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FROM EXPERIENCE, HERO STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF SWIMMING LESSONS

Still recovering from ill effects of his heroic rescue act last year is **John Lynn Haight** of Rogue River, Ore. Haight entered the swift, cold Rogue River, which adjoins his property, to rescue a neighbor who had slipped and fallen into the water and was being carried away. Haight over-extended a toe on his right foot in the rescue and only recently had surgery on it. Other injuries were tears in his right arm for which he is also receiving treatment. Haight was one of 19 who were awarded the Carnegie Medal in September. See pages 8-11 for details of their actions. With the financial grant that accompanied the award, Haight plans to provide swimming lessons for children in the community, including his four grandchildren. "I know how important swim lessons are to a child," Haight said. "My mother was very adamant that all three of her children have strong swimming skills, because we spent a lot of time around water—growing up near lakes and streams, camping, fishing, and boating. All three of us received junior lifesaving training cards—it was better than a report card, like having a driver's license to swim."



Carnegie hero DeWayne L. ("Tiny") Lund and his wife celebrate his Daytona 500 victory in 1963. On the driver's door of his race car, Lund's name appears in hand lettering on tape covering the name of the car's original diver. Photo by Alice Bixler and used with permission.

50 years later, hero's racing victory remains part of Daytona 500 lore

By M. M. ("Mike") Matune, Jr.
Special to the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission

Valentine's Day 2013 will mark the 50th anniversary of the confluence of events in Daytona Beach, Fla., that would contribute to the lore of a legendary sports tale as well as to the annals of the Carnegie Hero Fund. That day, racer Marvin E. Panch took his Maserati onto the high banks of the Daytona International Speedway in an attempt to break a world speed record. Partway through the session, he lost control of the vehicle, resulting in a fiery crash of epic proportions that left him trapped in an inverted and burning race car.

His predicament was noted by others who then sprang to his rescue. These men were not part of any official rescue detail and had little in common beyond their involvement in racing, but that did not diminish their zeal in rescuing Panch. Fellow racers **Ernest E. Gahan**, 36, and **William R. Wimble**, 31, driving into the track, pulled their car to the fence and climbed over it to run to where Panch's car had come to rest. They were joined by driver **DeWayne L. Lund**, 34 (at six-foot-four and weighing 270, he was known as "Tiny"), **Jerry A. Raborn**, 28, a race mechanic, and **Stephen E. Petrasek**, 36, a tire engineer.

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MEDAL AWARDEES EXCEED DUTY-TO-RESCUE LAWS

By Mark Laskow, President
Carnegie Hero Fund Commission



One million years ago, while a first-year law student (yes, I admit it!), I learned that the common law of England and the United States imposes no “duty to rescue.” If I found a man facedown in a gutter, drowning in one inch of water, I was free to step over him and proceed

on my way. I might be a moral cretin, but the law required no more of me. Andrew Carnegie organized his hero funds to reward people who meet a much, much higher standard of behavior.

I haven’t practiced law for decades, but all of this was recalled to mind recently when I came on an article by Eugene Volokh, a professor at the U.C.L.A. School of Law. He is a fine commentator on a range of topics, which lured me into reading his “Duties to Rescue and the Anticooperative Effects of Law” (88 Georgetown Law Journal 105 [1999]) online. The headline caused me to wonder, with a jolt, how state duty-to-rescue laws might affect the awarding of the Carnegie Medal.

We award the medal to rescuers who act selflessly, or altruistically. That is, a rescuer must take risk without personal reward, including the discharge of a duty. I began this essay with the idea that in this country there is no general duty to rescue. But there are special duties: Professional rescuers such as police, firefighters, lifeguards, and others are obligated to rescue persons within their responsibility. Parents are required to rescue their minor children and—make note of this—spouses are required to rescue each other.

As you would expect, we recognize these legal duties to rescue when we evaluate candidates for awards. This is done in a thoughtful way. It is not the job of a firefighter to intervene in an assault, and one who does so is eligible for the medal, as is a policeman who risks his life to rescue a victim from a burning building. Assuming, of course, that the victim is not the child or spouse of the policeman! There are many twists and turns that can arise as the Commission evaluates each case, but we have a great body of history and precedent to draw on as we do so. We try to apply common sense, as well.

A few American states have adopted duty-to-rescue laws, and civil codes in Europe, Africa, and South

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Marvin Panch, left, with his rescuers, all awardees of the Carnegie Medal, from left: William R. Wimble, Ernest E. Gaban, Jerry A. Raborn, Stephen E. Petrasek, and DeWayne L. “Tiny” Lund. Photo courtesy of Daytona International Speedway and used with permission.

While some of the men tried to lift the car, another discharged a fire extinguisher, but the flames intensified before an explosion forced them back. Inside the car, Panch struggled to free himself, fearing the worst. When the five rescuers saw movement, they again braved the fire. Some lifted as others pulled on Panch’s legs, which by then extended from the cockpit. Eventually they freed him and extinguished the flames on his driver’s suit.

All involved would suffer injuries from the incident, with Panch spending almost two months in the hospital before returning to the cockpit of a race car to continue his career. Each of his rescuers later received the Carnegie Medal in recognition of their heroism.

As for Lund, what happened next would forever make him part of a legendary sports tale. Lund had come to Daytona without a car to drive, hoping to catch on with a team. While visiting Panch in the hospital, he met Leonard and Glenn Wood. Because Panch was to have driven in the Daytona 500 later that month,



Marvin E. Panch, right, and one of his rescuers, William R. Wimble, are shown here at a radio interview about racing in Charlotte, N.C., in September. Wimble tells the story that at the time of the rescue, he and Panch were acquaintances. Later, when Wimble ran a trucking company in Florida, he received a call from the garage floor telling him someone he knew was visiting. When he came down to the floor, he found Panch, who was working for a brake supplier. Reunited, they became fast friends. Photo by Nancy Wimble and used with permission.

the Wood brothers were in the predicament of having a race car but no driver. They decided on Lund to replace Panch, and Panch agreed.

Early in the race, held on Feb. 24, just 10 days after the accident, Lund was among the leaders, but he was not the fastest. Eventually he took the checkered flag—his measured pace had allowed him to complete the race with fewer pit stops. His wife perhaps said it best: “He ran the whole race on one set of tires, he was out of gas, and he had 18 cents in his pocket.”

As I reviewed the Hero Fund’s file 49 years after the crash, I was struck by the humility of the rescuers as expressed when they

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Banker and historian: Fourth president “had the warmth of the morning sun”

By Mary Brignano

Special to the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission

4 FOURTH IN A SERIES

If the first three presidents of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission gave form to an unprecedented philanthropic vision, its fourth arrived at the right moment to establish a gratifying sense of tradition.

The cordial and gracious **Charles Arbuthnot McClintock** (1883–1968), the nephew of the Commission’s third president, Thomas S.

Arbuthnot, was a leading banker and a generous citizen whose interests centered on history—especially western Pennsylvania history. He became president as Pittsburgh celebrated its bicentennial and the Hero Fund had passed its half-century mark. His wide-ranging knowledge of and his family’s historic contributions to the Pittsburgh region gave him an uncommon understanding of the importance of the people and institutions that made the city unique. Prominent among these, certainly, was the Hero Fund, and, as its leader, McClintock imparted not only his financial counsel but also his appreciation of its enduring value.

Known to many friends as “Spook,” McClintock was born in the Point Breeze neighborhood of Pittsburgh. His parents were Jonas Roup McClintock, Jr., and Elizabeth Arbuthnot McClintock, the sister of Thomas Arbuthnot, and his grandfather McClintock was Pittsburgh’s first elected (not council-appointed) mayor, a popular, very polished physician who served three one-year terms from 1836 to 1838. Only 28 years old when he took office, Jonas Roup McClintock, Sr., was dubbed the “boy mayor.”



Mr. McClintock

McClintock attended Shady Side Academy, but because of his uncle’s friendship with the headmaster of the Kiskiminetas Springs School of Saltsburg, Pa., he transferred there and graduated with the class of 1903. He entered Princeton that year and played football; although an injury forced him to the sidelines, he remained a loyal booster. At important games he often was called from the stands to lead the singing and cheers, and he also lent his rich bass voice to the Glee and Triangle Clubs. He loved Princeton, and Princeton loved him: He served as vice president of his class and, as president of the Princeton Alumni Association of Western Pennsylvania, became one of the association’s best known and most enthusiastic members

for more than 60 years. Through his initiative, the Princeton Club of Pittsburgh was founded in 1921. It was the third formal Princeton club in the country, and McClintock was its first president. In 1967, on the 60th anniversary of his graduation, he created the Charles Arbuthnot McClintock Scholarship, having already donated his valuable library to the university.

McClintock started his career in the insurance business and then became associated with the Commonwealth Trust Company. During and after World War I, he served briefly with combat troops as a captain in the 1st Infantry Division and as a major in the 1st Battalion of the 7th Infantry, 3rd Division, American Army of Occupation.

In his banking career he rose to the presidency of Colonial Trust Company, one of the largest trust companies in Pittsburgh. In that role he took part in creating what

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America commonly have such provisions as well. How might those laws affect the Carnegie Medal? Not at all, as every one of those laws, here and abroad, makes it clear that a citizen is not required to incur risk of injury. The Carnegie Medal requires that the awardee take very serious risk of death or injury, so there is no overlap. All of our hundred-or-so heroes each year act for their own good reasons, without a nudge from the law. Bless them for that.

HONORED FOR ICE RESCUE

Colorado State Patrol Trooper **Daniel Harrison Haley** of Greeley may have been off duty when he saved a boy from drowning, but the presentation of his Carnegie Medal on Aug. 14 in recognition of that act was very much an official event. The medal was given to him by Hero Fund board member Linda T. Hills, left, at a ceremony at the patrol’s training academy in Golden, not far from Hills’ home in Littleton. On Nov. 27, 2010, Haley was visiting a community park in Greeley with his family when he saw a 10-year-old boy fall through ice on a pond there about 60 feet from the bank. After crawling toward the boy but also breaking through, Haley worked to heave both the boy and himself back onto solid ice. Unable to gain traction, Haley rolled to the bank, where he collapsed from exhaustion. Both he and the boy required hospital treatment, and they recovered. Col. James Wolfenbarger, chief of the state patrol, said that Haley is an “outstanding law enforcement professional and a valued member of his community. His heroic off-duty actions will always be remembered.” Hills said she was honored to make the presentation: “Giving medals in person by board members makes the award more special.” Haley is shown with his wife, Kirstin; daughter, Emmersyn, 3; and son, Nolan, who was born only five days before the presentation. Photo by Harold Hills.





FAITH RESTORED

These stories restore my faith in mankind. With all of the insanity and coldhearted people in the world, reading these stories makes me realize that there are still good people out there. The foundation is amazing. Keep up the good work!

Sara Roberts, Phoenix, Ariz.

Roberts is referring to the Commission's centennial book, A Century of Heroes, copies of which are available through the Hero Fund's website, www.carnegiehero.org.

FEELS COMPLETE

You can't imagine what this medal has meant to me. I feel like a complete person—almost like an authority said I am a good person. I know Mr. Carnegie is also reading this letter because a man like that has to be in heaven.

Louis Charles Rosso, Egg Harbor Township, N.J.

Rosso was awarded the medal in March to recognize his efforts to help two children from drowning in the Atlantic Ocean off Atlantic City, N.J., on July 4, 2011. He was 70 at the time.

NO CHOICE BUT TO HELP

Thank you for awarding me the Carnegie Medal and the grant, which couldn't have come at a better time! I watched your video and have now read your book, *A Century of Heroes*. You really are a great institution. You have to love going to work everyday, knowing you'll be helping someone else make a better life for themselves. I work at the high school here and I too like my job—I like the kids. I've been here for 24 years now and can't imagine getting up some day and not coming here.

As for the hero designation, my intention was to do whatever I could to keep the men trapped by the flood safe. Had I done nothing and they didn't make it out, I don't think I could have lived with that—it would have haunted me the rest of my life. I have to say that when my own truck started to float away, it was probably the most scared I ever was. I got on my cell and called my friend Mark Fluhr, who had called me out that night to get a school bus to help with evacuation efforts, so I could tell him not to count on me because I was floating away. When I stopped, I saw a man hanging onto the top of his car, and that's when I told Mark I was going to help these people. I told him I'll see you whenever, because I wasn't sure I would ever see him again. It was like I had no choice but to help.

It wasn't until the next day that I even thought about what could have happened to me. Like my Dad said, God put me there for a reason. To be called a hero for doing what anybody should have done seems weird,

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"Spook" McClintock, at podium, at a ceremony in Pittsburgh honoring the Conestoga wagon, 1954. Photo courtesy of Library & Archives at the Senator John Heinz History Center, Pittsburgh.

has become one of the largest banks in the United States. Colonial Trust merged in 1954 with Fidelity Trust Company to create Fidelity Trust, and McClintock served as chairman of the board of the bank formed by the union. When Fidelity Trust merged with Peoples First National Bank & Trust Company in 1959 to create Pittsburgh National Bank, he became a director of the institution that has grown to become PNC, one of the leading financial services organizations in the country today.

McClintock became a member of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission in 1938, four years after joining the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, which today is known as the Senator John Heinz History Center, Pennsylvania's largest history museum. These two organizations would occupy much of his time in coming years.

With his uncle leading the Hero Fund, McClintock may have realized that the historical society, at that time, needed him more. Pittsburgh was struggling to recover from the Great Depression, and the society was struggling for existence. McClintock devoted himself to preserving Pittsburgh's inspirational past by keeping the society alive and building it up, serving as treasurer for eight years and as president for 12. He raised money and created a modest endowment, made improvements to its building in the Oakland cultural district, enlarged and contributed to its collections, attracted new audiences to its programs, wrote reviews and edited articles for its magazine, and authored a monograph entitled, *Pittsburgh: Her Industrial Adolescence (1760-1840)*.

Working with McClintock in many of these endeavors was his friend and fellow Princetonian Robert D. Christie, society director. They cooperated in planning Pittsburgh's 1958 bicentennial, started the society's book-publishing program, and augmented its museum display space. In 1954, the society began to purchase its distinguished collection of early Pittsburgh glass. At his death, McClintock donated more than a hundred pieces of personally selected glass to the collection that celebrates Pittsburgh's history as a national glassmaking center.

"In general it may be said that there was no form of activity which was not improved by the interest and criticism of Mr. McClintock," Christie wrote.

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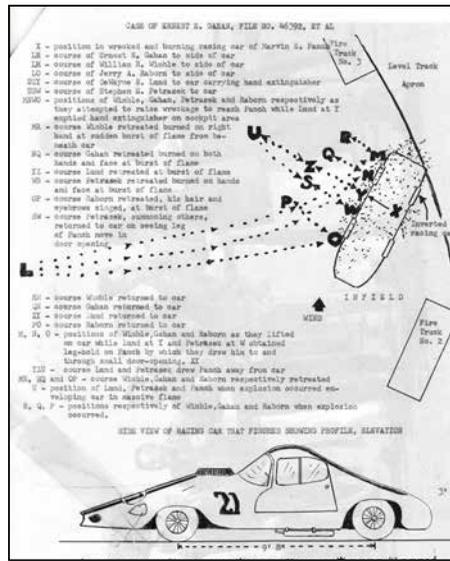
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learned of being cited for their heroic actions. Petrasek may have spoken for the five when he wrote, "It is, indeed, a feeling that is indescribable to know our team effort was a success in saving our associate, Marvin Panch, from certain death."

(Postscript: Lund was killed in a racing crash in Talladega, Ala., in 1975; Gahan died at age 83 at his home in Berwick, Maine; Petrasek died at age 82 in 2007 in Akron, Ohio, and Raborn died at age 77 in 2010 in Huntersville, N.C. Wimble and Panch have become "fast friends." See photo, page 2).



Mike Matune is a historic motorsports writer/photographer who became fascinated by Panch's rescue while researching racing at the 1963 Daytona Speedweeks. He is a graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and a veteran, and he spent the majority of his working career in the energy field. The father of three grown children and the grandfather of eight, he is retired and lives in Clifton, Va., with his wife, Maureen.



Hero Fund "special agent" Herbert W. Eyman conducted the Commission's investigation of the rescue on site and included this sketch with his findings.

Banker and historian

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Spook McClintock died unexpectedly in 1968 while reading an issue of the historical society's magazine. In a resolution marking his death, the Hero Fund recorded, "His greeting had the warmth of the morning sun. To the work of the Commission he brought integrity, perception, and a generous measure of practical value. His judgment was keen and his decision firm. He was, perhaps above all, a loyal friend who will long be remembered with the greatest respect and deepest affection."

(Profiles of the presidents of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission were compiled by prominent Pittsburgh historian Mary Brignano last year in honor of the 10th anniversary of the election of Mark Laskow, the Hero Fund's seventh and current president. Charles L. Taylor, William J. Holland, and Thomas S. Arbuthnot, the first three presidents, were featured in earlier issues of *imPULSE* this year, and the March 2013 issue will continue the series with the profile of the fifth president, Stewart McClintock [1968-1978].

(The profiles were compiled into a booklet that was published by the Hero Fund. And it proved to be a winner—its design was cited in September by the Pittsburgh chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators [IABC], which presents awards annually for excellence in business communications. Receiving the award [right] was Z Brand Group of Pittsburgh, whose graphics designers Kimberly Miller and Brad Hrutkay conceived and executed the piece. Copies of the booklet are available through the Hero Fund [www.carnegiehero.org]. Z Brand Group has been the designer of *imPULSE* since its inception in 2005, with Hrutkay skillfully producing its publication quarterly. Congratulations!)



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but nice too! So thank all of you for giving me this honor. Keep up the good work!

Dan Welp, East Dubuque, Ill.

Daniel R. Welp, 55, was awarded the medal in September (see page 9) for saving a stranded motorist—a nonswimmer—from a flooded highway. Having just escaped the floodwater himself, Welp re-entered it, waded and swam to the victim's truck, and helped him to higher ground.



TRAGEDY AND BLESSING

The latest installation of a Hero Fund grave marker was made in September in Ouray, Colo., by the family of **Michael S. Muransky**, who died Feb. 14, 1958. Muransky, 53, a miner, was one of three men who were killed while attempting to rescue the victim of an avalanche that covered a mountain valley road leading to a mining camp. The result of a four-month accumulation of snow, the avalanche buried the four victims in a bank as much as 30 feet deep. Muransky and his two corescuers were each awarded the Carnegie Medal posthumously in 1959. Members of the family held a graveside dedication of the marker, at which grandson Michael Muransky III gave this prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for giving our family roots in the most beautiful part of the most beautiful state, and thank you for gathering us all together safely. We came here to dedicate this award to a man of supreme bravery and a man of supreme character, my grandfather. We confess that our family has seen its share of tragedy, but we are also thankful for our share of blessing. In dedicating this award in my grandfather's honor, we ask for your continued blessing on our family, Lord, from this day and forevermore. For we ask it in Jesus' holy name.

An amusing aside: Daughter Lillian Muransky McMurrin informs that it took 50-plus years to notice the misspelling of her father's name on his headstone. Despite that, the family has, she said, "a reminder that our father, grandfather, and great-grandfather died a hero."



FAMILY HONORS 1909 HERO WITH MARKER, CEREMONY

Three generations of the family of **Patrick O'Connor** gathered at St. Jerome's Cemetery in Holyoke, Mass., on Aug. 6 to honor a loved one they never met. Their ancestor died at age 33 in 1908 while attempting to rescue two boys who had fallen through ice on the Mill River in Northampton, Mass., and for his efforts was posthumously awarded a silver Carnegie Medal.



Three generations of the O'Connor Family of western Massachusetts marked the grave of family member Patrick O'Connor in Holyoke, Mass.

The reunion 104 years later was largely conceived by Barbara Pelissier, president of the Westhampton, Mass., Historical Society. (Her motto: "History isn't done. We keep making it every day.") Pelissier had read of the rescue attempt and the Carnegie award and, through the Hero Fund, contacted O'Connor's granddaughter, Eileen Florek of Westfield, Mass. "When Barbara called me, it gave me the shivers," Florek, who is "70-something," told a reporter from the *Daily Hampshire Gazette* of Northampton. Florek applied to the Commission for a bronze grave marker, and together the women located O'Connor's grave and arranged for its installation by the family.

On a beautiful summer morning members of the extended family gathered at the cemetery, where they heard the account of O'Connor's heroic actions and learned of the meaning behind the medal. A 1908 newspaper article of the tragic event was read by Marissa Clark, 21, of Westfield, O'Connor's great-great-granddaughter, and the grave marker was applied to the headstone by Clark's mother, Christine. Another great-great-granddaughter, Chiara Bottone, 18, also of Westfield, placed a red rose in tribute.

"It was good to meet the younger generation and see their interest in their roots," said Gary O'Connor of Southampton, a great-nephew of the hero.

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Carnegie's Belgian hero fund turns 100, enlists the prince to award newest heroes



Crown Prince Philippe of Belgium presented the Belgian Carnegie Medal to Stefanie Simons, who at age 16 saved a woman from drowning. She also received the Jeanne Rombaut Award, which was named after a 14-year-old girl who died in a theater fire in 1955 after having saved two children.

It was literally a royal affair when Belgium's newest awardees of the Carnegie Medal, given by that country's Carnegie Hero Fund, were honored in Brussels on Oct. 27: His Royal Highness Crown Prince Philippe, next in line to the Belgian throne, pinned the medals to the chests of 29 very proud heroes.

The impressive ceremony served another purpose in that it commemorated the centennial of the hero fund, which was established with a grant of \$230,000 offered by Andrew Carnegie on April 17, 1911, to the Belgian government. Subsequent royal decrees accepted the grant and established the fund, which over the past century has recognized almost 3,000 Belgian heroes. "Their acts are printed in the collective memory of man-

kind," said Theo Van Santen, secretary of the fund, "and they remind each of us of our responsibility as individuals."

The fund is one of 10 started by Carnegie in Europe after the initial successes of the Pittsburgh-based Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, and, as with the Commission, awardees are chosen on the basis of having risked their lives to save the lives of others. Medals are awarded in bronze, silver, and gold, and, with an annual subsidy from the country's ministry of the interior, financial support is provided to needy heroes and the families of those heroes who are killed in the performance of their acts.

In addition to the prince and the newest heroes and their families, those in attendance at the ceremony included the vice prime minister of Belgium, Joëlle Milquet, who serves also as the president of the hero fund, and Herman De Croo, Belgium's minister of state, who is the fund's vice president. Representatives of the Commission included Linda Hills, a member of the board, and Walter Rutkowski, executive director. Delegates from five of Carnegie's other hero funds—the U.K., Sweden, Switzerland, Germany, and the Netherlands—were also present.



Belgium's Carnegie Medal



Linda Hills of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, with Theo Van Santen of the Carnegie Hero Fund of Belgium.

Hills was asked to address the assembly, held in the auditorium of the National Bank of Belgium, on behalf of both the Commission and the family of Andrew and Louise Carnegie, as she is one of the couple's 15 great-grandchildren. Speaking fluently in French, one of the country's official languages, Hills told the gathering

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Carnegie's Belgian hero fund turns 100

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Those greeting Crown Prince Philippe, right, at the Belgian Hero Fund's centennial were, from left, Theo Van Santen, secretary of the fund; William Thomson and Linda Hills, great-grandchildren of Andrew Carnegie; and Herman De Croo, Belgian minister of state and the fund's vice president.

that her great-grandfather “would no doubt have rejoiced in all that the Carnegie Hero Fund of Belgium has accomplished in the past 100 years and in its ongoing commitment to his vision.”

It was then the prince's turn to receive a medal when Hills presented him with one of the limited-edition medals struck in 2004 to mark the Commission's centennial.

A buffet reception in the hall, accompanied by the strains of Irish and Scottish music performed live, closed the event. Each departing guest received a piece of Belgium's hallmark chocolate—molded in the likeness of ... the Carnegie Medal. Response to the ceremony was very favorable, Van Santen reporting later that the Belgian government expressed a wish to feature future medal presentations on the country's national holiday, July 21. 

FRIENDS REMEMBERED

William Hugh Emory, 86, of Waverly, Va., died Aug. 7. He was awarded the Carnegie Medal in 1962 for saving an 82-year-old woman and her 2-year-old granddaughter from a burning house in Petersburg, Va., on March 24, 1961. His daughter Phyllis Emory Johnson, of Wabasha, Minn., was 16 at the time and witnessed the rescue. Now the mother of two volunteer firemen, she told the Hero Fund, “They really get the gravity of what he did.”



Mr. Fox

George W. Fox, 98, of New Port Richey, Fla., died April 29. Fox was awarded the medal in 1942 for his actions of July 31, 1941, when at age 28 he saved a 13-year-old boy from drowning in Sylvan Slough of the Mississippi River at Rock Island, Ill., where Fox was then living. Caught by the swift current, Fox swam with the boy on his bank, submerging repeatedly, until they reached safety. Fox was a machinist and worked for Rock Island Arsenal before retiring.

Donald J. O'Lone, 77, of Ormond Beach, Fla., died July 29. A former U.S. Marine, O'Lone was a tireless advocate for veterans, and, according to his obituary in *The News-Journal* of Daytona Beach, Fla., he had a habit of nominating others for accolades and awards. In that regard, O'Lone was a Hero Fund correspondent, often calling acts of heroism to the Commission's attention, enabling awards to be made in several cases. “He was the conscience of the community,” said Gary Libby, former director of the Museum of Arts and Sciences, Daytona Beach.

FAMILY HONORS 1909 HERO

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The *Gazette's* front-page news coverage of the gathering caught the attention of reader Sharon Martula. She wrote to the editor: “Once into this story, I realized but for this man's heroism and another man's success my own family would not be here. The two young brothers rescued that day, I believe, were my grandfather, Charles Arthur, and my great-uncle, Andrew. (O'Connor's) sacrifice, and the successful rescue of my grandfather by another man, resulted in several generations of grateful relatives.”

It was nine days before Christmas in 1908 that O'Connor, married and the father of two young children, gave his life for the benefit of others. Charles Arthur, 16, and his brother, Andrew, 12, had broken through the ice while skating. O'Connor, driving a horse-drawn load of wood, heard their screams and responded to the scene. He and two other men ran onto the ice, threw a length of rope to the boys, and were starting to pull them from the open water when the rope broke. The three rescuers, “heedless of the bending of the ice under them,” according to the Hero Fund's 1909 investigative report, persisted in their efforts. The rope was thrown again, and when Charles grasped it, O'Connor rushed forward, “forgetting caution in (his) eagerness.” The ice gave way beneath him, and he sank and drowned. The boys were rescued by another man.

More than \$1,000 was raised in a matter of days through a newspaper fund set up by the editor to provide financial assistance to the O'Connor's family. Newspaper employees visited his widow and children on Christmas Eve, delivering boxes of provisions. The editor, Henry S. Gere, applied for recognition from the Carnegie Hero Fund, and by the following May the award was made. For 20 years, O'Connor's widow, Harriet, received a monthly grant from the Commission to help her meet living expenses.

One of O'Connor's children, Lawrence, who was 4 at the time of his father's death, was Florek's father. “He always emphasized the importance of knowing how to swim,” Florek told a *Gazette* reporter. “He told us his dad was a good swimmer and he made sure we were too.”

The tireless Pelissier, who was applauded by the O'Connor family for her efforts, was gratified by the event. “I'm sure (O'Connor) would have been very happy and proud to see the whole family together like this,” she told the *Gazette*. “If I were independently wealthy, I would contact folks all over the country and organize similar events for them.”



LATEST AWARDEES
OF THE CARNEGIE MEDAL

SINCE THE LAST ISSUE OF *imPULSE*, THE FOLLOWING 19 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE CARNEGIE MEDAL, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS TO 9,558 SINCE THE HERO FUND'S INCEPTION IN 1904. THE LATEST AWARDS, WHICH WERE ANNOUNCED ON SEPT. 20, ARE DETAILED ON THE COMMISSION'S WEBSITE AT WWW.CARNEGIEHERO.ORG. THE NEXT ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDEES WILL BE MADE ON DEC. 20.

Anthony S. Johnson, 32, of Farmington, Minn., saved Oscar R. Haddorff, 56, from drowning in the Mississippi River at Red Wing, Minn., on May 29 last year. Unconscious, Haddorff was seen being swept downstream in a strong current by witnesses on the nearer bank, including Johnson, an inventory and quality control assistant. Johnson dived into the 62-degree water and swam about 50 feet to Haddorff. He established a hold on him, but the current kept him from making progress back to the bank. Johnson then readjusted his hold on Haddorff, who outweighed him, and with difficulty began to tow him to the bank as the current washed them downstream. Tiring and submerging, Johnson reached the bank with Haddorff at a point about 420 feet from where he entered the water. Cold and fatigued, Johnson was treated in the emergency room. (See photo.)

John P. Williams, 41, a deputy sheriff from La Crosse, Wis., helped to save Joel L. Merchlewitz, 39, from drowning in the Mississippi River at La Crosse on June 25, 2011. At night, Merchlewitz entered the river and was carried downstream by a strong current. Williams overheard a police dispatch on the situation and responded to the river bank. Seeing Merchlewitz disappear into the darkness, he dived into the river, which was deep along the bank, and swam in the direction of Merchlewitz, the current taking him about 400 feet downstream. Williams intercepted Merchlewitz and held to him as the current carried them farther downstream. They submerged repeatedly. Boaters aboard a private craft caught up to the men and secured them with a line, and a boat from the fire department took them to safety.

Sales manager **John Lynn Haight**, 54, of Rogue River, Ore., saved his neighbor, Leonard F. Wrobel, from drowning in the Rogue River on June 29 last year. Wrobel, 70, slipped and fell into the cold, swift river, which adjoined his property, and, losing consciousness, was swept downstream. Seeing him floating face down, Haight, fully clothed, dived into the river from his dock. He swam downstream in search of Wrobel and caught up to him after going about 200 feet. In water beyond his depth, Haight grasped Wrobel, who outweighed him, and swam to the bank with him. He maneuvered Wrobel partially



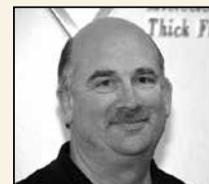
Anthony S. Johnson wasn't planning on a swim as he and his girlfriend walked through Levee Park on the bank of the Mississippi River in Red Wing, Minn. When they saw a man being carried downstream by the swift current, Johnson dived into the river, swam to him, and over a course of 420 feet struggled to return him to the bank. Photo, by John Weiss, is courtesy of the Post-Bulletin Weekend, Rochester, Minn.

out of the water onto a concrete slab, where he worked to revive him. Responding emergency personnel required a raft to remove the men from the scene. Haight sustained significant muscle strain from his exertion, for which he underwent therapy.

Michael Chad Perry, 26, a mechanic from Phenix City, Ala., saved Christopher M. Sanders, 27, from an out-of-control vehicle in Columbus, Ga., on Aug. 25, 2011. Sanders was driving a sport utility vehicle on a parkway, on which the speed limit was 65 m.p.h., when he lost control of it. Perry was driving behind him and saw the vehicle slow and shift lanes. He then drove ahead, parked, and ran after Sanders's vehicle, which by then had passed him at a speed of about 15 m.p.h. Perry reached the vehicle and opened its front passenger door. With the vehicle still moving, he entered it and lay on the front seat, his lower legs extending outside. Perry steered the vehicle to the shoulder and stopped it against the guide rail, one of his legs becoming stuck between the opened door and the body of the vehicle. He freed himself and then tended to Sanders.

Rodney Bone, 40, of Grady, N.M., an officer with the New Mexico Motor Transportation Police, and **Christopher S. Stimpson**, 50, of Tucumcari, N.M., a New Mexico State Police officer, saved Mortarice D. Collier and David A. Wallace from a burning tractor-trailer after a highway accident in San Jon, N.M., on July 31, 2011. Collier, 47, was trapped in the vehicle after the accident as flames broke out on the passenger side of the tractor and spread inside, where Wallace, 52, had been sleeping. Bone immediately responded from nearby. Seeing Collier pounding on the window of the driver's door, which was jammed

shut, he climbed onto the wreckage and broke out the window. He reached inside, grasped Collier, and started to pull him to safety, Collier then climbing down to the pavement. Finding that Wallace was lying unconscious on the floor of the cab, Bone attempted to reach him as flames grew in the cab. Stimpson arrived about then and entered the cab through the window. He grasped Wallace, and, as Bone held to his legs, worked to free him. After Stimpson maneuvered from the cab, pulling Wallace, Bone grasped Wallace, whose clothing was burning, and took him to the pavement. Flames shortly engulfed the cab and spread to the trailer, destroying both. (See photo.)



Mr. Walker

William R. Walker, 48, an operations manager from San Jose, Calif., died after attempting to save Nalini Kommineni, 31, from drowning in the Pacific Ocean at Carmel, Calif., on July 3, 2010. Kommineni

and other members of her party were walking along the beach when they were knocked down by the surf and pulled into Carmel Bay. From another party nearby, Walker immediately responded to the water and helped to pull all of the victims onto the beach except for Kommineni, who was floating face down about 300 feet out. Despite a rough surf with waves at least eight feet high, Walker swam to her and began to tow her toward shore. He was next seen separated from her. Struggling toward the beach, he was pulled the remaining distance to safety by a responding sheriff's deputy. Walker soon lost

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consciousness, and efforts to revive him were unsuccessful, as he had drowned. Responding lifeguards removed Kommineni, who died two days later.

School teacher **Richard Henry Becker**, 31, of Mendocino, Calif., saved Zayre S. Johnson, 17, from drowning in the Pacific Ocean at Mendocino Bay on Jan. 18, 2011. Zayre entered the bay to surf, but when his board broke in the rough seas he abandoned it. Rather than attempt to return to shore against a strong current, he turned toward a cove at the far end of the bay. Becker had also gone to the bay to surf but decided against it because of strong winds and 14-foot waves. Watching Zayre, he concluded that he was at risk of being swept into the treacherous area of waves breaking against the rocky cliffs near the cove. Becker entered the bay with his surfboard and paddled out toward Zayre as responding firefighters directed him. He reached Zayre after paddling about 2,000 feet out from shore. With Zayre atop him, Becker paddled toward the cove, their progress slow. Negotiating the breakers at the cove, they reached safety. Becker was nearly exhausted. (See photo.)

Daniel R. Welp, 55, a custodian from East Dubuque, Ill., saved Merlin J. Hoftender, 53, from drowning in floodwaters in East Dubuque on July 28, 2011. Hoftender was stranded at his pickup truck after it was washed from a flooded highway into a ditch during heavy rains at night. Welp was driving on the same highway when the floodwater's current took his truck past Hoftender's. Hoftender, who could not swim, shouted to him for help. When Welp's truck stopped on the highway, he exited it and, after aiding another motorist to safety, re-entered the floodwaters and proceeded several hundred feet to a point beyond Hoftender's truck. Welp stepped from the highway into the 10-foot-deep water of the flooded ditch and, moving with the current, swam to Hoftender's truck. He aided Hoftender up the opposite bank of the ditch to the bed of an adjacent railroad track. Firefighters had been dispatched along the track and met up with the men. All reached safety.

Matthew R. Scribner of Palmyra, N.Y., saved Kurt E. Deisinger, 26, from drowning in Ganargua Creek in Palmyra on April 23 of last year. Deisinger and his brother were kayaking on the creek near a low-head dam. When Deisinger's kayak rolled, throwing him into the boil of water at the base of the dam, his brother paddled toward him, but he too fell into the water and with Deisinger became caught there momentarily. They were then pushed downstream, conscious but immobilized, and they shouted for help. Scribner, 24, was on the bank about 150 feet away. He jumped into the creek, which was high and running fast from spring runoff, and was stunned by the coldness of the water. He swam to Deisinger,



Richard Henry Becker intended to go surfing in Mendocino, Calif., Bay but changed his mind on seeing the rough seas. When he also saw a 17-year-old surfer in distress in the bay, Becker paddled 2,000 feet to him and returned him to safety. Photo, by Kent Porter, is courtesy of The Press Democrat, Santa Rosa, Calif.

reaching him at the outer edge of the boil, and towed him to the bank. Deisinger's brother, meanwhile, floated with the current toward the bank, and when he was within reach, Scribner and others pulled him from the creek. Scribner needed hospital treatment for hypothermia.

Leonard Terry and **Mark A. McCullagh**, both of Charlotte, N.C., helped to save a 9-year-old girl from drowning in the pond of an apartment complex in Charlotte on Jan. 12, 2010. The girl walked onto the



Witnessing a man break through the ice on a lake in Sauk Centre, Minn., Kali Jo Arnzen quickly skated to him and, with each of them using one of her skates as pick, pulled him onto solid ice.

ice of the partially frozen pond and broke through at a point about 60 feet from the nearer bank. Terry, 25, who had been watching her from his nearby apartment, immediately ran to the pond and then, although he could not swim, walked onto the ice toward her. He extended a hand to the girl but broke through the ice himself. He submerged, and when he surfaced, the girl clung to his back as he trod water. He called for help. McCullagh, 46, business executive, was alerted from his nearby home. He too responded to the pond, where he crawled across the ice to the open water. McCullagh managed to get the girl onto solid ice, and she made her way to safety, but he broke through himself and entered the frigid water. McCullagh then supported Terry, who outweighed him, against the solid ice as they awaited help. Arriving fire personnel pulled both men to safety, each of them requiring treatment for hypothermia.

High school student **Kali Jo Arnzen**, 17, of Sauk Centre, Minn., saved Travis J. Ritter, 30, from drowning in Fairy Lake, Sauk Centre, on Dec. 29, 2011. While riding in his all-terrain vehicle, Ritter broke through an area of thin ice on the lake at a point about 700 feet from the bank. The vehicle sank, and Ritter was unable to climb from the open water. About 400 feet away, Kali was ice skating in the area between Ritter and the bank when she heard the ice break. She immediately skated quickly toward Ritter. From about 10 feet away, Kali slid her skates to Ritter to use as ice picks, but he could not pull himself onto solid ice. Kali then removed her jacket and extended a sleeve to Ritter, but as they pulled on

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the jacket Kali was drawn closer to the open water. Ritter returned a skate to Kali, and she used it to anchor herself to the ice as she resumed pulling on the jacket. Thus aided, Ritter hoisted himself onto solid ice. He and Kali regained their footing and walked to the bank.

Steven DeGrace rescued Vernon Pell, 75, from his burning house in St. Margarets, N.B., on Sept. 18, 2009. Pell was inside the one-story structure after fire erupted in the kitchen. Motorists, including DeGrace, 40, an electronics technician from Beresford, N.B., drove upon the scene and stopped, having observed smoke issuing from the house. Informed that Pell remained inside, DeGrace entered the house through its front door two times in search of him, but he was repulsed both times by smoke that precluded visibility. On a third entry, DeGrace crossed the living room and located Pell in the kitchen. As he began to pull Pell toward the front door, Pell fell to the floor, where he lay inert. Although Pell greatly outweighed him, DeGrace dragged him through the living room and to the front door, where a woman helped to pull Pell to safety. Pell was hospitalized for treatment of severe burns but died the next day. DeGrace recovered from exposure to the smoke.

William Wilkinson, 17, a high school student from Philadelphia, Pa., died attempting to save Jennifer Torres from drowning in the Delaware River in



Summer N. White was returning home from a horse show, where she worked as a groom, when she and her party came across an accident on the Kansas Turnpike at night and found a woman lying on the highway beside her car. As White started to drag the woman to the shoulder, an oncoming vehicle struck the woman's car, knocking it into them. White required hospitalization for numerous fractures. (Image Copyright Steve Thornton.)

Philadelphia, and **Justin Michael Reed**, 29, a teacher from Philadelphia, helped to save her. On May 25, 2011, Torres, 18, fell into the river from a pier along the bank and was quickly carried away by a strong tidal current. Her friend, William, who was present, jumped into the river from the pier after her. He reached Torres, but they became separated and

Torres was swept farther away. Reed was arriving at the pier to fish about then and was alerted to the situation. He jumped into the water from the pier and swam about 180 feet to Torres. He positioned her on her back and started to swim to the bank with her, but she struggled against him en route, submerging him. Another man aided them to safety. Reed was tired and cold, but he recovered. William, meanwhile, struggled to stay afloat as others attempted to rescue him, and he then submerged. His body was recovered from the river the following day. He had drowned.

Friends **Christopher Patino**, 16, of Rochester, N.Y., and **Mustafa A. Said**, 19, of Henrietta, N.Y., both high school students, rescued Nicole Bean from an assault by a man armed with a knife in Henrietta on Jan. 25, 2011. Nicole, 17, was walking through a grocery store when the man with her produced a kitchen knife and without provocation stabbed her repeatedly. She screamed for help. Customers, including Christopher and Said, approached the corner of the store where the assault was taking place. They immediately rushed the assailant, with Christopher shoving him off Nicole, who was bloodied, and struggling against him. Said joined in the struggle and removed the knife from the assailant, sustaining a severe laceration to his right hand while doing so. As Christopher, joined by another man, took the assailant to the floor and secured him, Said removed Nicole from the immediate scene. Police arrived shortly and arrested the assailant. Christopher sustained a minor injury to his hand, and Said required overnight hospitalization for treatment, including suturing, of his wound.

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Flames erupted at the cab of a tractor-trailer and grew quickly after the rig struck the rear of another tractor-trailer on a ramp of an interstate highway in San Jon, N.M. The two men trapped by wreckage in the cab were pulled to safety by Rodney Bone and Christopher S. Stimpson, both officers with the New Mexico Department of Public Safety. According to the department, which provided the photo as a courtesy, Bone and Stimpson "acted in a manner that this office absolutely considers above and beyond the call of duty."

Representatives of Carnegie's hero funds taking steps to form "world committee"

A "world committee" of the leaders of the hero funds established more than a century ago by Andrew Carnegie has evolved over the past decade, and most recently representatives of seven of the funds took steps to formalize their association. Of Carnegie's 11 original hero funds, nine are still in existence and one is in the process of re-organizing.

Representatives of the seven funds met in Brussels, Belgium, while attending ceremonies marking the centennial of the Carnegie Hero Fund of Belgium in late October. On their agenda was discussion of the proposed "Carnegie Hero Funds World Committee," as outlined by the U.S. fund's president, Mark Laskow. According to Laskow, a formal structure could explore issues facing the hero funds on a regular basis and suggest "best practices" in dealing with them. Of particular concern to some of the funds are their dwindling endowments.

Other goals of the committee, Laskow said, would include exchanging vital information on each fund, such as investment and awarding policies, and assisting in reconstituting lapsed hero funds or establishing new ones. Safeguarding the Carnegie name is also of high importance to the funds, Laskow said, to ensure that the motives and methods of the hero funds were consistent with Carnegie's intent.

Although each of the hero funds is operated independently—with its own administration, funding, and policies—all share the "Carnegie brand," or goal of the founder, that those who endanger their own lives to save the lives of others should be recognized as the heroes of their respective societies. In addition to Belgium, the funds are located in the U.K. (serving Ireland also), the U.S. (covering Canada), Sweden, Switzerland, Italy, Norway, Denmark, and the Netherlands. The hero fund in France ceased operating in 2009, and efforts to revive Carnegie's hero fund in Germany are well underway.

Despite their common purpose and century-long existence, the funds' efforts to establish and maintain a fraternal association are a relatively recent development, traceable to 1995, when Commodore (ret.) Count Gustaf Taube, then chairman of Carnegie Stiftelsen, the Swedish fund, took his board to Scotland to visit the Carnegie Hero Fund Trust, based in Dunfermline, where Carnegie was born in 1835. In 2002, Taube and his board visited Pittsburgh, where they met with members of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission and toured the city in which the Carnegie Family settled in 1848—and where Carnegie made his fortune, primarily in the steel industry.

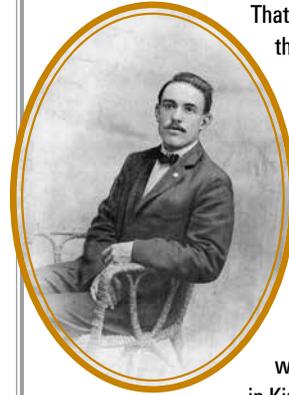
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YOUNG SON'S SACRIFICE HONORED

It was a bittersweet occasion for the parents, grandparents, and other family members, and the friends of **Kyle D. Austin**: Pennsylvania State Police Trooper Michael R. Elder, left, presented Kyle's Carnegie Medal posthumously to his mother, Kelli Petrillo, center, of McVeytown, Pa., and grandparents, Brian and Jeannie Austin of Lewistown, Pa. Kyle, 13, drowned in the Juniata River at McVeytown on July 21, 2011, attempting to save his good friend, Dakota A. Cutshall, also 13, while the boys were on a swimming outing. Trooper Elder was the lead investigator on the case and provided assistance to the Hero Fund during its investigation. Photo, by Kiernan Schalk, is courtesy of the *The Sentinel*, Lewistown.



"HERO"



That's all its says on the back of the early 20th-century photo of **William Watkins** of Edwardsville, Pa., who was awarded the Carnegie Medal more than 100 years ago. On Sept. 3, 1904, Watkins, then a 24-year-old coal miner, was working at a mine in Kingston, Pa., when an explosion occurred in the mine about

800 feet below ground, rendering three other miners helpless. Watkins heard the explosion and "went to the relief of the injured," according to the Hero Fund's original report, "fully realizing the danger of gas and other explosions." Despite hearing the working of the mine's unsupported roof and expecting it to fall momentarily, Watkins removed the victims to safety one at a time, clearing the roof's collapsing by 500 feet.

Finding Watkins "a good workman, a trustworthy man, and moderate in his habits," the Commission awarded him a silver medal in 1906 with an accompanying grant of \$1,200. The medal remains in the family, and according to great-granddaughter Tammy Lee Watkins of Mesa, Ariz., it is one of their favorite possessions. "My family takes great pride in having an ancestor who has received this medal," Watkins wrote recently. "I have been very attached to (it) since I was a little girl, knowing very little about it. It is the only keepsake we have from that generation."

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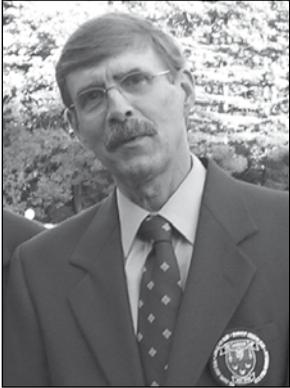
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Summer N. White, 18, a groom from Edmond, Okla., attempted to save Rebecka J. Hall, 32, from being struck by a vehicle on the Kansas Turnpike in Mulvane on June 12. After a vehicular accident at night, Hall, 32, lay injured and incapacitated on the roadway surface beside her car. White was a passenger in a pickup truck that approached the scene and stopped. She left the pickup and went to Hall, who was screaming. White grasped Hall by the arms and started to move her from the lanes of travel when an oncoming truck struck Hall's car. The car in turn spun around, striking Hall and White and knocking them to a point against the median barrier wall. Both women were taken to the hospital, where Hall was pronounced dead. White was detained three days for treatment, including surgery, of fractures to her collarbone, shoulder, and back and other injuries. (See photo.)



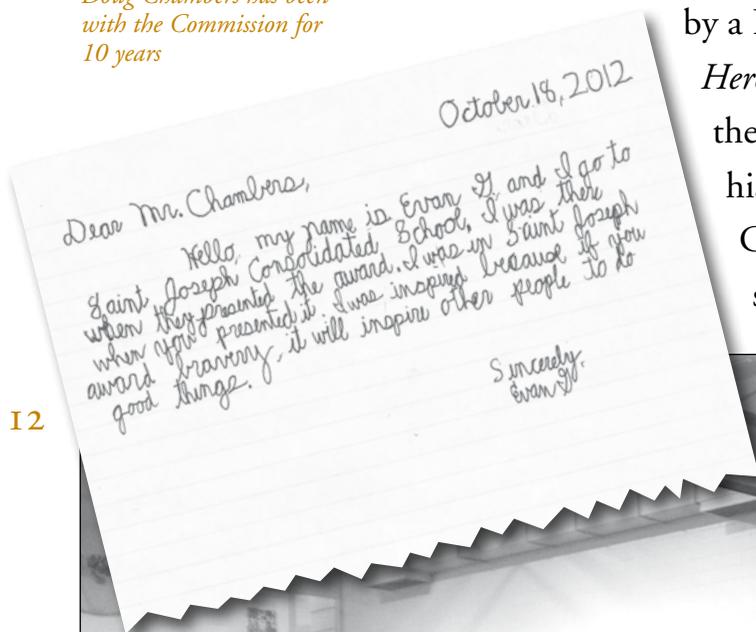
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Doug Chambers has been with the Commission for 10 years

A few years ago, the Hero Fund initiated a relationship with the Heartwood Institute, a non-profit educational organization based in Pittsburgh that is committed to promoting the understanding and practice of seven universal ethical attributes: courage, loyalty, justice, respect, hope, honesty, and love. By addressing these core attributes in tangible ways, Heartwood's programs boost achievement while building character. The Hero Fund's role is to offer "heroes assemblies" to the schools that implement a Heartwood program. Assemblies typically include a talk by a Hero Fund representative, the showing of the video, *Heroes Among Us*, and, in what has been the highlight of the assemblies, the appearance of an awardee who recounts his or her rescue act. The Commission's Douglas R. Chambers, director of external affairs, has made three such presentations this fall.

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HEARTWOOD HEROES ASSEMBLY

More than 300 students from the Kenneyville School of Hanover Park, Ill., attended a Heartwood heroes assembly on Nov. 5 to learn about the Hero Fund and to hear awardee **Christopher Adam Skeet** of Chicago recount his September 2008 rescue of a teenaged boy. Skeet, then 30 and a teacher, jumped into the Des Plaines River in Des Plaines, Ill., after the boy had entered its cold, swift waters and was carried away by the current. Skeet struggled to tow the boy back to a wall adjacent to the river and eventually got within reach of where others helped both to safety. Skeet, who was awarded the medal in 2010, has participated in several of the heroes assemblies.

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—*The Canadian Oxford Dictionary, Oxford University Press, 2001*



Kirk D. Haldeman, standing at center right, is shown with students impressed by his heroic actions.

Students give awardee a hero's welcome at Chicago elementary school assembly

Kirk D. Haldeman of Ligonier, Pa., who helped to save at least eight people from an assault by a gunman in a pub in Ligonier in July of 2011, received a real hero's welcome in late October at the Beaubien Elementary school in Chicago. Haldeman was taking part in a Heartwood heroes assembly.

Close to 300 students listened intently as Haldeman recounted his encounter with the gunman after he had shot one of the pub's patrons, killing him. Haldeman, then 51, and his friend, **Michael J. Ledgard**, 52, of Greensburg, Pa., were having dinner in the pub when the gunman opened fire. Although they were closer to the pub's exit doors than they were to the gunman, Haldeman rushed the gunman, grasped him by the arm, and pushed his semi-automatic assault rifle upward just as another shot was fired. Ledgard then intervened, and he and Haldeman took the assailant to the floor and secured him until the police arrived.

The awarding of the Carnegie Medal to both Haldeman and Ledgard was announced in June, and the medals will be formally presented to the men at a meeting of the Commission in December. In a surprise to Haldeman and the students and teachers, Commission representative Douglas R. Chambers showed Haldeman his medal as the assembly was nearing an end. Spontaneously, all in the hall rose to their feet, shouting and clapping. Later, several of the students insisted on posing for a picture with Haldeman, one even requesting an autograph. ☒

Haldeman rushed the gunman, grasped him by the arm, and pushed his semi-automatic assault rifle upward just as another shot was fired.

HERO'S PHYSICAL CONDITION WEIGHED HEAVILY IN RESCUE

Zachary Michael Mortenson weighed a mere 125 pounds when he rescued a 21-year-old college student from drowning near his hometown of Hamilton, Ohio, in June of 2011. But weight can be deceiving. Zachary, then 15, was also in excellent physical condition, largely attributable to his training and competing as a wrestler for his high school team.

The college student found himself in trouble after swimming some 360 feet from the bank of Acton Lake in College Corner, Ohio, in an attempt to reach a child's raft that was floating away. Becoming spent, he called for help. Then about to leave the beach, Zachary entered the water and with no difficulty swam out to the student. He grasped the victim in a cross-chest carry and started toward the bank, kicking with all his strength and keeping the almost lifeless student's head above water. Zachary eventually reached wadable water, from which others helped both onto the beach. The college student was airlifted to a hospital for treatment and was soon released. Zachary, tired from his ordeal, recovered later that day.

The Commission announced the award of a Carnegie Medal to Zachary on June 27, and on Oct. 17 he was presented the medal in front of a

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Awardee Zachary Michael Mortenson with his mother, Christine.



CARNEGIE HERO FUND ELECTS NATHALIE LEMIEUX TO BOARD

Nathalie Lemieux of Sewickley, Pa., has been elected to the board of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission. In announcing her election, Mark Laskow, Commission president, said that she will serve on the Hero Fund's executive committee, which is the Commission's awarding body.

Lemieux, whose husband Mario is an NHL Hall-of-Famer and owner of the Pittsburgh Penguins, is a native of Ville LaSalle, Que. She is vice president of the Mario Lemieux Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds for cancer research and patient care. Lemieux is also chair of Austin's Playroom Project, a Lemieux Foundation initiative that creates playrooms for children and families in medical facilities. Since 2000, 27 playrooms have been established, including one in the Wounded Warrior Transition Unit at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

Laskow cited Lemieux's Canadian heritage and foundation experience as strengths in her election to the board, as the Commission since its inception in 1904 has recognized civilian heroism throughout Canada as well as the U.S.

In her spare time, Lemieux plays golf and paddleball, and she is an accomplished interior designer. She is to receive the 2012 Leadership Award from the American Society of Interior Designers, Pennsylvania West Chapter, on behalf of the Lemieux Foundation for playroom design.

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Heartwood heroes assembly of sixth, seventh, and eighth graders of St. Joseph Consolidated School in Hamilton. Also on hand for the presentation were Zachary's parents, Stephen and Christine Mortenson; his grandparents, Dennis and Vicki Wojtow; and family friend Joe Garcia. Bill Hicks, principal of St. Joseph, coordinated the event, and had this to say: "The hero assembly exceeded our expectations and made a very lasting impression on our students."

Zachary is back on the mats again this year, stronger, a little heavier, and fit as ever.

Representatives of Carnegie's hero funds

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Meanwhile, representatives of all of Carnegie's trusts and institutions, which number in excess of 20, began gathering biennially in 2001 to participate in the awarding of the Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy. That award, started by the Carnegie Corporation of New York around the centennial of Carnegie's primary philanthropic initiatives, recognizes major philanthropists worldwide who follow in Carnegie's footsteps in dedicating their private wealth to the public good and who have sustained impressive careers as philanthropists.

Awarding ceremonies held in Edinburgh, Scotland (2005), Pittsburgh (2007), and New York (2009 and 2011) set the stage for informal gatherings of the hero funds, and the gatherings became an anticipated forum. A further step in the evolution of the committee was the growing interest in the work of the hero funds by William Thomson of Murthly Perthshire, Scotland. One of the 15 great-grandchildren of Andrew and Louise Carnegie, Thomson, along with his cousin Linda Hills of the U.S. fund, came to represent the interests of the Carnegie Family name, and he has rotated duties of committee chair with Laskow.

The next planned meeting of the hero funds will be held in conjunction with the presentation of the 2013 Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy, to be held in October in Edinburgh. ☒



Leaders of Andrew Carnegie's worldwide hero funds meeting in Belgium are, seated from left, Brian Fera (Germany), Hans-Ruedi Hübscher (Switzerland), Theo Van Santen (Belgium), and, standing from left, Nora Rundell (U.K.), William Thomson (U.K.), Linda Hills (U.S.), Hans de Vries (Netherlands), Walter Rutkowski (U.S.), Bart Van Santen (Belgium), and Gustaf Taube (Sweden).

OVERHEARD

You're not going to die tonight.—Daniel R. Welp, Carnegie Medal awardee #9458, speaking to a man trapped in his pickup during a flash flood.

I will honor your foundation with my academic performance and continuing to help others.—Nicole Autilio, Carnegie Medal awardee #9521, on receipt of a Hero Fund scholarship grant.

Children who grew up watching their parents stick their necks out for others are likely to do the same.—Dr. Julie M. Hupp, Ohio State University, as quoted in "Are You a Hero or a Bystander?", *The Wall Street Journal*, Aug. 21, 2012.

With visitors like you, I feel safer already.—St. Petersburg, Fla., Mayor Bill Foster, speaking to Gus Hertz, Carnegie Medal nominee #85004, who performed rescues on two consecutive days while on vacation in Florida.

Carnegie Heroes...are not larger-than-life individuals; rather, they are ordinary people who, through their socialization, have internalized a sense of responsibility and empathy for fellow human beings. They have acquired caring norms in their lives and developed skills that both prompt and enable them to respond in emergency situations. Their sense of self and the moral values they have acquired would not let them be bystanders.—Dr. Samuel P. Oliner in *Do Unto Others, How Altruism Inspires True Acts of Courage*, 2003, Westview Press.

Take a Bite Out of Blood Shortages—Name of the Suncoast Communities (Fla.) Blood Bank drive, held in honor of a man who lost half of his blood when bitten by a shark while spear fishing in the Gulf of Mexico. The victim was rescued by Connor M. Bystrom, Carnegie Medal awardee #9531.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The history of Beaudry Boulevard

Skating the frozen Willow River during the Great Depression of the 1930s was inexpensive entertainment for the young people of Hudson, Wis. On the night of Dec. 2, 1932, despite the cold and dark—the hour was going on 10—skaters were going up and down the river, among them Clarence Naegele, 21, and his girlfriend, Mary Wilcox, 20. When they were 40 feet from the closer bank, the ice broke beneath them and they submerged in water 15 feet deep.

Naegele succeeded in pushing Wilcox to the edge of solid ice, but after attempting to pull himself out of the open water, he submerged and did not surface. Wilcox yelled for help.

Two young men skating near the bank heard Wilcox. Knowing that another skater, 19-year-old **Eugene J. Beaudry**, had a flashlight with him, they yelled to him. Beaudry joined them, and together they skated toward the hole in which Wilcox remained partly submerged. As they approached, they heard the menacing creaking of the ice around them and turned back.

When Beaudry's two companions made no further effort to aid Wilcox, Beaudry decided to act. He had a fear of water, which was not surprising since he did not know how to swim, and further, his 15-year-old brother, Ernest, drowned in the river two years earlier, in the same stretch where Wilcox was struggling to survive. Beaudry told his companions that if he broke through the ice, they would have to help him. Leaving his flashlight with them, Beaudry skated around the circle of open water, keeping about 15 feet from its edge. He then crawled to about three feet from Wilcox and extended his left leg toward her for her to grasp.



Eugene Beaudry



Joseph Beaudry, with his father's Carnegie Medal. Photo, by Randy Hanson, is courtesy of the Hudson Star-Observer.

Although Wilcox was not of an imposing size, Beaudry, at five-foot-three and 136 pounds, was only slightly bigger. When Wilcox began to pull on his left skate, she pulled him closer to the open water. On a second attempt, Beaudry was able to pull back as Wilcox held to the skate, thereby pulling her out of the hole. Beaudry could not ignore the sound of cracking ice. He and Wilcox crawled away from the open water and then stood and skated toward the bank, but Wilcox collapsed before reaching it. Beaudry carried her about three blocks to his family's home.

Naegele drowned. Wilcox was ill for several days, but she recovered...and lived another 76 years to the age of 93. For his

heroism, Beaudry was awarded the Carnegie Medal and \$500 in 1935. He remained in Hudson, where he spent most of his working years with the Great Northern and the Burlington Northern railroads. Married with children, he lived in his childhood home until his death in 1985: He died in the same bedroom in which he was born 72 years earlier.

While the Beaudrys have a long history in Hudson—the family settled there when Beaudry's father relocated from Nova Scotia in 1894—it was Beaudry's act of heroism that led to the naming of a city street after him. "Beaudry Boulevard" extends a third of a mile through a business park.

The Hero Fund made contact with Beaudry in 1982 after a newspaper story on the 50th anniversary of his act of heroism was sent to the office. A new case for his medal was provided. "I really appreciate what you have done for me," Beaudry replied, noting that he would never forget being "interrogated" by the Commission during the case investigation a half-century earlier. Beaudry's son, Joseph, also a life-long resident of Hudson, is now in possession of his father's medal. He was proud of the award, Joseph said, but never boasted of it. 

—Marlin Ross, *Case Investigator*, with thanks to Randy Hanson, *associate editor of the Hudson Star-Observer*.

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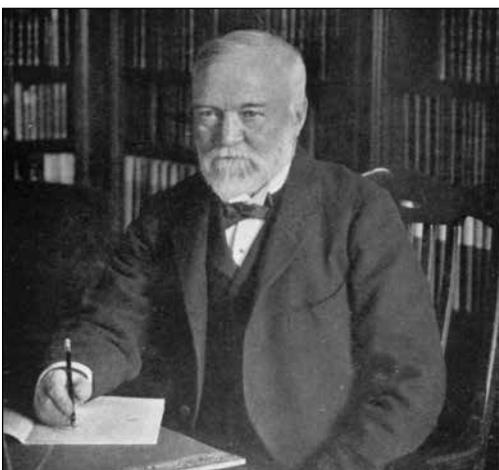
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