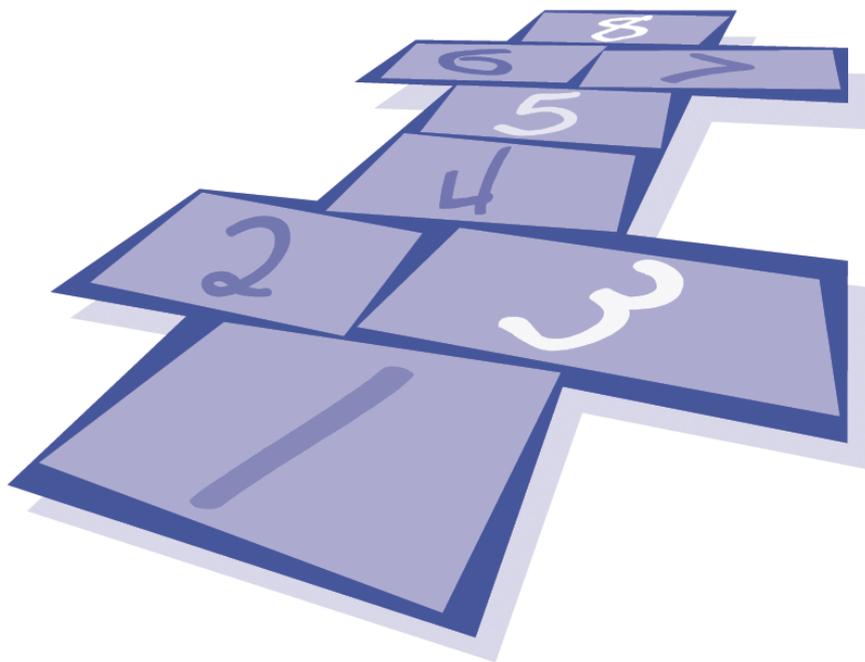


The Pawtucket Foundation presents its

FIFTH ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

The Pawtucket Armory
172 Exchange Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860



TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Reception

Dinner Seating

Introduction & Welcome

Mike Horan, Esq., Master of Ceremonies

Invocation

Reverend George Peters, Pawtucket Congregational Church

Special Recognition

Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson

Presentation of

Reinventing Roosevelt video

Dinner

Awards Presentation

John J. Partridge and Daniel Sullivan, Jr.
Co-Chairmen, The Pawtucket Foundation

Presentation

Lance J. Robbins and Urban Smart Growth,
2008 Person of the Year.

Robert D. Billington, Ed.D & The Blackstone Valley
Tourism Council, 2008 Heritage Award
recipient.

Raffle

Closing



THE AWARDS CELEBRATION

The Awards Celebration is a unique opportunity to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to Pawtucket's development as a community. The award recipients represent the best examples of civic leadership and entrepreneurship that the Foundation tries to embody and to encourage throughout the community at large. The Foundation presented its first awards in 2004.

The Foundation's **Person of the Year Award** recognizes a person who significantly contributed to enhancing the quality of economic and community life in Pawtucket during the previous year.

PAST HONOREES

PATRICIA S. ZACKS AND CONSUELO SHERBA, 2007

RICHARD KAZARIAN, JR., PH.D, 2006

RANNE WARNER, 2005

HERB WEISS, 2004

The **Heritage Award** recognizes an outstanding and long-term commitment to the City of Pawtucket and its residents.

PAST HONOREES

FRANCIS R. DIETZ AND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF
RHODE ISLAND, 2007

JOSEPH T. MCHALE (IN MEMORIAM) AND THE
JOHN J. MCHALE COMPANIES, 2006

MORRIS NATHANSON, 2005

BEN MONDOR AND THE PAWTUCKET RED SOX, 2004

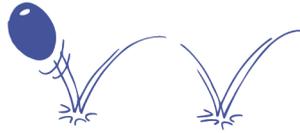
PERSON OF THE YEAR

LANCE J. ROBBINS AND URBAN SMART GROWTH

Before Mr. Robbins and his company, Urban Smart Growth, arrived in Pawtucket, he had worked for nearly thirty years in the arena of real estate development. Focused primarily in Los Angeles, California at the start of his career, Mr. Robbins conceived and spearheaded a program for the acquisition and rehabilitation of a blighted section of Los Angeles in 1994. His concept of private redevelopment and rehabilitation of an entire blighted neighborhood was the first of its scale undertaken in the City of Los Angeles. In 2001, having built a highly successful development and management operation, Mr. Robbins withdrew from active management to concentrate on new development concepts such as rehabilitating vacant downtown buildings to convert them to live-work spaces, as well as other urban rehabilitation projects outside of Southern California. In 2005 Mr. Robbins' company Urban Smart Growth chose Pawtucket based on its potential for his new redevelopment model and for its abundance of large, vacant mill buildings. Urban Smart Growth acquired Hope Webbing Mill which has over 600,000 square feet of space for redevelopment. Hope Webbing is being transformed into Hope Artiste Village -- a mixed-use artisan village of light industrial, art and theatre spaces, restaurants and live/work lofts on twelve acres.



HERITAGE AWARD



ROBERT D. BILLINGTON, ED.D AND THE BLACKSTONE VALLEY TOURISM COUNCIL

Dr. Robert D. Billington, or "Bob" to everyone who knows him, takes special pride in his work to bring sustainable tourism principles to the Birthplace of the American Industrial Revolution -- the Blackstone River Valley.

His efforts to create numerous public/private partnerships have been a key factor in the success of tourism planning and development in the Blackstone Valley. He founded the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council in 1985 and in 1992 he wrote Rhode Island's first regional comprehensive tourism development plan for the Blackstone Valley. Through the years he has worked with the National Park Service to develop the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor. In 1999 Mr. Billington assisted in the development of a 12,000 square foot Visitors Center in Pawtucket, now the home for the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council offices.

Mr. Billington's interest in community development, job creation; healthy, livable landscapes and education have all come together under the non-profit agency he has led for 21 years; the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council. In June of 2006 The United Nations World Tourism Organization presented the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council with the Ulysses Prize. This was the first time a Destination Management Organization was recognized by the UNWTO. And Mr. Billington is far from done. He is currently developing the Sustainable Tourism Planning and Development Laboratory set in the Blackstone River Valley. The Pawtucket Foundation is proud to have such a dedicated and accomplished individual, a native son, as the recipient of the 2008 Heritage Award.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

MRS. ELIZABETH J. JOHNSON

THE ELIZABETH J. JOHNSON PAWTUCKET HISTORY
RESEARCH CENTER

The Elizabeth J. Johnson Pawtucket History Research Center has been formally in existence for just over seven years. It houses an extraordinary and unique collection of materials about Pawtucket and is located in an important historic house -- the first residence in the city to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Center was formed as a not-for-profit corporation with a mission "to collect, preserve, enhance, and make available materials about Pawtucket." Its Board of Directors intends to attract the financial support necessary for two purposes. One is to sustain and develop the Center as an independent, comprehensive, and vital resource of materials and services related to the history of Pawtucket. The other is to maintain and preserve the building that houses it, The Joseph Spaulding House, at 30 Fruit Street, as an important early 19th-century residence.

Mrs. Johnson (Betty), now in her eighty-fourth year, has spent a lifetime collecting, organizing, and preserving a broad range of material documenting the history of Pawtucket. The collection she created includes extensive records of the city's businesses, mills, civic and cultural organizations, community services, churches and schools. As a rich and useful treasure of information, the Center's importance to the study of the historical context of municipal life in New England and the nation is significant. Its value, due to the scope of its contents, transcends the legitimate need to preserve resources just for local history.

THE PAWTUCKET FOUNDATION



The Pawtucket Foundation represents the private business and not-for-profit sector in advocating for downtown, riverfront, and 'gateway' improvements within Pawtucket. As a group of civic entrepreneurs, the Foundation works to maintain a vision of the community's future and to help assemble the information, talent, and resources to realize this vision. By advocating for stronger public-private partnerships, The Pawtucket Foundation has assumed a leadership role committed to exploring solutions for the long-term benefit of the community.

The Pawtucket Foundation is a private non-profit organization supported by civic-minded donors. Grant funding supplements ongoing programs by supporting individual projects. If you are interested in contributing to the work of the Foundation, please call (401) 725-4000.

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