

imPULSE

A Periodic Newsletter of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission ISSUE 28 • DECEMBER 2011



BULLFIGHTER

Timothy Lee Rostar of Alanson, Mich., was armed with only a shovel when he saved his neighbor from an attacking bull. The two-year-old, 1,800-pound Angus, below, pinned its owner, Robert G. Wiley, to a doorframe of Wiley's barn as he was moving it through a passageway. At the barn to visit, Rostar pulled the bull's ears to get it away from Wiley, but the bull kept its head against Wiley's chest, crushing him "like a battering ram," Wiley said. Rostar then picked up the shovel and struck the bull hard on its head with a point of the blade. The bull "kind of looked at me like I was next," Rostar said, and then left the barn. Wiley was hospitalized for treatment of broken ribs, a collapsed lung, and other injuries. He required surgery and physical therapy but recovered...and sold the bull, which is now living in Montana. Wiley nominated Rostar for the Carnegie Medal for saving his life,

and the award was announced in September. See pages 7-9 for details of Rostar's heroic act and the acts of the other 24 latest awardees of the medal.



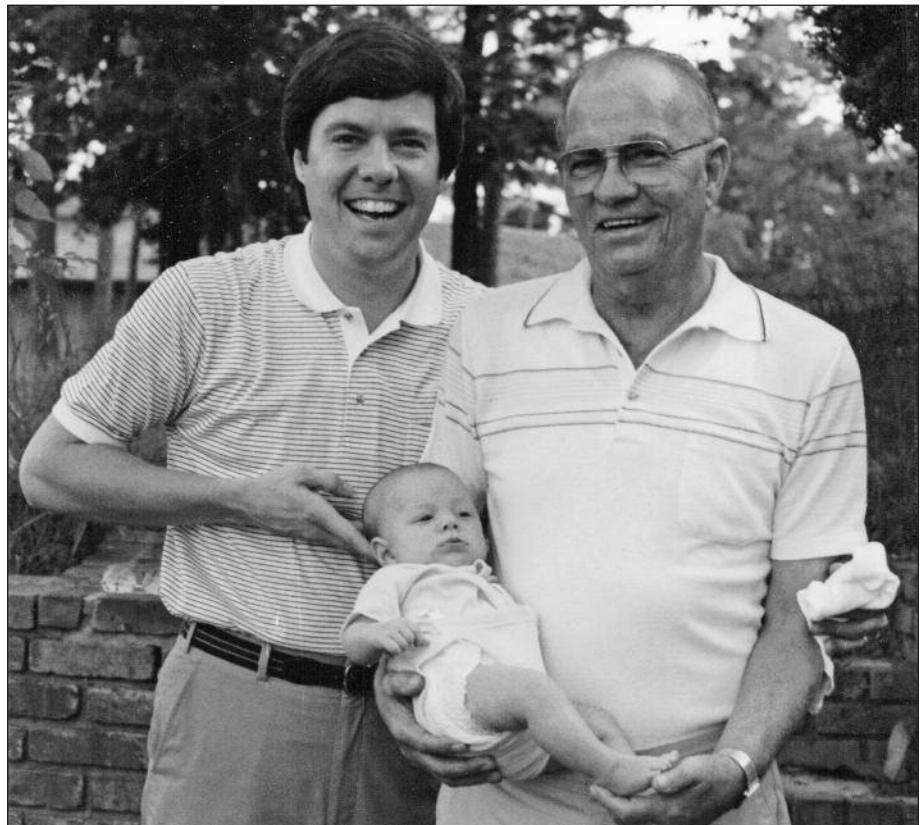
Dad gives father's medal to son to stress self-sacrifice to his bride

By Rick Campbell
Little Rock, Ark.

My father was my best friend. Throughout my life he was an encouraging and positive source of wisdom and counsel. He died in 1986, the year after my son, Rick, was born. He and my mother, who died in 1970, would have enjoyed being grandparents, and I wanted to remember them at the rehearsal dinner my wife and I hosted on Sept. 16, the night before Rick's marriage to Britni Lyon.

As I prepared my remarks for the dinner, I focused on giving Rick a charge to be a great husband. Wanting the instruction to be meaningful, memorable, and personal, I came

(continued on page 2)



In a photo taken in 1985, the writer, left, is shown with his infant son, Rick, and his father, Carnegie Medal awardee **Frederick Campbell**.



BOARD NOTES

HIGH-LEVEL ISSUES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

*By Mark Laskow, President
Carnegie Hero Fund Commission*



One of the pleasures associated with the Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy (see page 4) is the opportunity to meet, exchange ideas, and even socialize within the family of organizations created by Andrew Carnegie. That "family"

gathered in New York in October to award the sixth biennial round of the Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy. It was a star-studded event as always, featuring names and fortunes old and new, ranging from the founders of Ralston Purina (Danforth) to Sun Oil (Pew) to eBay (Omidyar). Amidst the glitter, we had the opportunity to explain to the assembled organizations the mission of the Hero Funds here and in Europe and to draw the connection between our work and that of the larger organizations.

Carnegie created enduring institutions to address very high-level issues facing our society and, indeed, our culture. Consider some of the names: The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Carnegie Institution for Science, the Peace Palace at The Hague, the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs, and the Carnegie Endowment for the Advancement of Teaching. Big organizations, big issues.

How very different are the Hero Funds! The Carnegie Hero Fund Commission is the first of that small band of Carnegie creations that hyper-specializes in locating a particular kind of human behavior, investigating it, evaluating it against a well-designed set of standards, and judging that behavior against those standards. In this we have much in common with the judiciary, especially the criminal courts, but the similarity ends there. While the courts deal with one extreme and dismal end of the spectrum of human behavior, we deal happily with the other. We search the U.S. and Canada for those who have risked their lives to save another human being. We focus on acts that are very local, highly individual, and sometimes quite lonely. Consider a fisherman in a boat passing another foundering in a storm. He could easily press on to harbor and safety, without anyone knowing. But he acts. Or another person, standing in a crowd watching an assault, steps out alone to intervene on behalf of the victim. Who could criticize her for remaining passively in the crowd? Yet they act, and we seek to recognize them.

(continued on page 6)

Dad gives father's medal to son

(continued from cover)

upon the idea of giving him three gifts and explaining that each held significance for what it symbolizes.

The first gift was the rookie baseball card for Rick's favorite player, Chipper Jones, a third baseman for the Atlanta Braves. I explained that on the day Chipper had his picture taken he did not know that he would one day be an All-Star and a Hall-of-Famer. Jones distinguished himself from his peers because he never stopped working hard and being a student of the game. I cautioned Rick that, like Chipper at the beginning of his career, he is a rookie—at marriage. I mentioned that he would have a lot of pictures made the next day, and that for some men the best day of their marriage is the day of the wedding. I said to Rick, "Do not let that be true for you. The secret to success in marriage is to work hard and to become a student of your wife. If you do that you will become an All-Star husband...and a future Hall-of-Famer in the venue where it counts the most—your home!"

The second gift was a Hardy Boys book. I chose a book originally published in 1959, as that was one I had as a youngster. It is important to our relationship because I often read Hardy Boys books to Rick when he was a boy. The Hardy Boys and their friends were always involved in one thing—adventure! I told Rick that the book stands for the need to maintain freshness in his marriage. "Buy memories—not things," I advised, and I encouraged him to take Britni on trips, build adventure into their relationship, and create lots of memories. I assured him that he would never regret the effort.

The last gift, and the most personally meaningful, was the Carnegie Medal that my dad received 75 years ago in 1936 when he was a 12-year-old boy. He kept the medal in its original case and gave it to me before his death. Like most men of his generation, my father did not talk much about himself, and I cannot recall his ever telling me the story behind the medal. In fact, it was not until a few months ago that I read on the Hero Fund's website about my dad's rescue of a girl riding a runaway horse next to a moving train. It is an amazing story that reads more like a script from an old Hollywood western than an actual event. I was thrilled when I read the account and took the liberty of reading it to those at the dinner.

The Carnegie Medal was important because I wanted my parents to be remembered and to be a part of this family event. To me, I explained, the medal stands for security, and the number-one calling of a husband is to meet his wife's need for security—physically, spiritually, emotionally, and financially. I told Rick that, following my dad's example, he needs to be willing to sacrifice himself—and to save Britni—every day. I challenged him to be connected to Britni's heart and to never let her think his heart is anywhere but with her. To emphasize the point, I said that Britni will ride her own horse (figuratively speaking!), but he must be prepared to pull her onto his—to protect her—if need be. "A woman needs a man to be emotionally connected to her," I added. "Always make Britni feel secure. Rescue her for life!"

(continued on page 3)

Dad gives father's medal to son

(continued from page 2)

I closed my remarks by telling Rick that I loved him and was proud of him. Reflecting on the evening, I know my parents would have been pleased, as I shared the wisdom and counsel they gave me—their legacy—and passed the mantle of hard work, adventure, and self-sacrifice to their grandson.

In reading the Deed of Trust executed by Andrew Carnegie in 1904, I hear him attempting to share his legacy with future generations. I believe Carnegie would be gratified that a Carnegie Medal awarded 75 years ago was the focal point of a charge to a recipient's grandson to be a hero in his new home. My dad's medal, given for an act of bravery in 1936, continues to hold a place of distinction in our family. It represents an eternal truth: Heroic efforts are never forgotten. Rather, they form the basis for inspiration and encouragement for future generations.

I would like to thank Walter Rutkowski and Myrna Braun of the Hero Fund staff for their help with the presentation of the medal. I cannot overstate the responsiveness, diligence, and commitment that Walter and Myrna (neither of whom I have met) demonstrated in assisting me in this effort. They are great ambassadors for the Commission and a part of the story.

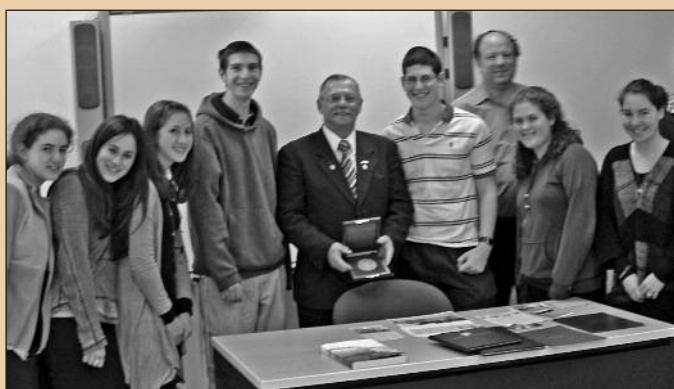
ICE-RESCUE AWARDEE ADDRESSES STUDENTS

"I'm more scared now than during the rescue."

Carnegie Medal awardee **Lawrence Francis Kelly** served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War, worked hundreds of feet in the air as a welder repairing utility towers, and survived a bone-chilling rescue of a friend from an ice-covered lake, but he professed to be more unnerved than during any of those experiences when he addressed students of Rae Kushner Yeshiva High School in Livingston, N.J., in late October.

Kelly, of Beaver Meadows, Pa., was at the school along with Douglas R. Chambers, the Hero Fund's director of external affairs, at the invitation of Rabbi Richard Kirsch, a teacher, who several years earlier had invited Chambers to talk with students about the Commission and its awardees. The return visit proved to be more rewarding for the students in that they had the opportunity to hear first hand an account of a rescue from one who had actually performed it.

Kelly, along with his brother, **John Francis Kelly**, saved a friend from drowning after he fell through the ice on a small lake in Hazelton, Pa., on March 14, 2009, while ice fishing. The brothers crawled on their stomachs to their almost-fully submerged friend and after repeated attempts were able to pull him from the water and take him to safety. A retired welder, Kelly, then 59, held the students' strict attention as he described the repeated efforts it took to hoist his friend onto solid ice, each time failing as the friend became wearier from the struggle and the onset of hypothermia. Believing that they had only one more chance to effect the rescue, Kelly told his brother, then 65, a retired miner, who was grasping him by the ankles, that they had to put all they had into their next pull. It worked. Each brother was awarded a Carnegie Medal in 2010.



Lawrence Francis Kelly, center, displays his Carnegie Medal to high school students in class of Rabbi Richard Kirsch, third from right, at Rae Kushner Yeshiva High School, Livingston, N.J.

NEW MEMBER OF COMMISSION DEEPLY TIED TO PUBLIC SERVICE

With a strong family emphasis on public service, a master's degree in public management, ties to other Carnegie institutions, and, like the founder, ancestral roots in Scotland, Susanne C. Wean of Pittsburgh proved to be a natural fit when the Hero Fund elected her to the board in September.

Born Susanne Marshall Cole in Atlanta, Ga., and raised in Palm Beach, Fla., where her family maintains a home, Wean welcomed the opportunity to serve an organization that recognizes altruism in others. As both of her grandfathers served in the military and her father was a graduate of West Point, the U.S. military academy, Wean was brought up with a strong sense of duty and service to country. She finds the Hero Fund's recognition of civilians to be appropriate, she said, as there are few means of making awards to individuals outside of the military. Her father's military career, incidentally, included being an aide in the White House under President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Wean's own commitment to public service has been her career. After graduating from Holton Arms High School of Bethesda, Md., and Converse College of Spartanburg, S.C., where she earned a bachelor's degree in biology, she commenced serving a long list of non-profit organizations, beginning in 1973 with the Red



Ms. Wean

Cross of Trumbull County, Ohio, where she settled with her husband, Raymond John Wean III. Her husband worked for Wean United, Inc., an NYSE-listed company that, founded by his grandfather in 1929, designed and manufactured production equipment for the metals industry worldwide. Wean and her husband moved to Pittsburgh in 1977 where the company was headquartered.

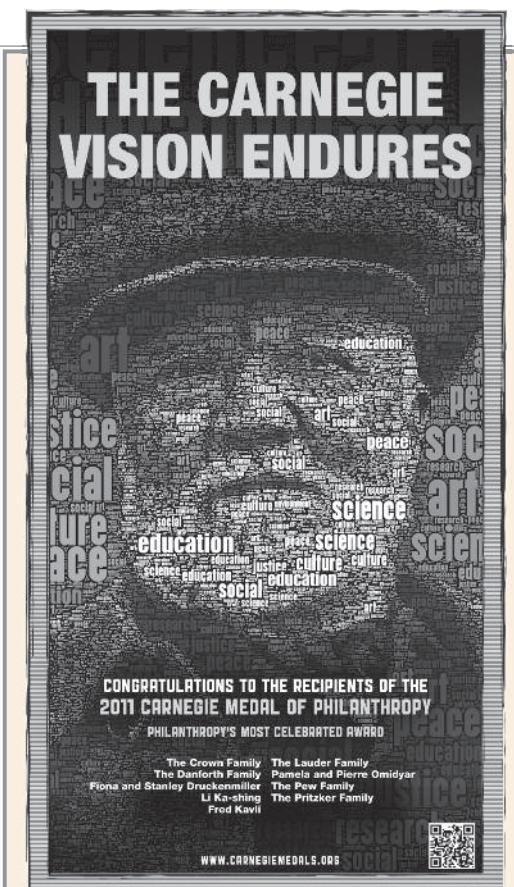
While in Ohio, Wean began a long association with affiliates of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., the 95-year-old advocate of reproductive health care. She served on various Planned Parenthood boards in Ohio, New York, and Pennsylvania at the local and state levels and currently is director emerita of Planned Parenthood of Western Pennsylvania. She is also director emerita of the Pittsburgh affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, the world's largest breast cancer organization, and of Holton Arms School and Shady Side Academy, Pittsburgh.

Other Pittsburgh non-profits that Wean served include the Zoological Society of Pittsburgh, Fox Chapel Garden Club, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, United Way of Allegheny County, Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, and Info Link Advisory Board of the Heinz School of Public Management at Carnegie Mellon

(continued on page 6)



2011 Medal of Philanthropy awardees reflect Carnegie's values



PREVIOUS Awardees of MEDAL OF PHILANTHROPY

4
2001

Walter and Leonore Annenberg
Brooke Astor
Irene Diamond
The Gates Family
The Rockefeller Family
George Soros
Ted Turner

2003

Kazuo Inamori
The Sainsbury Family

2005

The Cadbury Family
Sir Tom Farmer
Agnes Gund
The Hewlett Family

His Highness the Aga Khan
The Packard Family

2007

Eli Broad
The Heinz Family
The Mellon Family
The Tata Family

2009

Michael R. Bloomberg
The Koc Family
Gordon and Betty Moore
Sanford and Joan Weill

Those of us who have the good fortune of success must remain committed and determined to build a life that can make a difference for others... Our dedication and effort can bring about effective and efficient changes to the world around us.

The words could well have been spoken a century ago by Andrew Carnegie during the establishment of his libraries, colleges, schools, and endowed trusts and institutions. But they were said only in October by a philanthropist from China, Li Ka-shing, who, like Carnegie, rose from humble beginnings, made a fortune in industry, and then commenced giving much of it away to advance the common good.

For his efforts, Li was awarded the Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy, the most celebrated award in its field, at an impressive ceremony on Oct. 20 in New York that was hosted by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Li and nine others were feted in the sixth presentation of the biennial award, which was inaugurated in 2001 to mark the centennial of the beginning of Carnegie's earnest efforts to distribute his fortune in a manner that would, in his words, "do real and permanent good in this world." The Hero Fund was well represented at the ceremony, with the following in attendance: Mark Laskow, president; board members Ann M. McGuinn, Linda Thorell Hills, Nancy L. Rackoff, Dan D. Sandman, Carol A. Word, and Susanne C. Wean; and Walter F. Rutkowski, executive director.

Awardees of the medal must have both a sustained record of giving and a vision of philanthropy that reflects Carnegie's ideals. Vartan Gregorian, president of the Carnegie Corporation, said that in Carnegie's thinking, the rich are "trustees" of their wealth and are under a moral obligation to reinvest it in society in ways that promote the progress of society. Carnegie is widely viewed as the founding father of modern-day, strategic philanthropy.

Activities of the 2011 awardees span the globe and include pioneering support in education, culture, art, international peace, justice, science, citizenship, research, healthcare, technology, and the environment. The awardees are:

The **Crown Family** of Chicago, Ill., who began making contributions to those in need more than 75 years ago, at a time when they had very little. Today, the family's philanthropy covers local, national, and international Jewish needs, health and human services, Chicago civic organizations, education, and the environment. The award was accepted by Lester Crown.

The **Danforth Family** of St. Louis, Mo., whose Danforth Foundation from 1927 until its closing in 2011 had several focus areas, including advancing education throughout the U.S. and working to insure the long-term vitality of the St. Louis region through capital and institutional improvements. About 4,700 grants were made, totaling \$1.2 billion. The award was accepted by John C. Danforth, three-term U.S. Senator from Missouri, and his brother, William H. Danforth, M.D., who was instrumental in establishing a center to study plants so that their nutritional value could be enhanced, thereby combating hunger.

The **Fiona and Stanley Druckenmiller** of New York, whose Druckenmiller Foundation supports medical research, education, and the arts. Stanley is chairman of the board and supporter of the Harlem Children's Zone, which serves 17,000 children by combating poverty through education, health care, and job training. He is also a member of the boards of Children's Scholarship Fund, Memorial Sloan Kettering, and the Environmental Defense Fund. Fiona is a trustee of Columbia University, the New York University Langone Medical Center, the American Museum of Natural History, and the Bloomberg Family Foundation, Inc.

The **Fred Kavli**, a Norwegian-born U.S. citizen, who is a physicist, entrepreneur, business leader, innovator, and philanthropist. Founder of the Kavlico Corp. in Southern California, which became one of the world's largest suppliers of sensors

(continued on page 5)

2011 Medal of Philanthropy

(continued from page 4)

for aeronautic, automotive, and industrial applications, Kavli divested his interest in the corporation in 2000 and established the Kavli Foundation, which is dedicated to advancing science for the benefit of humanity and promoting increased public understanding and support for scientists and their work. The foundation awards three \$1 million prizes every two years for outstanding achievement in science.



Evelyn and Leonard Lauder of New York, who are leaders in the city's cultural and charitable life and driving forces behind the philanthropic efforts of the Estée Lauder Companies. The Lauders' generosity has benefited organizations devoted to health, education, the environment, women's causes, and the arts. Evelyn is founder and chairman of the Breast Cancer Research Foundation and helped to establish the Evelyn H. Lauder Breast Center at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, and Leonard is a major benefactor and chairman emeritus of the Whitney Museum of American Art, co-founder and chairman of the Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation, and a co-founder and charter trustee of the University of Pennsylvania's Joseph H. Lauder Institute of Management and International Studies.

Ronald and Jo Carole Lauder of New York, who have shared a lifetime commitment to philanthropic support of the arts and civic and national causes that stretch from museums to medical research. While Ronald has focused much of his attention on the Jewish world, currently serving as president of the World Jewish Congress, he is also the founder and president of the Neue Gallerie, one of New York's outstanding museums, and chairman emeritus of the Museum of

(continued on page 6)



Li Ka-shing of China, recipient of a 2011 Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy, was given the award by Michael R. Bloomberg, mayor of New York City. Bloomberg himself was a recipient of the medal in 2009, in recognition of his own substantial philanthropic record.

TO THE HERO FUND

THEY LOOK AT THE MEDAL EVERY DAY

Brittny, Damien, and I would like to let you and the Commission know just how touched we are that you awarded Daniel this most prestigious award. This means so much to the kids. They have always felt that their dad was a hero, and now the world knows (as Brittny told me when she received the award letter).

I would also like to thank you so much for the grant that the children are receiving each month. This helps more than you know. It is keeping them in a Christian school. I really cannot express the gratitude for everything you have done for the children. They look at the medal every day.

I also enjoy reading *imPULSE* very much. It has restored my faith in mankind that there are still people out there who put their own lives on the line for others every day.

Dawn Dickinson, Everett, Wash.

Dickinson is the guardian of the children of Daniel L. Diaz, who died July 4, 2009, while helping to save a boy from drowning in the Columbia River at Rowena, Ore. He was awarded the Carnegie Medal posthumously in June.

THANK YOU, MR. CARNEGIE

I am writing to express my deep appreciation for the scholarship assistance I recently received. I don't think I had ever experienced as much utter shock as I did after hearing the news. I think you will be glad to know that part of my decision to attend the College of Charleston is the fact that I will have the opportunity to be a part of their varsity sailing team. My sailing ambitions are what brought about my availability for a rescue on Lake Pontchartrain. I am truly so grateful that Mr. Carnegie left such a wonderful legacy through the Hero Fund. I am incredibly impressed that his legacy continues to impact the lives of so many different people. I hope I can honor that legacy as much as possible. Thank you so much for all the opportunities this award had opened up, and thank you, Mr. Carnegie.

Clerc Higgins Cooper, Charleston, S.C.

Clerc was awarded the medal in 2009 for helping to save two men from drowning in Lake Pontchartrain at New Orleans, La., after their boat became disabled and then swamped. Age 14 at the time, Clerc was sailing with friends. She entered the water, gave up her life jacket to one of the men, and located another flotation device for the second man.

BEACON OF LIGHT

It is with great gratitude and extreme appreciation that I write. During these tough economic times, every penny counts. I am a retiree, and your continued support and generosity help me to keep the lights on and pay other bills.

(continued on page 6)



BOARD NOTES

(continued from page 2)

We nevertheless have much in common with our larger Carnegie brethren. Fundamentally, we all deal with values of enduring importance to our civilization. And there is more. Former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown addressed the group in New York and pointed out that the interdependence of the world's countries makes the work of the larger organizations particularly urgent. I pointed out in my remarks that the Hero Funds also deal with interdependencies, but ones that are often unsuspected. If I am swimming in the surf on a rough day, I may not see myself dependent on a young woman walking by on the beach or on a man asleep on a blanket. But if a rip current snatches me oceanward, I may find out that I am very dependent on them after all. I will be very lucky indeed if one of them goes on to win the Hero Award.

NEW MEMBER OF COMMISSION

(continued from page 3)

University. It was at the Heinz School where Wean earned a master's degree in public management, which honed her skills in financial analysis and human resources to enhance her non-profit involvement. The Wean name is prominent on the campus of Carnegie Mellon, as the building housing its computer science, physics, and math departments, Wean Hall, is named after her husband's grandfather. Both he and his son, Raymond J. Wean, Jr., were university trustees.

Wean shares a Scottish heritage with Andrew Carnegie, who was born in Dunfermline, Scotland, in 1835. She can trace her maternal lineage—the McGregor Clan—back to the 800s.

At the Hero Fund, Wean will serve on the executive committee, which is the Commission's awarding body. In appointing her to the committee, Mark Laskow, Hero Fund president, said that her breadth of skills and previous experience would be valuable. "I am confident that Susanne will be a good judge of altruism in the cases we review," Laskow said, "as she herself has made altruism a central principle of her life."

TO THE HERO FUND

(continued from page 5)

The Carnegie Hero Fund has been a long-time friend and supporter of my family and me; your program is a beacon of light to those who have lost a loved one, and I am eternally grateful for your assistance.

Gladys R. Wright, Philadelphia, Pa.

Wright is the widow of Robert W. Wright, who was awarded the medal posthumously in 1955 for attempting to save a woman from drowning in the Mullica River at Lower Bank, N.J.

2011 Medal of Philanthropy

(continued from page 5)

Modern Art. Jo Carole has served on numerous committees at the Museum of Modern Art and other museums and now chairs an initiative with the U.S. State Department to bring American art to U.S. embassies around the world.

Li Ka-shing, a self-educated entrepreneur who later became the largest manufacturer of plastics in Hong Kong. He is chairman of the multi-national conglomerate Cheung Kong Holdings and Hutchison Whampoa Ltd., and established the Li Ka-shing Foundation in 1980. To date, the foundation has granted more than \$1.6 billion to charitable causes throughout the world and remains one of the most well endowed philanthropies with over \$8.3 billion in assets. In 1981 he founded Shantou University in China to engineer reforms in that country's education system.

Pamela and Pierre Omidyar, who have committed more than \$1 billion to causes ranging from entrepreneurship to human rights to chronic illness in children. Through the organizations they created—Omidyar Network, Humanity United, HopeLab, and Ulupono Initiative—the Omidyars aim to create lasting social change by providing people around the world with opportunities to improve their lives. Omidyar is the founder of eBay. The couple gave \$100 million to Tufts University, their alma mater.

The Pew Family, descendants of Sun Oil Co. founder Joseph N. Pew and his wife Mary Anderson Pew, who created the Pew Charitable Trusts, which is committed to serving the public interest through the power of knowledge. Active around the globe, the institution, which looks to improve policy, stimulate civic life, and inform the public, works with diverse partners, including donors, public and private organizations, and those who share a dedication to research-driven problem-solving and goal-oriented investment to meet some of society's greatest challenges.

The Pritzker Family of Chicago, who has had philanthropy at the core of its culture for four generations. The Pritzkers, founders of Hyatt Hotels, created and sponsored the international Pritzker Architecture Prize, knowing the effects of architecture on human behavior. The family has endowed the Pritzker Neuropsychiatric Consortium, a pioneering force in the mental health field, and it supports the Pritzker Consortium on Early Childhood Development and other initiatives concerning the well being of children. Other areas of philanthropy include civic, educational, and arts initiatives in the Chicago area.

Medal winners in 2011 were selected by an international committee comprising representatives of seven of Carnegie's institutions. The committee, which drew on nominations submitted by all of the Carnegie institutions, included Gregorian, who served as chair; William Thomson of Scotland, a great-grandson of Andrew and Louise Carnegie who served as honorary chair; Andrew Miller, secretary of the Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland; Jessica Matthews, president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Richard A. Meserve, president of the Carnegie Institution of Science; Joel H. Rosenthal, president of the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs; and Steven van Hoogstraten, general director of the Carnegie Foundation/Peace Palace of The Hague, Netherlands.

Thomson, one of the award presenters, said that the impact of the medalists has been enormous. "These philanthropists and the foundations that they have established have changed the way we all live, and have changed it for the better....They are role models to us all, no matter how much or how little wealth we might have. We live on a fragile planet that faces tremendous challenges, conflict and pain, but it is also a planet of hope, of giving, of the tenderness and strength of humanity and of the belief that we can do so much more together than we can do apart.

"The need for philanthropists such as our medalists has never been greater, and our hope is that others will follow their example." ■

**LATEST AWARDEES
OF THE CARNEGIE MEDAL**

SINCE THE LAST ISSUE OF *imPULSE*,
THE FOLLOWING 25 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN
AWARDED THE CARNEGIE MEDAL, BRINGING THE
TOTAL NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS TO 9,477 SINCE THE
HERO FUND'S INCEPTION IN 1904. THE LATEST
AWARDS, WHICH WERE ANNOUNCED ON SEPT. 27, ARE
DETAILED ON THE COMMISSION'S WEBSITE AT
WWW.CARNEGIEHERO.ORG. THE NEXT ANNOUNCEMENT
OF AWARDDEES WILL BE MADE ON DEC. 14.

Joseph A. Buttaccio, Jr., and his wife, **Anna Buttaccio**, of Lyons, N.Y., rescued Michael C. Cline from his crashed and burning car after a nighttime accident in Palmyra, N.Y., on June 10 last year. Cline, 30, was trapped in the driver's seat of the car, which came to rest down a wooded embankment. Joseph, 47, postal clerk, and Anna, 45, business operator, stopped at the scene and attempted to remove him through the windshield opening. Unsuccessful, they repeatedly reached through the window of the driver's door, freed Cline, and pulled him from the vehicle. During the rescue, an explosion at the car forced Joseph from it, his hair aflame. The couple required treatment, Joseph for burns to his hands and forehead that caused him to miss a week's work, and Anna for a burn to her left hand. (See photo.)

Steven J. Keller and **Christian Timmins**, both of Covington, La., saved Rhonda W. Knuckles from drowning in Lake Pontchartrain at Mandeville, La., on April 25, 2010. Knuckles, 49, fell into the lake after being involved in an automobile accident on its causeway at a point about six miles from the closer shore. Keller, 30, a police officer from a nearby municipality, and Timmins, 31, a pilot, drove upon the scene separately and saw Knuckles floating face down in the 14-foot-deep water. Keller donned a life vest, descended a ladder into the lake, and swam to her. He supported her in 3.5-foot waves as a swift current carried them from the bridge. Timmins then donned a life vest and entered the water. He took a life ring to Keller, and together they supported Knuckles on it as they were carried farther away. Arriving causeway police officers aided Knuckles and her rescuers back to the causeway, where they were lifted to safety.

Nathan N. Smith, 32, an electrician from Citrus Heights, Calif., died Dec. 19, 2009, attempting to save his brother Noel, 39, from drowning in Big Lake at McArthur, Calif. Noel and Nathan were at an ice-covered arm of the lake when Noel's dog broke through ice at a point about 65 feet from the bank and fell into water about 10 feet deep. Noel went after the dog but also broke through the ice. Taking a post with him, Nathan crawled across the ice toward Noel, extended the post to him, and pulled. The ice beneath Nathan gave way, and he too fell into the water. Both men submerged. Rescue crews arrived shortly and



Joseph A. Buttaccio, Jr., and his wife Anna both needed hospital treatment for burns after they pulled a man from his crashed and burning car in Palmyra, N.Y., last year. They drove upon the scene of the nighttime accident shortly after it occurred and persevered in freeing the man from the wreckage despite advancing flames. Photo courtesy of Times of Wayne County, N.Y.

removed them from the water, but they could not be revived.

A 50-year-old pilot from Eden Prairie, Minn., **Jeffrey Lloyd Breuer**, saved Arnold M. Bellis from drowning in the Mississippi River at Saint Paul, Minn., on May 8 last year. In an accident, Bellis, 87, was in the driver's seat of his car as it rolled down a boat ramp, entered the river, and began to submerge at a point about 25 feet from the bank. Boating nearby, Breuer came upon the scene. He dived into the water, swam to the car as it was sinking nose first, and, submerging, partially entered it through the open window of its front passenger door. He grasped Bellis about the shoulder and pulled him out through the window as he maneuvered backward from the car. Surfacing, Breuer swam Bellis toward the bank, a fisherman providing aid.

Sean T. O'Connell, 38, a physician's assistant from Mandeville, La., attempted to save Jeffrey W. Dickson from drowning in the Oak River at Pointe à la Hache, La., on July 24, 2010. Dickson, 39, was the pilot of a seaplane that was landing on the river when it overturned and submerged to its pontoons in water about 12 feet deep. O'Connell happened upon the scene in a boat within a few minutes. Learning that Dickson was still inside the plane, he entered the river and, submer-

ging, extended his upper body into the plane but did not find Dickson. He then made repeated dives, fully entering the plane on his last attempt, and found Dickson toward its rear. O'Connell returned to the door with Dickson and surfaced. He and another man took Dickson to the boat and attempted unsuccessfully to resuscitate him.

Connelly Phelps Parker, Jr., and **Megan Elizabeth Allen** saved Richard B. Bennett from drowning in the Atlantic Ocean at North Myrtle Beach, S.C., on Aug. 14, 2010. While swimming, Bennett, 59, was swept through an inlet into the ocean. Parker, 52, a builder's superintendent from North Myrtle Beach, was in the inlet in his 14-foot skiff. Although his boat was inadequate for use in the surf, Parker took it through the inlet to Bennett, who by then was unconscious in the breakers. He reached for Bennett, who outweighed him, but the boat capsized. He then held to the overturned boat with one arm as he supported Bennett with the other. Allen, 25, a sales assistant from Raleigh, N.C., was on a personal watercraft when she came upon the men. She threw a line to them, but it fouled the engine of her craft. With Parker remaining at his boat, Allen held to Bennett on the watercraft as it

(continued on page 8)



LATEST AWARDEES

(continued from page 7)

drifted toward shore. When they reached wadable water atop a sandbar, Allen shouted for help. Others responded from the beach and removed them to safety; likewise, Parker was returned to shore by others.

Retired contractor **Dionyios Agelatos**, 70, of Albany, Ga., died attempting to save his wife, Barbara J. Agelatos, from drowning in the Atlantic Ocean at South Palm Beach, Fla., on May 15 last year. While swimming, Barbara, 57, encountered difficulty and called for help. Dionyios, who was on the beach, entered the water for her, as did two other men who became aware of the situation. Dionyios also encountered difficulty in the water and was overcome. He was returned to the beach by the other men, as was Barbara. Responding lifeguards attempted to resuscitate the couple. They were then taken to the hospital but could not be revived, as both had drowned.

Steve Fenton of Keansburg, N.J., helped to save Brian Mendoza, 11, from drowning in Raritan Bay off the Atlantic Ocean at Keansburg on June 6, 2010. Brian was treading water after his inflatable raft was blown away. A man took a one-person kayak out to look for him but could not find him. Fenton, 37, a carpenter, then boarded the kayak and, although he had never used one before, paddled it farther out in search of Brian. Finding him a good distance into the bay, he took Brian aboard the kayak and began to return against the wind and current to shore. As they were en route, the kayak rolled, throwing both into the choppy water. Brian was rescued by a boater, and the crew of a responding Coast Guard boat rescued an exhausted Fenton.



Ronnie D. Roets, 7, presented a plaque to Roland Monte Blake, Jr., "who risked his life to save mine." Blake jumped into a flooded drainage ditch near his Shawnee, Okla., home last year and threw Ronnie to safety. Pictured also are Ronnie's mother, Bobbi Roets, left, and aunt, Brandi Collins. Photo, by Ed Blochowiak, is courtesy of The Shawnee News-Star.

A Baldwinsville, N.Y., fire chief who was on vacation, **Michael T. Chura**, 48, helped to save Priscilla R. Roslyn, 61, from her overturned and burning car after an accident in Egg Harbor Township, N.J., on Aug. 11, 2010. Roslyn remained in the driver's seat of the vehicle, secured by her safety belt, as flames spread on its

underside. Chura drove upon the scene, ran to the vehicle, and entered it through the window opening of the rear driver's-side door. He worked to release Roslyn's safety belt as flames were entering the vehicle. Chura was successful after repeated attempts, and Roslyn dropped to the ceiling of the car. Other men who had responded pulled her from the vehicle as Chura backed out to safety. Flames grew to engulf and destroy the car.

Rickie D. McDowell, Jr., saved Michael L. Harris from drowning in Little Traverse Bay off Lake Michigan at Petoskey, Mich., on Aug. 17 last year, and **Kevin Moss** saved Craig W. Noble from the same fate. Harris, 58, was swimming off a beach at a state park when a very strong current kept him from returning to shore. Noble, 56, swam to him but also became caught in the current, and the men swam with difficulty to a buoy about 180 feet from shore and clung to it. College students McDowell, 19, of Lincoln Park, Mich., and Moss, 20, of Southgate, Mich., were in another party on the beach. They swam out to the men, McDowell grasping Harris by an arm and Moss grasping Noble in a cross-chest carry as they attempted to swim back to shore. They made no progress against the current but found that they could submerge and push off the lake floor. They did so repeatedly, propelling the victims toward shore and using oncoming waves to provide momentum. When they reached wadable water, others from the beach aided them from the lake. (See photo.)



When Craig W. Noble, center, of Dearborn, Mich., and a friend were bested by a rip current while swimming in Lake Michigan, four young men playing ball on the beach sprang into action. Kevin Moss, second from left, and Rickie McDowell, Jr., second from right, swam 180 feet out to them and began the laborious process of returning them to wadable water, where Derek Boylard, left, and Steve Barr, right, provided assistance. Moss and McDowell were each awarded the Carnegie Medal for their efforts. Photo, by Kathleen Galligan, is courtesy of the Detroit Free Press.

(continued on page 9)

LATEST AWARDEES

(continued from page 8)

Roland Monte Blake, Jr., 44, a maintenance employee from Shawnee, Okla., saved Ronnie D. Roets, 7, from drowning in a drainage ditch near Blake's home on July 3 last year. Ronnie was caught by the swift current of runoff in the ditch, which ended at the entrance to a belowground culvert nearby. Blake ran from his house and reached for Ronnie, but Ronnie was swept past him, toward the culvert. Blake ran along the ditch to a point beyond Ronnie and entered the water. He intercepted and caught the boy but then was swept farther downstream with him. After submerging a few times with Ronnie, Blake threw him to a woman on the bank, and she took him to safety. Blake was carried to a point near the culvert from which he succeeded in climbing from the ditch. (See photo.)

Robin Adair, 22, a homemaker from Port Orchard, Wash., saved 11-month-old Bobbi Stott from her family's burning mobile home in Belfair, Wash., on Aug. 22, 2010. Bobbi was in a playpen in the home's master bedroom after fire broke out on its front porch. Driving by, Adair saw the fire and learned that Bobbi was still inside the structure. She climbed up to a window of the master bedroom and entered. Although smoke inside the bedroom extended almost to the floor and obscured visibility, she made her way to the playpen in the far corner of the room. She picked Bobbi up and turned back toward the window but was momentarily blinded by the smoke. Finding the window, she handed Bobbi outside to others and then climbed through the window to safety.

William B. Jackson, Jr., 21, of Hendersonville, N.C., died attempting to save his father, William B. Jackson, Sr., from drowning in Lake Adger at Mill Spring, N.C., on May 30, 2010. William, Sr., 47, was on his 16-foot pontoon boat in a cove of the lake with others. Unobserved, he entered the water and was then seen struggling behind the boat before he submerged. William, Jr., was also on the boat. He called out for his father and then jumped into the water after him. He too submerged, and neither man resurfaced. Responding rescue personnel later recovered the bodies of William and his father from the cove. They had drowned.

Timothy Lee Rostar of Alanson, Mich., rescued his friend and neighbor, Robert G. Wiley, 65, from an attacking bull on Wiley's farm on April 18, 2009. Wiley was moving the 1,800-pound bull through a passageway of his barn when it turned on him, took him to the floor, and pinned him by the chest against the frame of a passageway door. There to visit, Rostar, 46, a business operator, was elsewhere in the barn. Seeing the attack, he entered the passageway, grasped the bull by its ears, and pulled, but to no effect. Rostar then picked up a spade and struck the bull hard on its skull with a point of the blade. The bull released Wiley and left the barn. Rostar secured the

barn against the bull's re-entry and then went to alert help. (See page 1.)

Three Idaho men, **Matthew Charles Logan, Kevin Joseph Barbee**, and **Donald L. Galloway**, teamed up to save Kerry A. Wagner from his burning pickup truck after a highway accident in Moscow, Idaho, on June 27 last year. Trapped by wreckage, Wagner, 51, was unconscious in the driver's seat after the truck collided head on with another pickup. The two vehicles came to a stop about five feet apart, with flames breaking out on the other pickup. Motorists, including Logan, 29, a store manager from Moscow, stopped at the scene. Logan entered Wagner's truck through the front passenger door and forcefully moved the front seat, thereby freeing Wagner; flames by then had spread to Wagner's truck. Meanwhile, Barbee, 44, a lumber grader from Lewiston, broke out windows on the truck to access Wagner and then went between the vehicles, where he joined Galloway, 44, a utility company foreman from Genesee who had responded. The heat there was intense. Logan pulled Wagner toward the passenger door and stepped from the vehicle. Barbee and Galloway leaned into the pickup, grasped Wagner, and, with Logan, pulled him out of the truck and carried him to safety. Within minutes, flames engulfed both pickups.

College student **Cameron C. Gilbert** of Cool, Calif., rescued Alex R. Abrahamian, 21, from a man attacking him with a knife on the campus in Rocklin, Calif., on March 24, 2009. Abrahamian was visiting at the college and was walking on a sidewalk there when a male student jumped on his back and stabbed him

repeatedly. He screamed as he struggled against the assailant. Gilbert, 19, was nearby and saw the attack. He hurried to the men, stepped between them, and pushed them apart. When the assailant tried to resume the attack, Gilbert pushed him to the ground. The assailant dropped the knife, which Gilbert then kicked away. As others tended to Abrahamian, Gilbert stood between him and the assailant until police arrived and arrested the assailant.

Allyson Powell, 31, a state trooper from North Dighton, Mass., saved a motorist from his burning car with the help of **Robert Hugh Flanagan**, 61, an associate professor from Denver, Colo., and his brother, **George J. Flanagan**, 63, a retired teacher from Swansea, Mass. On July 21 last year, Michael A. Canty, 23, was the driver of a sport utility vehicle that left a highway in Swansea at night, struck a tree, and caught fire at its front end. The Flanagans witnessed the accident and reported it. Powell responded within moments. She broke out the window of the rear passenger-side door, partially entered the smoke-filled vehicle, and attempted to cut Canty's safety belt. She then entered through the front passenger-side door despite flames that were beginning to appear inside. She released Canty's safety belt but found that he was trapped by wreckage. Robert then leaned through the broken-out window and grasped Canty by the belt, and George leaned through the opened front door and grasped him by an arm. The three rescuers pulled on Canty repeatedly, until he was free. They dragged him from the vehicle and took him to safety as flames grew to fill and engulf the car, destroying it. (See photo.)



George J. Flanagan and his friend Maureen R. Estes revisit the scene of a one-car accident off Interstate 195 in Swansea, Mass. They, along with Flanagan's brother, witnessed the accident, in which the vehicle left the highway, struck a tree, and caught fire. Flanagan and his brother joined a responding state trooper in freeing the driver of the car and pulling him from it moments before flames consumed the vehicle. Photo, by Jack Foley, courtesy of The Herald News, Fall River, Mass.



FAMILY TRAGEDY IN 1977 DREW MEMBERS TOGETHER

By Michelle Knaggs Ferrera, D.V.M.
Riverview, Fla.

I was only nine years old on Memorial Day Weekend in 1977 when my father made a decision that would change our family's life.

Dad loved to surf fish in the Atlantic Ocean off Fire Island, which is along the south shore of Long Island, N.Y. The ocean was exceptionally rough that night, so our family planned to spend the night in our camper on the beach. Shortly after 9 p.m. we saw a sailboat being carried through the Moriches Inlet and out into the ocean. We then saw two people on the deck waving to the vehicles on the beach for help. My dad, who was 32, looked at his friend George, who was staying in the camper next to ours. They then took George's 20-foot skiff into the treacherous waters with the hope that they could retrieve the distressed sailors from their boat and return to shore safely. They never made it back—their boat capsized, and both men drowned.



Gary Richard Knaggs,
Sr., in Air Force uniform,
in photo taken in 1966.

It was a trying time of adjustment for my mom, my brother, and me. We were blessed

to have a close extended family and a blossoming faith in God to provide for us. We were honored to receive a Carnegie Medal, awarded posthumously to my dad, from the Hero Fund, and the Hero Fund has continued to bless our family to this day.

By the time I turned 14, I was certain that my professional calling was to become a veterinarian. I studied diligently and, after completing high school, received a bachelor's degree in biology from The King's College, Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. I was then accepted by Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine. The Hero Fund gave me a measure of financial support, helping reduce my academic debt, as I pursued my career goal.

I have now been a veterinarian for 18 years and care for dogs, cats, birds, reptiles, small furry pets, and the occa-

(continued on page 11)

10



Michelle Knaggs Ferrera, left, with mother Frances Knaggs and brother Gary Knaggs, all of the Tampa, Fla., area.

Local historical society ensures legacy of 1920 awardee, Michigan civic leader

By Deb Malewski, Eaton Rapids, Mich.
Eaton Rapids Area Historical Society



Mr. McArthur

To help promote the history of our community, and as a fundraiser for our historical society, we've developed a tour of our local cemetery here in Eaton Rapids, Mich. I try to select colorful characters with an interesting story to tell, many of whom were the early settlers of the town and others of whom later helped to shape the future of our community. For the event, volunteers dress in period clothing and portray the past inhabitants of our city at the graveside of that person. It's a great way to raise awareness of the historical influences of these early citizens and also to develop community pride.

Eaton Rapids is a small town in Eaton County in south-central Michigan with a population of less than 6,000. We are known as the "Island City" because our downtown area is completely surrounded by the Grand River, making that area an island.

This year, while doing the research for our tour, I came across a newspaper article in the Jan. 30, 1920, issue of the *Eaton Rapids Journal*. It referenced **G. Elmer McArthur**, who had recently been visited by a "polished gentleman" from the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission regarding his May 24, 1916, efforts to save two young men from drowning in the river.

The article told about Grover R. Bromeley, 25, a schoolteacher, and two students, Ferris H. Hall and Burr Twitchell, who had been on a canoe trip. On their return to town they portaged their craft around the power dam in the river and launched it on the other side, but they were too close to the strong pull of the dam and the canoe was sucked into the swirling waters. The men ended up in the river, their canoe capsized. While campaigning in the area for the state legislature, McArthur, 39, an attorney, heard their cries and rushed to the scene to help. Although unable to swim himself, he tied a clothesline around his waist and jumped into the river from atop the dam to rescue the victims. If not for the efforts of a bystander who threw a rope to draw McArthur to the bank, McArthur himself would have lost his life. Bromley and Hall, 16, drowned, but Twitchell had drifted downstream and was rescued. For his act of bravery, McArthur was awarded a silver Carnegie Medal from the Hero Fund in 1920.

Being such a small town, we don't get too many certified heroes, so I was sure that McArthur would be a perfect addition to our tour. I visited the Hero Fund's website to find out what the medal looked like, thinking I would create something like it for our actor to wear. This research led me to the discovery that McArthur was eligible for a grave marker from the Hero Fund, and I



G. Elmer McArthur came back to life for the day in the person of Larry Skinner of the Eaton Rapids Area Historical Society

(continued on page 13)



Joining in a meeting of representatives of Carnegie's hero funds were, first row, from left: Mark Laskow, president of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission (U.S.); Vartan Gregorian, president of Carnegie Corporation of New York; William Thomson, honorary chairman of Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy; Gustaf Taube, chairman of Carnegiestiftelsen (Sweden), and Angus Hogg, of the Carnegie Hero Fund Trust of the U.K. Behind them, left to right: Dan D. Sandman (U.S.); Ann M. McGuinn (U.S.), Agneta Ahlbeck (Sweden), Hans-Ruedi Huebscher, Executive Director of the Carnegie Rescuers Foundation, Switzerland; William Livingstone (U.K.), Linda Thorell Hills (U.S.), Nora Rundell (U.K.), Ann-Christine Lindeblad (Sweden), and Walter F. Rutkowski (U.S.). Photo by Carnegie Corporation of New York.

Delegates from Carnegie's hero funds meet to discuss challenges, solutions

Unanimous agreement that the work of the hero funds established in the U.S. and Europe 100 years ago by Andrew Carnegie remains relevant in the 21st century was reached early and decisively during a meeting of representatives of four of the funds held Oct. 18 in New York City. The reality of hard times as the result of the 2008 economic downturn was a sub-theme of the meeting, as participants were in sober awareness that two of the funds, those established in France and Germany, have fallen victim to insufficient resources, and others are being threatened.

Beginning with the U.S. fund, the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, which includes Canada in its scope, Carnegie established 11 hero funds in the years 1904 through 1911. Mark Laskow, Commission president, and four other U.S. fund representatives joined colleagues from hero funds in the U.K., Sweden, and Switzerland to discuss the challenges of administering the founder's vision. In Carnegie's words, "The false heroes of barbarous man are those who can only boast of the destruction of their fellows. The true heroes of civilization are those alone who save or greatly serve them."

Representatives of the four funds stressed commitment to providing recognition for their respective country's heroes such as established by the "Carnegie brand" even though some of the European funds are run as a government function and others testify to social programs providing benefits that Carnegie sought to offer. Financial hardship incurred by a hero's actions was a need that the hero funds were instructed to address.

The representatives concluded also that their efforts are aided through a strong bond among the existing funds. The New York meeting, held in conjunction with the

(continued on page 13)

FAMILY TRAGEDY IN 1977

(continued from page 10)

sional potbellied pig or goat. It is a privilege to be a veterinarian, and I enjoy going to work each day. I know that I will help a beloved pet, work with some amazing colleagues, and be humbled as I learn something new about the species that I am caring for—my job is never boring! I enjoy having high school and college students shadow me during my surgery days, so I am paying back the kindness that I have received.

My mother, who did not remarry, lives nearby and is a wonderful grandmother to my husband Frank's and my two daughters. She continues to receive a monthly grant from the Commission, a tremendous help to her in her retirement. My brother lives near her and has worked for The Home Depot for more than 20 years. He has time to pursue his passion for playing the electric and string bass. We drew very close as a result of our family tragedy and remain so to this day.

It was a pleasure to read in the September *imPULSE* that the Hero Fund is supporting a future colleague of mine. Veterinary students incur tremendous academic debt in pursuit of their dream. Thank you for making a graduate degree a possibility for honorees and their families, and my regards to my colleague in training!

(Gary Richard Knaggs, Sr., and his friend, Geo. J. De Piazza, were each awarded the Carnegie Medal in 1980.)

OVERHEARD

II

I didn't listen to what my brain was telling me to do. I listened to my heart.—Lauren Winstead, Carnegie Medal Awardee #9416

Many researchers point out that human beings are a spectacularly cooperative species, far surpassing other animals in the willingness to work closely and amicably with non-kin. Our altruistic impulse, they say, is no mere crown jewel of humanity; it is the bedrock on which we stand.—Natalie Angier, in "The Pathological Altruist Gives Till Someone Hurts," *The New York Times*, Oct. 3, 2011

Our Christmas presents to everyone next year will be fire extinguishers.—Robert Hugh Flanagan, Carnegie Medal Awardee #9476, after helping to save a man from his burning car

Two questions kept going through my mind: How do you thank someone who has given you your life, and what do you do with the life you've been given? The answer to the first is that nothing is adequate, no words or tokens, but that is all we have. I haven't answered the second question yet, but a "life on hold" isn't going to cut it any more.—S.M., saved from drowning by Craig R. Espenshade, Carnegie Medal Nominee #83976



SCOTTISH FRIENDS

Visiting Pittsburgh for the first time were Hero Fund friends Angus and Rachel Hogg of Scotland, where they live in Dunfermline, birthplace of Andrew Carnegie. Angus serves on the board of Carnegie's U.K. Hero Fund Trust as well as on the boards of two other Scotland-based Carnegie funds, the Dunfermline Trust and the U.K. Trust. Their late-October tour of Pittsburgh included Allegheny Cemetery, where Carnegie's parents, William and Margaret Morrison Carnegie, are buried. The Dunfermline Trust includes oversight of the Carnegie family's stone cottage, where Carnegie was born in 1835. The family immigrated to Pittsburgh in 1848.



12

MAYOR'S RECEPTION

Théo van Santen, left, is the director of the Carnegie Hero Fund of Belgium, which was established by Andrew Carnegie in 1911. He and representatives of four other Carnegie hero funds attended Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy ceremonies in New York City in October—and got to meet the mayor. Michael R. Bloomberg, right, hosted a reception for Medal of Philanthropy guests.



Awardees past and present help mark Swedish Carnegiestiftelsen centennial

By Linda Thorell Hills
Carnegie Hero Fund Commission

It was an honor to be invited to participate in the centennial of Carnegiestiftelsen, the Swedish Hero Fund established in 1911 by Andrew Carnegie. A celebration on Sept. 6 in Stockholm included giving awards to three new heroes and recognizing the thoughtful and dedicated leadership of the fund's chairman, Commodore (ret.) Count Gustaf Taube, who is leaving the position at the end of this year. An institution such as Carnegiestiftelsen tremendously honors the legacy of its founder by continuing the work it was commissioned to do a century ago.



In addition to Taube, other members of the Swedish fund's board were present, including Ann-Christine Lindeblad, vice chair, who will assume the role of chair in the new year; Agneta Ahlbeck, secretary; Prof. Evan Svanborg, and Hans Lagerhorn.

As Carnegiestiftelsen is our sister fund, the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission struck a commemorative medal and issued a certificate to mark the centennial. These items were presented by my daughter Louise and me, third- and

fourth-generation descendants of Andrew and Louise Carnegie. The centennial was celebrated with a variety of events, including a morning ceremony to recognize the three young heroines, 16-year-old girls who saved a boy from drowning. Abundant pride was evidenced by the girls' family members in attendance. In conversations that followed, it was clear that the award has the potential to make a positive impact on the lives of each of these young women as they go forward in life.

The deep meaning of and respect for the award was underscored again later in the day at a dinner attended by several past awardees along with numerous dignitaries. Also present was a wide representation of individuals whose careers have been dedicated to protecting human life. Several lectures earlier in the day examined issues such as law and heroism and the progress of life-saving research to which Carnegiestiftelsen has contributed.



Hero Fund board member Linda Thorell Hills, second from right, is shown with representatives of Carnegiestiftelsen, Carnegie's hero fund based in Stockholm, Sweden. From left: Agneta Ahlbeck, Carnegiestiftelsen secretary; Ann-Christine Lindeblad, vice-chair; Gustaf Taube, chair; Inger Taube; and, at right, Greger Ahlbeck.

Several of the past heroes spoke about their heroic acts. The humility with which these Swedish heroes view their own selflessness resonates with the heroes recognized "back home" in the U.S. and in Canada, the U.K., and the other European nations with Carnegie hero funds. We have found that the awardees generally do not view themselves as heroes despite being distinguished by acting under life-threatening circumstances—but we recognize them as such. They inspire us to value highly the willingness to sacrifice themselves for others. ■

(Hills, of Littleton, Colo., has been a trustee of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission since 2007. She is Andrew Carnegie's great-granddaughter.)

Local historical society ensures legacy

(continued from page 10)

applied for one. As McArthur had no children, I sought out his relatives, through Facebook and our local newspapers, for their approval of this action, and of course all were very supportive.

McArthur, an Army veteran of the Spanish-American War, continued as a civic-minded fellow throughout his years. After the rescue he served in the state house of representatives from 1917 to 1918 and in the state senate from 1921 to 1922. He was active in the Temperance movement and served as a city commissioner and mayor. McArthur River Drive, McArthur River Park, and McArthur Subdivision were named after him. His land and financial donations made possible the construction of our community hospital. McArthur died at age 92 in 1970.

The cemetery tour went well, the grave marker was installed on McArthur's crypt, and McArthur's legacy has been strengthened. He will long be remembered. ☐



Deb Malewski of the Eaton Rapids Area Historical Society secured a grave marker for the tomb of Carnegie Medal awardee G. Elmer McArthur

Delegates from Carnegie's hero funds meet

(continued from page 11)

biennial awarding of the Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy, was the fourth such gathering in the past decade, with a meeting of the European funds held earlier in the year at Carnegie's Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands. William Thomson, a great-grandson of Andrew and Louise Carnegie, chaired both 2011 meetings, as he maintains a strong interest in the vibrancy of the hero funds.

One result of the New York discussion was the funds' decision to establish a website dedicated to Carnegie's vision and how the funds are endeavoring to carry it out. Laskow volunteered the services of the U.S. fund to set up the site, which will center on the theme, "Andrew Carnegie's heroes of civilization." Hopes are to have the site up and running within six months.

Other discussion centered on aiding ongoing efforts to revive the German fund, Carnegie Stiftung fuer Lebensretter. The initiative is being undertaken by a private citizen, Brian Fera, who is president and chief executive officer of Wicom, a German firm in Heppenheim. Fera is working closely with Hans-Ruedi Huebscher, executive director of the Carnegie Rescuers Foundation in Switzerland, but reports slow progress due to lack of funding. ☐



COLLIERVILLE CONNECTION

As the grandson of a 1918 awardee of the Carnegie Medal, David Forrest Lusk, right, of Collierville, Tenn., was asked to present the medal to another Collierville resident, **Lauren Winstead**. Lauren was given the award in recognition of her heroic actions of July 5, 2009, when she helped to save a man from drowning in Choctawhatchee Bay, off the Gulf of Mexico, at Destin, Fla., where she and her family were vacationing. Only 12 at the time, she helped keep the victim afloat until both were taken to safety by a U.S. Coast Guard boat. The medal presentation took place at the Collierville Town Hall during a Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting on Aug. 8. Lusk's grandfather, **Bee H. Lusk**, of Norton, Va., was cited for saving a woman and two children from being struck by a train. He said he was honored to make the presentation.

CHARACTER EDUCATION

Continuing its long association with the Heartwood Institute, a Pittsburgh-based provider of character education programs, the Hero Fund and one of its awardees, **Christopher Adam Skeet** of Palatine, Ill., participated in another "heroes assembly" at a Chicago-area public school. In a late-October assembly at Virgil Grissom Elementary School, more than 90 sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students learned of the history of the organization and heard Skeet's account of his Sept. 15, 2008, rescue of a school student from drowning in the Des Plaines River at Des Plaines, Ill. Skeet, standing second from left, was a teacher at the time of his heroic act. He is shown with Dennis Sweeney, Ed.D., standing from second from right, principal of Grissom School, and a few of the Grissom students following the assembly.



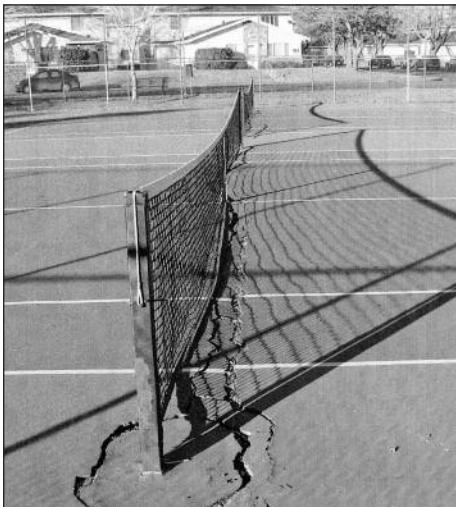


HERO SEEDS RENOVATION OF TENNIS COURTS



Ms. Fagan

Jencie Regina Fagan was awarded a Carnegie Medal for protecting the students at the school where she taught, and she acted in behalf of them again when she applied the award's financial grant toward the rehabilitation of the school's tennis courts. Fagan's heroic act took place on the morning of March 14, 2006, in a hallway of Edward L. Pine Middle School, Reno, Nev. A 14-year-old boy who attended the school entered, armed with a .38-caliber revolver, and fired three times, striking one student and injuring another. Fagan, then 43, a gym teacher, approached the boy, whom she knew, and told him to discard the gun. He did so, and Fagan held him in an embrace until police arrived. When Fagan's award was made the following December, she seeded a fund to repair the tennis courts. Job now completed, Fagan reports that the facility is much safer and that its longevity has been extended.



Pine Middle School tennis courts, before and after hero's renovation initiative

FRIENDS REMEMBERED



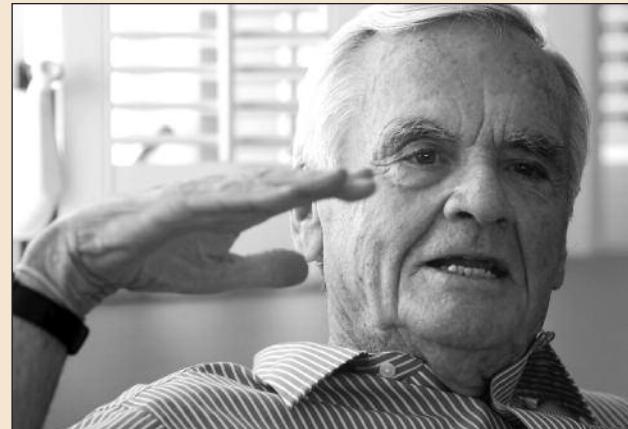
Mr. Cross

Craig Allen Cross, 41, of Cumberland, Md., died in a swimming accident on Sept. 3 in Paw Paw, W.Va. Cross was awarded the Carnegie Medal in 2003 for saving an elderly man from an apartment building after leaking natural gas exploded in the man's living room and set fire to the structure. With tuition aid from the Hero Fund, Cross completed his master's degree in teaching, with honors, from Frostburg, Md., State University in 2007. At the time of his death, he was employed in providing advocacy and support for the intellectually

disabled. As a teacher, Cross represented the Hero Fund at a school assembly in Indiana, Pa., telling students, "Heroes step out of the ordinary and go into the unknown. They accomplish something that is not easily done. They then return to their ordinary circumstances, bringing something back to share that is good for the rest of us."

L. Rodger Currie, 88, of Palm Beach, Fla., died Aug. 24. He was awarded the medal in 2006 for his actions of a year earlier by which he and a friend saved six individuals from a 48-foot yacht that caught fire while crossing Nantucket Sound off Hyannis Port, Mass. Currie,

then 81, a retired dentist, and his friend, who also was awarded the medal, took Currie's 24-foot sport boat to the bow of the burning vessel, despite 10-foot flames issuing from stern to midship, and transferred the victims to it. The yacht was destroyed and later sank. "I don't think we were scared," Currie later told a reporter. "We were just busy."



Dr. Currie (Photo, by Jeffrey Langlois, is courtesy of the Palm Beach Daily News.)



Mrs. Graham, shown outside her home in 1989.

Annie Pearl Graham, 74, of Marion, S.C., died Sept. 29. She was the widow of **Taylor Graham**, who died Feb. 20, 1963, while helping in the attempt to save a woman from drowning after the woman fell through the ice on the Mianus River in Stamford, Conn. Widowed at 25 with a 2-year-old daughter, Mrs. Graham received a monthly grant from the Hero Fund that continued until the time of her death. Before retiring, she was employed by a textile factory, where a typical eight-hour day saw her hemming 230 dozen T-shirts. Throughout her 47-year association with the Hero Fund, Mrs. Graham remained loyal in communication, beginning virtually every letter with an expression of her appreciation for the Commission's financial assistance.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

ALASKAN RESCUERS RECOGNIZED AGAIN—61 YEARS LATER

Sixty-one years ago, three residents of the remote Alaskan village of Pelican braved violent weather to attempt the rescue of the crew of a boat that had run aground and was destroyed by the same storm. Their bravery was recognized by the Hero Fund in 1952 and more recently in September by the U.S. Coast Guard and Alaska State Troopers.

In 1950, Pelican, located on Chichagof Island in the Alaska Panhandle, about 70 miles by air from Juneau, had a population of 130, including the Wetche, Christensen, and Mork families. The residents' livelihood depended largely on the village's access to Cross Sound, part of the Gulf of Alaska, and its abundant schools of fish.



Marie Mork Laws receives a letter of commendation and plaque from the Alaska Dept. of Public Safety in September in recognition of her role in the rescue of a man from exposure in 1950. Presenting the award is trooper Kyle Carson, son of the author of a book on the rescue. At the same ceremony, the U.S. Coast Guard gave its Meritorious Service Award to Laws and posthumously to her sister and a third rescuer, all of whom were recognized by the Hero Fund in 1952 for their heroic actions.

it was forced aground and then broke apart. Wetche and his son were never seen again, but Christensen succeeded in positioning a

On Nov. 13 of that year, Fred Wetche; his son, Fred, Jr., 14; and Wetche's friend, Helvig S. Christensen, 45, left Pelican in Wetche's boat, the *Dixie*. They navigated an inlet to the sound but were caught in a gale of 40 to 45 m.p.h. Wetche sought refuge for his boat and crew in a cove, where they hoped to wait out the storm. Two days later, the storm had not abated, but Wetche took the boat back toward Pelican. Before reaching the inlet,

fist in a niche of a rock. For the next two days he was subjected to water tossed up by the wind and to the tides rising and falling over him.

On the night of the 17th, Pelican residents **Thomas F. Allain**, 33, a commercial fisherman, and **Marie Mork**, 13, and her sister **Betty**, 15—cousins of Allain's wife—boarded Allain's boat and went in search of the crew of the *Dixie*. Allain's boat was powered by a World War I era, 20-horsepower engine, which could not move in reverse. Well before dawn, the rescue party located Christansen. The weather had not improved much: Four-foot breakers caused Allain's boat to pitch and roll, and, like the *Dixie*, it ran aground. The engine's propeller blades were bent, and planking of the hull became loose below the waterline. Allain prepared to abandon the boat for a smaller one, a punt, that the *Dixie* carried, but at the last minute, a swell caused the *Dixie* to rise free.

Allain resumed his efforts to take the boat closer to Christansen while Marie operated a hand pump to slow rising water in the bilge. He dropped anchor and ordered Betty to maneuver the boat so that it would not meet the swells broadside. Allain lowered the punt to the water and, having abandoned his life jacket for greater freedom of movement, rowed toward the rock to which Christansen was clinging. Christansen slid down the rock and boarded the punt. It was then about 3 a.m. Four hours later, Allain's boat arrived back in Pelican. Christansen lost his lower legs to severe frostbite.

The next year, Allain and the Mork girls were each awarded a Carnegie Medal and a monetary grant. The Hero Fund had sent a representative to investigate the case, and Marie later recalled how unnerving it was to have "a man in a suit" appear in Pelican to ask questions about the rescue.

The years passed, but the bravery of Allain and the two Mork girls was not forgotten. In March of this year, Norm Carson, a retired Alaska State Trooper and former chief of security for the Alaska Legislature, wrote a book about the rescue under the title *Courage and Death on the Gulf of Alaska—Saga of the F/V Dixie* (available through him at P.O. Box 98, Pelican, AK 99832 for \$15.50). And in September, the U.S. Coast Guard gave its Meritorious Service Award to Marie Mork Laws and posthumously to her sister Betty and Allain. —Marlin Ross, Case Investigator

FIRE HERO FETED

Jason Mitchell Norman, center, of North Wilkesboro, N.C., was presented his Carnegie Medal on Aug. 12 at a ceremony in the Wilkes Art Gallery, North Wilkesboro, by fellow medal awardee **Mark C. Moore**, M.D., left, of Tallahassee, Fla., and North Wilkesboro Mayor Robert Johnson, right. Norman, whose award was announced in April, was cited for rescuing a disabled woman from her burning house in North Wilkesboro on Oct. 29, 2009. Then 28, Norman was on his way to work as a heating and cooling systems installer when he spotted the blaze and learned from the woman's caregiver that she was still inside the structure. He stepped into the burning room and, advancing on his knees, pulled the woman's bed closer to the front door and then carried her outside to safety.

Dr. Moore, who was vacationing in North Carolina, received his medal in 2009 for helping to rescue an elderly couple from their burning car after an accident in Tallahassee a year earlier. He told the gathering, "Life is full of challenges and, at times, we all need a hero. While the chance to save a life is a rare occurrence, let us seek the opportunity every day to help our fellow man, right here, right now, in our town, for those simple acts will make the world a better place." Noting that about 20 percent of all Carnegie Medals are made posthumously, Dr. Moore said, "Jason and I are both lucky to be here tonight."



**Carnegie Hero Fund Commission**

436 Seventh Ave., Ste. 1101 • Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1841
412-281-1302 • 800-447-8900
www.carnegiehero.org

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Pittsburgh, PA
Permit No. 2461

Address Service Requested

imPULSE is a periodic newsletter of the CARNEGIE HERO FUND COMMISSION, a private operating foundation established in 1904 by Andrew Carnegie. • The Hero Fund awards the CARNEGIE MEDAL to those throughout the United States and Canada who risk their lives to an extraordinary degree while saving or attempting to save the lives of others. • The Commission also provides financial assistance, which may include scholarship aid and continuing grants, to the heroes and to the dependents of those awardees who are disabled or die as the result of their heroic acts.

Further information is available on-line or by contacting the Commission.

Any ideas? *imPULSE* welcomes your submissions for publication, and your ideas for consideration. Be in touch!

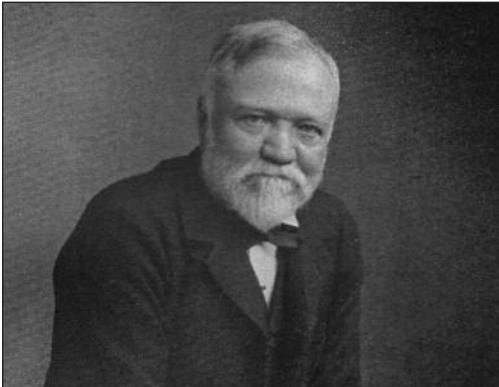
Address change? Please keep us posted!

Carnegie Hero Fund Commission

436 Seventh Ave., Ste. 1101 • Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1841
Executive Director & Editor: Walter F. Rutkowski
Telephone: 412-281-1302 *Toll-free:* 800-447-8900
Fax: 412-281-5751
E-mail: carnegiehero@carnegiehero.org
Website: [impulse@carnegiehero.org](http://www.carnegiehero.org)
www.carnegiehero.org

MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

A. H. Burchfield III	Nancy L. Rackoff
Elizabeth H. Genter	Frank Brooks Robinson
Thomas J. Hilliard, Jr.	Dan D. Sandman
David McL. Hillman	Arthur M. Scully III
Linda T. Hills	William P. Snyder III
Peter J. Lambrou	Sybil P. Veeder
Mark Laskow	James M. Walton
<i>President</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
Christopher R. McCrady	Susanne C. Wean
Priscilla J. McCrady	Thomas L. Wentling, Jr.
<i>Vice President</i>	Alfred W. Wishart, Jr.
Ann M. McGuinn	Carol A. Word

THE QUOTABLE A.C.

It is not the aim of thrift, nor the duty of men to acquire millions. It is in no respect a virtue to set this before us as an end. Duty to save ends when just enough money has been put aside to provide comfortably for those dependent on us. Hoarding millions is avarice, not thrift.

—The Empire of Business, p. 98

CONTINUUM

GRAVE MARKERS Bronze grave markers (below), cast in the likeness of the Carnegie Medal, are available at no cost to the families of deceased awardees. They are designed for mounting on stone or bronze memorials. Contact Susan Rizza (susan@carnegiehero.org) or write her at the address given below.

MEDAL REFINISHING The Hero Fund will refinish Carnegie Medals at no cost to the owner. The medals are to be sent to the Hero Fund's office by insured, registered mail. Allow a month for the process. The contact is Myrna Braun (myrna@carnegiehero.org).

OBITUARIES 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. Contact Doug Chambers (doug@carnegiehero.org).

ANNUAL REPORTS Copies of the Hero Fund's most recent annual reports (2008-2009) are available, as are those of the centennial report of 2004, which lists the names of all awardees from 1904 through 2004. Contact Gloria Barber (gloria@carnegiehero.org).

A CENTURY OF HEROES The centennial book describing the first 100 years of the Hero Fund is available through the Commission's website (www.carnegiehero.org).

COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL A silver medal struck in the likeness of the Carnegie Medal to commemorate the 2004 centennial of the Hero Fund is available for purchase through the Commission's website.

imPULSE ON LINE? Should you wish to receive *imPULSE* in PDF rather than in your mailbox, let us know: impulse@carnegiehero.org

CARNEGIE HERO FUND COMMISSION

436 Seventh Avenue, Suite 1101, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1841
Telephone: (412) 281-1302 Toll free: (800) 447-8900 Fax: (412)-281-5751
E-mail: carnegiehero@carnegiehero.org Website: www.carnegiehero.org

