



BUSINESS ASSOCIATION OF WEST PARKSIDE RECOGNITION AWARDS

Brief History

The Nancy Kolb Award was created by the Business Association of West Parkside in 2009 to recognize the contributions of Nancy Kolb to West Parkside and the greater Philadelphia area, upon Kolb's retirement from the Please Touch Museum as its long-time president and CEO. The award recognizes a business, and its leadership, which exemplifies Nancy Kolb's business acumen and her commitment to being an interactive, responsive community member.

The award, itself, is a large model of the right hand of the Statue of Liberty holding the torch and flame. The original hand was first displayed at the centennial celebration of 1876 near Memorial Hall which is now the Please Touch Museum. It was given to the United States by France to symbolize "Liberty Enlightening the World." The BAWP Board chose this image, created by the Kinect Corporation for the Please Touch Museum, as a fitting remembrance of the history of this area and the vital role we all play in "enlightening" the communities in which we live, work and own businesses. Each year the arm is passed on to the business the Board of the BAWP feels best exemplifies the qualities Nancy Kolb instilled in the Please Touch Museum – a sound business model and a commitment to community. The award has gone to The Please Touch Museum (2009) and Brown's Super Stores (2010), The Mann (2011), and West Philadelphia Financial Services Institute (2012).

Due to the success and response of the Nancy Kolb Award, The Business Association of West Parkside felt it only appropriate to add an award honoring a government official and an ambassador of the neighborhood, so in 2012 the West Parkside Ambassador Award and the Civic Leadership Award were added. The West Parkside Ambassador Award celebrates an individual who exemplifies the spirit of West Parkside and who, through their efforts and actions, is a tireless advocate for our community residents and businesses. This Award was given to Lucinda Hudson (2012). The Civic Leadership Award was given to Rick Redding (2012). The Civic Leadership Award celebrates an elected or government official who has provided critical leadership and who represents the interest and greater benefit of the Business Association of West Parkside.

2013 Nominees

NANCY KOLB AWARD –Celebrating a business who has an excellent business model and is an exemplary community steward.

Septa

Listened to community concerns and worked to enable buses to service the customers and employees of the shopping center and the industrial park by creating new routes. Septa also built the bus turn around to serve the shopping center and the business community. They have modeled a responsible business attitude by responding to complaints and concerns promptly.

The Philadelphia Zoo

The Philadelphia Zoo has recently built a much needed parking garage with promises for intermodal transportation in the works. This business has modeled the importance of working for and with other local businesses.

Philadelphia Phillies

The Philadelphia Phillies have been crucial to the success of the creation of the Philadelphia Stars Negro League Memorial Park and The annual Jackie Robinson Day that BAWP hosts. This business has modeled their desire to work with and acknowledge the entire community of Philadelphia.

The Hamilton Family Foundation

The Hamilton Family Foundation has been a wealth of support to the Parkside area by assisting and contributing to the redevelopment of the Concourse Lake, moving the Please Touch Museum to this area, and continue improvements to the Zoo.

Philadelphia Business & Technology Center

The Philadelphia Business & Technology Center has provided the opportunity for many local small businesses to locate in the Parkside area. They have continued to support small businesses and the community they reside in through their vast amount of generous work privately and through the Business Association of West Parkside

AMBASSADOR AWARD – Celebrating an individual who exemplifies the spirit of West Parkside and who, through their efforts and actions, is a tireless advocate for our community residents and businesses.

Captain Bologna of the 19th District

Captain Bologna of the 19th district police force has shown through his efforts a constant desire to make this neighborhood safer. His attention to the communities needs and desires while maintaining the law have revealed a genuine Parkside advocate.

Francis Jones

Over the last 20 years Francis Jones has been a consistent advocate for excellent transportation in the City of Philadelphia as a whole and Parkside specifically. Some of the outcomes of her hard work include the bus turn around, the bus stop in the shopping center, and the route through the industrial park. She has remained a friend at Septa that comes to aid Parkside when something needs to get done.

Gene Dilks

Gene Dilks was a leader in restoring Concourse Lake in Fairmount Park. A tireless advocate and volunteer to make Parkside beautiful and interactive for visitors and community alike.

Kenneth Woodson

Kenneth Woodson has represented Parkside at the Zoo and has also been tireless in his work as the chairman of the Parkside Historic District Coalition Committee, assisting in the empowerment zones community trust board, and the board of the Business Association of West Parkside.

Lauren Bornfriend

Lauren Bornfriend has been a tireless advocate for our Parks, making sure that our community is kept beautiful and clean. Her knowledge on legislation and persistence on acting has kept our parks thriving.

Eric Nzeribe

Eric Nzeribe has reached out to connect the diverse community of Parkside. Through FunTimes Magazine and his work with the Business Association he has connected a business, a cultural community, and an association together to promote this community.

Morris Levin

Morris Levin represents Parkside's Spirit through his work to promote Jackie Robinson Day and the Memorial Park. His passion and desire to connect the Parkside community with the amazing history it already has reveals a unique goal in this community.

Marjorie Ogilvie & Miller Parker

Marjorie Ogilvie and Miller Parker is a principal in the Philadelphia Business & Technology Center (PBTC) which has opened up opportunities for small businesses to move into or remain in the community. She has done endless work in the area by serving as President of the Business Association of West Parkside, which was a huge supporter of the Parkside Town Center, the Centennial District, the Septa Bus Turnaround, and moving the Please Touch Museum to this area.

Paul Brauer

Paul Brauer has made it his mission, while working for Brown's ShopRite to make ShopRite work for the community. His goal to meet the community's needs through hiring locally, providing fresh foods, and brands the community desires reveals the Parkside spirit.

Clifford Smith

Clifford Smith is one of the Founders, President and Head Coach of the West Philadelphia Parkside Saints Youth, Sports, and Mentoring Association; an organized recreational development that now serves over 300 youth ages 5-15. The program focuses on various aspects of competitive team sports, training, and conditioning. Mr. Smith also serves on the LYAA (Liberty Youth Athletic Association) as the Vice President. For the last 14 years, his full time profession is also in community development where he again serves his community as a placement coordinator assisting displaced workers re-enter the workplace.

(written by J.K.T.)

CIVIC AWARD – Celebrating an elected or government official who has provided critical leadership and who represents the interests and greater benefit of the Business Association of West Parkside.

Jim Cuorato

James Cuorato is the new president and CEO of the Independence Visitor Center. The center opened in 2001 and has in recent years made an effort to expand its reach beyond the historic area, taking a greater role in selling tickets to attractions and spreading the word about the region. Prior to this position he worked as the city commerce director and insisted the city change the perception of Parkside, making people recognize the value and beauty of the area. Cuorato was also crucial to the creation of the Memorial Park.

Michael DiBerardinis

Mr. DiBerardinis is Commissioner of the Parks and Recreation Department, as well as Special Advisor to the Mayor on the Free Libraries. Mr. DiBerardinis has overseen the merger of the Fairmount Park Commission and the Department of Recreation which became effective July 1, 2010. Mr. DiBerardinis is actively involved in his community and serves on the following boards: Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition, Research for Action, Peoples Emergency Center, and the Office of Community Development, Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

(<http://www.psu.edu/trustees/members/diberardinis.html>)

Alan Greenberger

Mr. Greenberger is the Executive Director of the Philadelphia City Planning Commission. He is also the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development and Director of Commerce for the City. Mr. Greenberger has been with the City of Philadelphia since 2008. Among his projects are the new campus plan and pavilions at the Mann Center for the Performing Arts and the Master Plan for the Centennial District in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park. He serves on the boards of numerous civic and cultural organizations in Philadelphia including the Fairmount Park Art Association, the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation and Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation.

(<http://globalphiladelphia.org/people/alan-greenberger>)

Dennis Lee, Deputy Commissioner

Dennis Lee has been an advocate for this community whatever his position has been, which include working for Senator Vincent Hughes, American Cities doing Storm Water Management, and currently acting as deputy commissioner to Stephanie Singer's office. His years in the city of Philadelphia have proven his commitment to integrity by making the city more livable for businesses and citizens alike.

NazAarah Sabree

NazAarah Sabree works for the Department of Commerce. She has made a clear commitment to leadership in this community through her participation in every kind of community meeting and quick actions to respond when something goes wrong. She makes sure it gets fixed. Through her efforts as a conduit between the city and local businesses there have been many improvements for businesses in the greater Parkside area as she goes above and beyond her job description.