith, and daughters Morgan and Makayla Maynor look on. The posthumous ceremony was held March 19 at the Thomasville, Ga., Chamber of Commerce.

Maynor drowned in April 2017 while trying to rescue his 10-year-old godson from a current in dangerous surf off Eastpoint, Fla. The boy was playing in the Gulf of Mexico when a wave carried him away from shore to deeper water. He called for help. Maynor, 29, swam 75 feet to the boy. Reaching him, the two appeared to struggle and were carried farther from shore. Two others entered the water with a boogie board. Maynor pushed the boy toward shore, and one of the others grasped him and towed him to shore. The other man swam to Maynor and positioned him on the board, but the rough surf broke the board and separated the two. Maynor drowned.

"This award is something that will live on," Smith said to local reporters after the ceremony, according to a March 20 Thomasville Times Enterprise article.

Scott represents Georgia's eighth district.



LEFT: Carnegie heroes **Russell D. Phippen**, left, and **John Hazelrigg** pose for a photograph outside their Massachusetts State Police helicopter used in the rescue of a 24-year-old man clinging to a rock in the frigid Merrimack River in January 2018.

In a helicopter not designed or equipped for rescues, Phippen, 43, of North Billerica, Mass., and Hazelrigg, 52, of Lunenburg, Mass., were dispatched to illuminate the scene from above. When ground and water rescues failed, the helicopter team descended to the water level. Phippen, attached to the helicopter by a strap at an open door, positioned himself outside the cabin on a skid.

With the helicopter skimming the water, Phippen grasped the man's arm and pulled his upper body into the cabin. Unable to pull his entire body inside, Phippen held to him, and Hazelrigg flew to a nearby hospital.



LEFT: State police Col. Kerry Gilpin, right in both photos, presented Hazelrigg, left photo, and Phippen, right photo, with the Carnegie Medal at a private ceremony held on Feb. 14 at police headquarters in Framingham, Mass.

In February 2018 the men Hazelrigg and Phippen saved met them at the state police Air Wing base and thanked the troopers for saving his life.



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Carnegie Hero Fund President Eric P. Zahren presented **Brent Rudy Edwards**, center, with the Carnegie Medal at a March 1 ceremony at Philadelphia Fire Department's Engine 54 Fire Hall.

"It's a special thing that this young man did. He went into service when he didn't have to. It's a beautiful thing, and we're here to celebrate and honor that today," said Paul Grevy, captain of Philadelphia Fire Engine Company 54.

Pictured with Edwards are, from left, his parents, Brent Edwards and Rachel Noel; his aunt, Andrea Noel; and family friend Vicki Leach. In May 2017, 17-year-old Rudy re-entered his burning home to find his toddler nephew and bring him to safety.

"I did it basically because that's my nephew. I want to see him grow up and do something good in life," Edwards said after the ceremony.

To see a video of the presentation, visit carnegiehero.org/cmp-edwards



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From left, Oconto, Wis., City Administrator Sara Perrizo and Mayor Lloyd Heier congratulate **Eugene Stamsta** during the presentation of the Carnegie Medal during a city council meeting on March 12.

"It's an honor to give you something this special," Heier told Stamsta.

On July 18, 2017, Anne M. Nerenhausen, then 75, fell into the Oconto River while trying to jump onto an inner tube at the river bank near her Oconto home. Her neighbor, Stamsta, who was 65 at the time, heard calls for help and went to the scene. Although he removed his boots, Stamsta entered the river with a tool belt on. Stamsta swam to Nerenhausen and towed her back to the bank, where arriving firefighters helped to remove her from the water.

"I thank God for being able to save a loving person," Stamsta said. "My joy is seeing her wave to me from across the street. That's enough reward for me."



Carnegie Hero **David Duncan**, left, poses with Barnstable (Mass.) Police Officer James M. Melia after Melia presented him with the Carnegie Medal on March 13 at the Barnstable Police Department.

Duncan saved Melia from an Aug. 24, 2017, assault in Hyannis, Mass. Melia was struggling with a man on a sidewalk. When another man, armed with a knife approached the scuffle, Duncan, who was standing nearby, told the man to drop the knife, and then blocked the man's path to Melia. Using both hands, he grasped the man's hand and wrist, and they struggled. Duncan disarmed the man and threw the knife away from them. Other officers arrived shortly and arrested the assailants. Melia suffered a cut to his left hand and recovered; Duncan was not injured.

Photo courtesy of Barnstable Police Department.

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*The 12 men who were awarded Carnegie medals after working together to rescue mine mucker boss Gilbert Mosses who had become trapped in a rock chute. Pictured are, foreground, from left, **Edward M. Gladu**, **Alphonse F. Grotkowski**, **Carl A. Shelrud**, **Joseph Laurent Heroux**, and **Ian F. Stewart**; center row, **Andrew Burgess**, **Edward A. Lawrence**, **Dale R. Burgess**, and **Brian D. Martin**; back row, **John J. Voykin**, **Wayne R. Ritter**, and **Graham D. Bingham**.*

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS:

12 men awarded Carnegie Medals for mine rescue 50 years ago

This month marks the 50th anniversary of a Salmo mine accident and resulting acts of extraordinary heroism by 12 men, who were awarded the Carnegie Medal in 1972.

It is likely that Friday, April 18, 1969, began as any other day at the Jersey Mine Canex in Salmo, B.C. The morning hours passed fairly routinely for Gilbert Mosses, a 53-year-old mine mucker boss, who supervised men responsible for clearing the mine of debris from detonated blasting.

At 2 p.m. truck driver Jimmy Wiewior reported that 250 tons of lead and zinc rock was stuck in an ore pass that used two chutes – a 70-foot-long upper chute and a lower chute, 22 feet long, 8 feet wide, and set at a 30 degree angle – to transport debris from one area inside the mine to a lower area where it was then loaded into trucks for removal from the site.

In response, Mosses traveled through a tunnel to reach the junction of the two chutes, an area of open space several feet tall, while Wiewior left the area.

While Mosses attempted to dislodge the rock stuck in the upper chute using bulldozing and blasting, 50 tons of ore broke free and knocked Mosses into the lower chute head-first. Mosses came to rest lying on

his back. His head was about 8 feet from the bottom of the chute, and his feet were positioned farther up the chute. Rocks – ranging in size from particles to 3 feet in diameter – buried the majority of his body. Only his head, neck, and right arm were free.

Wiewior returned to the area and positioned his truck under the lower chute. He told mine bosses later that since he did not see Mosses, he assumed that the chutes had been repaired.

He climbed onto the chute platform to operate the controls, but he heard Mosses yelling from inside the chute. Wiewior ran 800 feet to a telephone and called mine shift boss **Andrew Burgess**, 63, who then notified others.

Within an hour, 50 people had gathered at the scene of the accident, including 38-year-old shift boss **Carl A. Shelrud**, 33-year-old mine manager **Edward A. Lawrence**, 33-year-old first-aid man **Joseph Laurent Heroux**, miners **Edward M. Gladu**, 36; **Brian D. Martin**, 21; **Alphonse F. Grotkowski**, 33; **John J. Voykin**, 37; **Wayne R. Ritter**, 32; **Graham D. Bingham**, 30; and 24-year-old nipper **Dale R. Burgess**. After inspection, it was decided it would be nearly impossible to remove the 50 tons of broken ore from the top of the chute containing Mosses. This left the rescue team in the dangerous position of approaching ►



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the trapped man from the bottom of the chute without disturbing the precariously positioned rocks above or below Mosses.

Several 1-foot-thick timbers made up a bulkhead at the bottom of the chute that was opened and closed hydraulically. With only their headlamps to illuminate the area, men used a chainsaw to cut through two timbers, until the saw broke on a large rock behind a timber. By then a 2-by-3-foot opening had been carved out of the bulkhead, and others worked to remove rocks at the opening. For the first time, the men were able to see Mosses.

The rescue team expressed worry about the tons of rock shifting and crushing Mosses as well as any rescuers inside the chute. Nevertheless, Shelrud and Andrew Burgess entered the opening and crawled to Mosses to check his condition. En route, they positioned wood against any rocks that appeared to be key in keeping the other rocks in place.

“There was a grave concern that Mosses may have been crushed by the debris. After several minutes, Mosses called out that none of the rocks had struck him.”

The pair exited the chute and reported that although his breathing was labored, Mosses was able to converse coherently. Then Lawrence, mine manager, entered the

chute with Andrew Burgess to observe the situation. He shared that he felt that the rocks were not very secure and expressed his concern for Mosses' condition.

Meanwhile, a 46-year-old local physician, **Ian F. Stewart**, had arrived on the scene. Stewart, along with first-aid attendant Heroux, entered the chute to examine Mosses. Stewart stated that although he was not critically injured, keeping him in that position for a prolonged period of time could result in fatal injury. Heroux re-entered the chute and fitted Mosses with an oxygen inhalator, which he could operate with his free hand.

While the men inside the lower chute assessed Mosses's condition, others went to the top of the chute and placed timbers across its opening to prevent the 200 tons of remaining ore in the upper chute from falling into the lower chute.

By 7 p.m., five hours after the accident, men outside the bottom of the chute started to use scaling bars to pull rocks through the opening of the bulkhead and into a truck, hoping to gain access to Mosses.

According to the Commission's investigative report, while the men removed rocks from the chute's lower end, "the rock movement was generally controlled but occasionally rocks rolled down at high speed and caused concern."

Although they maintained contact with Mosses by voice and he reported that he felt no major shifting of the rocks nearest him, he did begin to feel pain.

At 9 p.m., the timbers that were placed at the top of the lower chute broke and rocks from the upper chute slid into the figuring one.

"There was a grave concern that Mosses may have been crushed by the debris," the report stated, but "after several minutes, Mosses called out that none of the rocks had struck him."

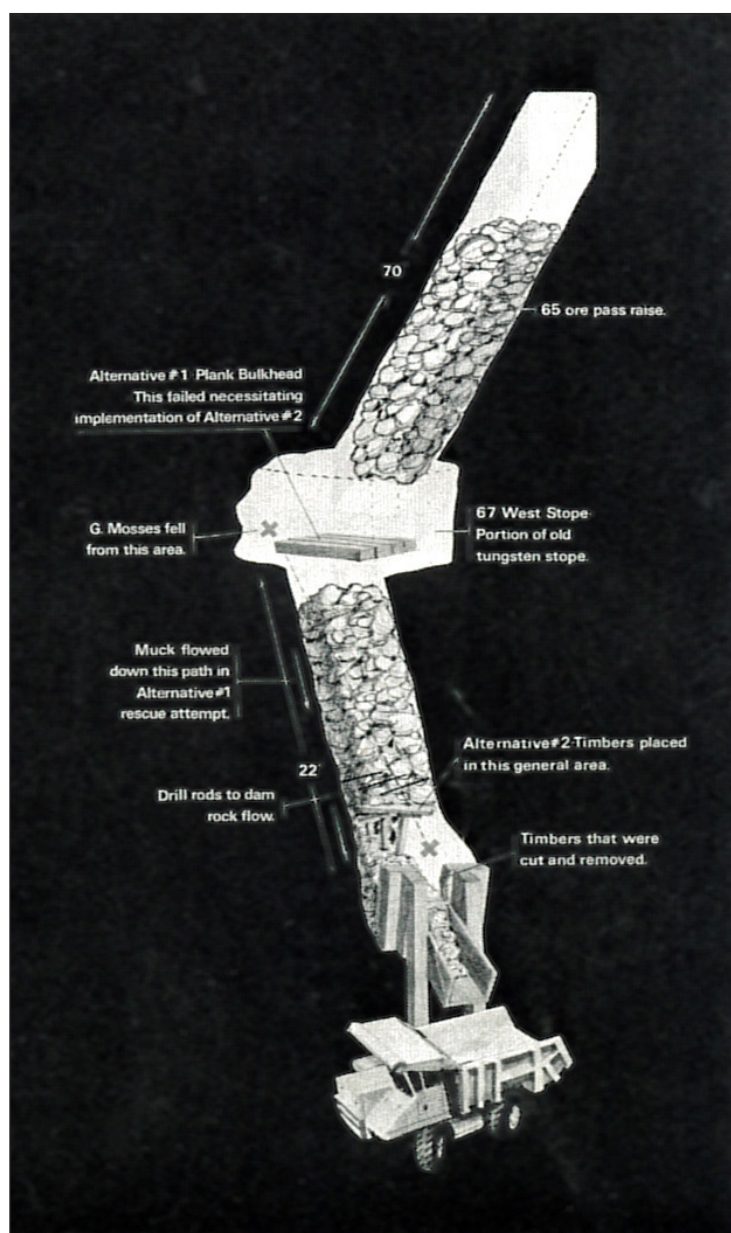
The men worked quickly then, entering the chute two at a time to

remove rocks and reach Mosses. Large timbers were passed into the chute to shore up rocks that could fall on Mosses and the volunteers working tirelessly to free him. Each team only stayed inside the chute for 10 minutes to minimize their chances of becoming trapped themselves.

By 10 p.m. Mosses had been uncovered to his knees. There, the men found a rock that could not be moved without disturbing the shoring of a larger rock just beyond Mosses. Several men took turns lying prone in a crawl space while chipping away at the rock attempting to free Mosses' feet.

Near 11:30 p.m., Mosses reported significant increase in pain, and the possibility of amputating Mosses feet as the only solution was discussed. Stewart reported that because of the confinement any amputation would have to be of the legs instead. The rescue team pleaded for more time before such a drastic measure was taken, the report stated.

After seeing little results with the continuation of chipping, a small



An illustration showing the nature of the rock chutes and the location of Gilbert Mosses. Twelve men were awarded Carnegie Medals for the hours-long removal of Mosses.

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drill was tried, but the men worried its vibrations would cause the remaining ore precariously positioned above Mosses to come crashing down.

Tension was high as the men continued to work in shifts, drilling, then checking and resetting the shoring that had been placed around the rocks above Mosses. This went on until 12:50 a.m. when Shelrud worked one of Mosses's ankles free.

Nearly 10 minutes later, he was completely removed from the chute, placed on a stretcher, and taken to a waiting ambulance. He was detained at the hospital for several months for treatment of shock, internal bleeding, and fractured ribs. He returned to work five months later.

A report by the mine company, Canadian Exploration Limited, stated that "this difficult and hazardous rescue was successful because of the efforts of many people," including those involved in an indirect way:

"In all about 50 people were available for innumerable 'errands,' cutting timbers, packing timber, packing drill steel and pipe, driving trucks. Guarding the top of the ore pass, obtaining engineering drawings, maintaining services such as telephone, compressed air, and power, and operating oxy-acetylene torches. Food and coffee was provided by a number of the ladies who live at the Mine Townsite. The R.C.M.P. at Salmo delivered spare oxygen bottles to the mine when the mine supply ran low. Many volunteers were available from the afternoon shift crew if we felt we needed them to replace anyone tiring from the long rescue," the report stated.

But it was 12 men who took on the extraordinary risk of entering the chute, where the rocks could settle and crush them. Shelrud was the first man to venture into the chute and continually returned to dig and drill throughout the rescue. Andrew Burgess entered next. The mine company's report stated that his "ability to lead and work with men was invaluable."

M. E. Crayston, a safety engineer for Canadian Exploration Limited, estimated that Shelrud and Andrew Burgess spent a total of three hours inside the chute.

He also estimated that miners Bingham, Gladu, Grotkowski, Martin, Ritter, and Voykin spent a total of two hours inside the chute. They, along with Dale Burgess, who spent one hour inside the chute, were credited in the mine company's accident report.

"They were all at risk of serious injury if a false move was made and it is to their credit that they all displayed exceptional coolness while working under extremely difficult and hazardous conditions," the report stated.

Finally, while Stewart and Heroux spent the least amount of time in the mine – 30 minutes – their participation in the rescue was integral and "required unusual courage because of [their] inexperience in an underground environment." They had not been trained in mine safety.

On May 3, 1972, the 12 men who entered the chute were awarded the Carnegie Medal for their heroism. ☼

-- Lauryn Maykovich, intern

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APRIL 18, 1969

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Gilbert Mosses went to investigate and was knocked into a chute along with 50 tons of ore.

Wiewior discovered Mosses in the chute and called for help.

3 p.m. 50 people had gathered at the scene to plan how to rescue Mosses.

Opening in lower chute's bottom bulkhead created.

First men entered chute to shore up rocks and check condition of Mosses.

Others placed timbers across top of lower chute to prevent other rocks from falling in.

7 p.m. Men started removing rocks from bottom of chute while maintaining voice contact with Mosses.

9 p.m. Timbers placed at top of lower chute broke, causing rocks to slide into lower chute. Mosses called out that none of the rocks had struck him.

Work quickened and intensified.

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Men begin lying in the chute to chip away at rock trapping Mosses.

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Drilling at rock and re-checking shoring begins.

APRIL 19, 1969

12:50 a.m. One man works one of Mosses' ankles free.

1 a.m. Mosses completely removed from chute. Rescue a success.

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Andrew Carnegie, center, in front of the Peace Palace in The Hague on its opening day in 1913.

It is my privilege to shake hands with those heroes ... and to present to them the awards of the Hero Fund, assuring them that the victories of war which involved the death of man sank into insignificance compared with their victory of Peace, saving men at the risk of their own lives.

— From Andrew Carnegie's address at the May 24, 1910, Annual Meeting of the Peace Society in London

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