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NEWS OF VOLUNTEERS

Get well wishes to *Max Kleinman*. By the time you read this Max should be home from the hospital where he underwent gall bladder surgery. In his absence, no one dares to dust any of the books in the house. Hurry back Max!

Welcome to new Maintenance volunteers *Peter Fortunato* and *Jerry (Gerard) Langman*. Sorry to say, Jerry had attended the Volunteer Training and a few days later had a heart attack while at home. We wish him speedy recovery so that he can help get the site ready for the summer crowds.



Jay and Ginny Perrell



Mary and Wayne Wagner



Andrew Buttermilch and Kris Veljak



Margrethe and Mark Randall



Steve Handzo and Sherry Justus



Mark Koziol and Rich Althaus



Walter and Sandra Fish



Adam and Harvey Sackowitz with Eric Witzke

The Rough Writer

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Special Volunteer Recognition Edition



Eric Witzke and Tom Ross with Volunteer of the Year Mike Vezzi



Volunteer Interpreter of the Year Wayne Wagner with Tom Ross

WE DON'T DO IT FOR THE MONEY

The **Volunteer Recognition Ceremony** was again held at the *Matinecock Masonic Lodge*. The Awards ceremony was preceded by an Italian dinner courtesy of the *Friends of Sagamore Hill* and *Eastern National Stores*. The arrangements were made by Volunteer Coordinator *Josh Reyes*. There was a great turnout of volunteers, their spouses, staff and their families and Friends of Sagamore Hill. The twenty volunteers who were present received certificates and where appropriate, hours bars from Superintendent *Tom Ross*.

Two visitors from the Philadelphia Regional Office, *Jeannette Kempa* and *Eleanora Balabar*, were present and joined in the festivities. Our new Chief of Interpretation, Visitor Services and Natural Resources, *Sherry Justus* made the ceremony as her first official act. Sherry introduced her husband *Steve Handzo* and made a few remarks.

Special awards were presented as follows:

Superintendent's Red Bandana was given to *Betsy Davison*, *Richard Cashman*, *Brittany Juul-Nielsen*, *Toby Selda*, *Ginny Perrell* and *Margrethe Randall*. All recipients received a bottle of wine except for Brittany who got a bottle of sparkling water which can be exchanged for wine when she becomes twenty-one.

The curatorial **White Glove Award** was not given (everyone already has a pair.) Instead Chief of Cultural Resources *Amy Verone* gave all curatorial volunteers a box of candy to show her staff's appreciation of all the effort put in by ten volunteers.

The **Toby Kennedy Interpreter of the Year Award** was given to *Wayne Wagner*. This year's gift was a sturdy back pack which Wayne can use when he takes all his paraphernalia to the various off-site presentations he makes.

Michael Vezzi was the winner of the **Lady Glen Volunteer of the Year Award**. Mike has made or repaired nearly every piece of outdoor furniture on the site. He received a bust of *Theodore Roosevelt*.

National Awards:

Rita Onorato was the recipient of the Northwest Region's **George and Helen Hartzog Award for Outstanding Individual Volunteer Services** in 2009. Rita, representing the region, is competing for the national award. Last year, *Adam Sakowitz* won the Youth version of this award on the national level.

The **President's Call to Service Award** was presented to *Max Kleinman*, *Rod Smith*, *Dick Brummer* and *Milton Elis* by the **President's Council on Service and Civic Participation**. Each of these volunteers has over 4,000 hours of service.

Regional and National Award Winners



2008 Hartzog Award winner *Adam Sackowitz* with *Josh Reyes*, *Tom Ross* and 2009 Hartzog Award winner *Rita Onorato*



President's Call to Service Award winners *Dick Brummer* and *Milton Ellis* with *Josh* and *Tom*

Superintendent's Red Bandana Award Winners



Ginny Perrell



Toby Selda



Betsy Davison



Margrethe Randall



Adrian Bogart Jr.



Bob Zavattaro



Del Demontreaux



Roy Fuchs



The Teachers



Nancy Hall



Christine Ghent



Frank Konop



Leslie Handler



Steve Richman



Madeline Nelson