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**PSAB Honors Individuals, Boroughs for Service to Community**

*Service Awards, Certified Borough Official Awards, Borough News Awards Presented*

**Hershey, PA** - The Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) announced the recipients of the Association’s prestigious service awards at PSAB’s 107th Annual Conference at the Hershey Lodge on Tues., June 12. Awards were presented by PSAB President William S. Rossey, Manager of Sharpsburg Borough, Allegheny County, and Awards Committee Chairman Randy Riddle, Mayor of Grove City Borough, Mercer County.

To promote interest in good borough government and to recognize faithful and effective service by elected or appointed borough officials, PSAB has granted borough service awards to each borough official who is a member in good standing with the Association. These members must serve a minimum of 10 years at one or more boroughs. Officials are also recognized for completing a certificate of achievement leadership program and for distinguished service to the community and PSAB.

Other awards are given by the *Borough News* Magazine, the official publication of the Association, to recognize outstanding municipal websites, newsletters, special projects, and social media.

Other special awards included the following.

Linda Book of Whitehall Borough, Allegheny County, and Donald Reed of Emporium Borough, Cameron County, were honored with the A.C. Scales Award for outstanding service to the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs.

Carl E. Cox, Sr., of Knoxville Borough, Tioga County and PSAB’s 1st Vice President; Jack J. Lawver, of Brownsville Borough, Fayette County, a Past President of the Association; and Chuck Mummert, of Elizabethtown Borough, Lancaster County, PSAB’s Immediate Past President, were honored with the Anthony J. Defilippi Award. This award, named in honor of PSAB Past President Anthony Defilippi of Leechburg Borough, Armstrong County, recognizes dedication to advancing PSAB’s legislative agenda.

Eight individuals were honored with the Distinguished Service Award, which honors service to their community. The honorees are Judith Dici, Ellwood City; John J. Dindak, West Homestead; Larry R. Morley, New Brighton; Timothy Moury, Bethel Park; Joseph Adam, Coalport; Nancy Marano, Emlenton; Lester Ward, Brownsville; and Roy Williams, Susquehanna Depot.

During the ceremony, James Digwood of Taylor Borough and David Badger of New Beaver Borough were also recognized as Council Members of the Year by the PA Borough Councils Association.

The Association of Mayors of the Boroughs of PA also recognized John J. Dindak of West Homestead Borough as its Mayor of the Year.

PSAB is a statewide, non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to serving 956 borough governments. Since 1911, PSAB has represented the interests of boroughs and helped to shape the laws that laid their foundation. The Association improves and assists more than 9,000 borough government leaders through legislative advocacy, research, training and professional development, and programs.  Learn more about PSAB at www.boroughs.org.

The following awards were presented:

**Cecil K. Leberknight Awards**

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This award is named for Cecil K. Leberknight, a former PSAB President, in honor of his faithful service to PSAB for more than four decades. This award is given annually to promote interest in borough government and to recognize faithful and effective service by borough officials. This award is given to mayors, council members, secretaries, managers, and treasurers who have completed 10 or more years of borough service.

Susan K. Barber, Ebensburg

Christopher J. Betz, Trumbauersville

Amy L. Botwright, Shoemakersville

John Bova, Pitcairn

Nancy J. Busch

Catherine L. Button

Janet Caldarelli, Ambridge

Robert Hartwick, New Brighton

Joseph T. Herbert, West Wyoming

Thomas Holaren, New Brighton

Catherine Ann Johnson, Trappe

Marguerite Kasanicky, West Leechburg

David D. Kuhar, Ebensburg

Josephine M. Laird, Marcus Hook

Valerie McElvy, New Brighton

Gary Meyer, Manorville

Donald E. Mikec, West View

Tina Iorfido-Miller, Ambridge

Donald Mittner, New Brighton

Robert O’Donnell, Pen Argyl

James E. Purcell, Perkasie

John Prucnal, Pitcairn

John C. Ramer, New Brighton

Roberta D. Recenes, Trumbauersville

Dale Reichert, Abbottstown

Karen L. Scherer, Kennett Square

Claire E. Shaw, New Hope

Brenda Strunk, Bernville

April Trivitt, Abbottstown

Dianna S. Walter, Lewistown

Stephen Yenchi, West Leechburg

**Thomas F. Chrostwaite Award**

Initiated in 1956, the Thomas F. Chrostwaite Award is given annually to promote interest in borough government and to recognize faithful and effective service by borough official. Named in honor of the founder and first president of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, this award is given to mayors, council members, secretaries, managers, and treasurers who have completed 20 or more years of borough service.

Dana Ackerman, Chapman

Loretta F. Allen, Thompsontown

Anthony Branco, Fountain Hill

George Celli, Ellwood City

Edward A. Child, Trumbauersville

David Chromiak, Manorville

Randy S. Datsko, Ebensburg

Michael A. George, Trumbauersville

Ann Bowman Jackson, Millersburg

Susan L. Keck, Wellsboro

Ron King, Johnsonburg

Cathy A. Leech, Westmont

Kevin M. Ramper, Penbrook

Kenneth H. Robertson, Canton

Williard I. Roush, Thompsontown

Douglas Trotter, Fountain Hill

**Carol Sambol Award**

This award is named in honor of Carol Sambol, who admirably served Baden Borough as a council member and represented PSAB for 25 years as a distinguished leader. This award is given to mayors, council members, secretaries, managers, and treasurers who have completed 25 or more years of borough service.

Thomas E. Albanese, New Brighton

Jack B. Fine, New Eagle

Walter S. Mitchell, Jr., Bear Creek Village

Harcourt N. Trimble, III, Trumbauersville

Donald Warriner, Tioga

**Board of Directors Award**

The Board of Directors Award is given to promote interest in borough government and to recognize faithful and effective service by mayors, council members, secretaries, treasurers, and managers who have completed 30 or more years of borough service.

Gene Breznay, Swoyersville

Paul Meuser, Colwyn

Timothy Grantz, West Leechburg

John R. Henry, West View

Michael A. Leonard, Royersford

Larry R. Morley, New Brighton

**Donald E. Carman Award**

The award is named in honor of Donald E. Carman, who served Elkland Borough as a council member and represented PSAB as President. This award is given to mayors, council members, secretaries, managers, and treasurers who have completed 35 or more years of borough service.

Roy Bower, Millville

Richard Haddox, New Brighton

Daniel L. Penatzer, Ebensburg

Orelio S. Vecchio, Pitcairn

**President’s Award**

The President’s Award is given to recognize exceptionally long and faithful service by borough officials. This award is given to mayors, council members, managers, secretaries, and treasurers who have completed 40 or more years of public service.

John Dorin, Montoursville

Paul Farkas, West Mayfield

Patricia Grantz, West Leechburg

John Tichon, Munhall

**Trustees’ Award**

This award is named in honor of the PSAB Trustees who have represented PSAB and provide distinguished leadership. This award is given to mayors, council members, secretaries, managers, and treasurers who have completed 45 or more years of borough service.

Donald J. Baumgarten, Castle Shannon

Clarence O. McCray, Elgin

Ernest Peterson, South Renovo

**Charles F. LeeDecker Award**

This award was given for the first time in 1980. Named in honor of the first Executive Vice President of PSAB, this award is given to mayors, council members, secretaries, managers, and treasurers who have completed 50 or more years of boroughs service.

Anthony J. Defilippi, Leechburg

John J. Dindak, West Homestead

**Paul Santangelo Award**

This award was named in honor of Paul Santangelo, who served Norristown Borough as a council member for more than 60 years. This award is given to mayors, council members, secretaries, managers, and treasurers who have completed 60 or more years of borough service.

William “Bill” Shaw, Monroe

**A.C. Scales Award**

This award recognizes service to the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs. It is given to an individual who has performed exceptionally outstanding service to PSAB. Prior to 1995, the award was known as the Association Award.

Linda Book, Whitehall

Donald “Stretch” Reed, Emporium

**Distinguished Service Award**

This award recognizes borough officials who provide distinguished service to their community.

Judith Dici, Ellwood City

John J. Dindak, West Homestead

Larry R. Morley, New Brighton

Timothy Moury, Bethel Park

Joseph Adam, Coalport

Nancy Marano, Emlenton

Lester Ward, Brownsville

Roy Williams, Susquehanna Depot

**Anthony J. Defilippi Award**

Recipients of this award have displayed a high level of dedication to PSAB’s legislative mission through support of the PSAB Government Affairs Department and the PSAB Resolutions and Policy initiatives. Eligible recipients included individuals from all levels of government service. This award is named for Anthony J. Defilippi, a councilman in Leechburg Borough, Armstrong County, whose tireless dedication and service have advanced PSAB legislative initiatives.

Carl E. Cox, Sr., Knoxville

Jack J. Lawver, Brownsville

Chuck Mummert, Elizabethtown

**Certificate of Achievement**

The certificate is given upon completion of the Certified Borough Officials Program a voluntary professional development leadership course.

Shannon Berkey, Danville

Sharon O. Council-Harris, Yeadon

Marsha Davis, Renovo

Linda I. Diaz, West York

James E. Gehret, Hollidaysburg

Marie Howells, Sellersville

Phil Hynes, Brookville

George Locke, Jenkintown

Neil G. Lovekin, Malvern

Jeffrey McLaughlin, New Stanton

Shane M. Pepe, Emmaus

James W. Pflugh, West Brownsville

Judith Poltanis, Honesdale

William S. Rossey, Sharpsburg

Corry Sheffler, Southwest Greensburg

Debbie Smith, Morrisville

Jason B. Stains, Waynesboro

Marlyn Stauffer, Jefferson

Victoria Trost, Bryn Athyn

Sylvia Washington, South Coatesville

Deanne Werkheiser, Tatamy

Patricia Ann Williams, Colwyn

Robert E. Winkler, Penndel

Robin Zmoda, Pen Argyl

**Borough News Communication Contest**

Each year, the *Borough News* presents awards to boroughs to highlight effective communication in their communities. This year, members will be recognized for websites, newsletters, special projects, and social media.

**Newsletters**

**Under 2,500 Population**

First Place – Richlandtown Borough

Second Place – Duncannon Borough

Third Place – Paxtang Borough

Honorable Mention – Trumbauersville Borough

Honorable Mention – Bernville Borough

**2,501 to 5,000 Population**

First Place – Strasburg Borough

Second Place – New Britain Borough

Third Place – Danville Borough

Third Place – Hatfield Borough

Honorable Mention – East Lansdowne Borough

Honorable Mention – Etna Borough

**7,501 Plus Population**

First Place – Wyomissing Borough

Second – Quakertown Borough

Third Place – Whitehall Borough

Third Place – Yeadon Borough

Honorable Mention – Swissvale Borough

**Special Recognition**

East Lansdowne (Community Calendar)

Sharpsburg Borough (Community Map and Guide)

Throop Borough (Community Calendar)

Trappe Borough (Community Calendar)

**Social Media**

**Under 2,500 Population**

First Place – Duncannon Borough

**2,501 to 5,000 Population**

First Place – Millersburg Borough

Second Place – East Lansdowne Borough

Third Place – Trappe Borough

**7,501 Plus Population**

First Place – Waynesboro Borough

Second Place – Quakertown Borough

Third Place – West Mifflin Borough

Third Place – Swissvale Borough

**Website**

**Under 2,500 Population**

First Place – Paxtang Borough

Second Place – Edgeworth Borough

Third Place – Brownsville Borough

Third Place – Bolivar Borough

Honorable Mention – Duncannon Borough

**2,501 to 5,000 Population**

First Place – New Britain Borough

Second Place – Millersburg Borough

Second Place – Hatfield Borough

Third Place – Danville Borough

Honorable Mention – Strasburg Borough

Honorable Mention – East Lansdowne Borough

**5,001 to 7,500 Population**

First Place – Selinsgrove Borough

Second Place – Monaca Borough

Third Place – New Brighton Borough

**7,501 Plus Population**

First Place – Quakertown Borough

Second Place – Swissvale Borough

Second Place – Ambridge Borough

Third Place – West Mifflin Borough

**Most Valuable Participant Award**

Each year, PSAB recognizes one borough who participates in at least five programs.

New Beaver Borough