



GUEST SPEAKERS... Representatives of non-profit agencies that received grants from the Westfield Foundation during the past year are pictured at the Foundation's 27th Annual Meeting, where they were guest speakers. They are, pictured left to right: Lou Franz, President of the Board of Trustees of the Westfield Symphony; Thom Hornish and Karen Stark, both Westfield High School teachers in charge of special student projects at the school. Doug Black of Westfield's TV-36 also spoke at the event.

Westfield Foundation Awards More Than \$300K In Grants

WESTFIELD - Calling the 27th Annual Meeting of the Westfield Foundation, "a tribute to the agencies whose joint attempts make Westfield a better place to live." Dr. Gerald Glasser, President of the Board of Trustees, noted that the Foundation awarded more than \$300,000 in grants during the past year.

Since its founding 27 years ago, the Foundation has provided more than \$3 million in over 400 community grants. Foundation grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations in the areas of social services, health, civic, education, art and culture.

Among the grant recipients who spoke at the Annual Meeting - the fifth public one held by the Foundation - were Doug Black of Westfield's TV-36 and Karen Stark, a Westfield High School teacher who is in charge of the student "Archives Project."

The others were Thom Hornish, a Westfield High School teacher in charge of the Fed Challenge program, in which student participants published a newspaper designed to promote "economic literacy" and Lou Franz, President of the Board of the Westfield Symphony.

These four speakers represented four of the 45 grants made by the Foundation in 2001-2002.

Grants funded by the Foundation benefited people ranging from young children to senior citizens. In addition to the \$300,000 awarded in

grants, the Foundation distributed \$70,300 in scholarships last year.

Thomas Phelan, a retiring member of the Foundation Board of Trustees, was thanked for his services over the past six years. Barbara Doyle Frantz joined the board for a three-year term.

In addition to Mr. Glasser and Mrs. Frantz, Board of Trustee officers include Gail Cassidy, Vice President; George Lewis, Treasurer; Margaret Cimei, Secretary and Trustees Ellen Albertson, Carter Booth, Roberta Federici, Thomas Jardim, Henry "Mike" Kelly, Geoffrey Mann, David Molowa, David Owens, Susan Pepper and Margaret Sur.

During the past year, the Foundation received \$285,000 in donations and contributions to more than 82 individual funds.

These funds include unrestricted ones (to meet compelling current needs through Foundation grants); temporarily restricted ones (to meet a specific need, such as scholarship awards and to address a specific area, such as cancer or battered women) and managed funds (owned by nonprofit organizations and managed by the Foundation, at one percent administrative cost).

For more information about the foundation, please call Executive Director Betsy Chance at the foundation office, located at 300 North Avenue, East, at (908) 233-9787 or visit foundation@westfieldnj.com.

John M. Boyle Begins 'Act 3' of His Career

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WESTFIELD - In what he has described as the third act of his long career in law, former New Jersey Superior Court Judge John M. Boyle will spearhead the growth of Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) with Lindabury, McCormick and Estabrook, based in Westfield.

Mr. Boyle has lived for 35 years in Westfield, where he raised his family, practiced law and served 17 years on the bench in Superior Court. He was born in Elizabeth, where his relatives lived for three generations.

"I'm a Westfield guy," remarked Mr. Boyle, the father of nine children who were educated through the local school system.

Mr. Boyle's family includes wife Lois, six sons and three daughters. Two of his sons, Chris and Tim, own the Northside Trattoria restaurant on Prospect Street in Westfield. A third son, John, practices law in Essex County.

A graduate of both Rutgers University in New Brunswick and the Rutgers University School of Law in Newark, Mr. Boyle worked as an attorney with Sauer, Boyle, Dwyer and Canellis, first in Elizabeth and later in Westfield. He joined that firm in 1956.

Ascending to the New Jersey Superior Court in 1984, Mr. Boyle heard hundreds of cases during his tenure, which ended when he decided to join Lindabury two months ago. Among them was one of the very few antitrust cases to be tried on the state level.

EZ Sockets, Inc. versus Brighton-Best Socket Screw Mfg., Inc. et al. was a complex case seeking to prove restraint of trade. Mr. Boyle granted summary judgment to the defendants and was affirmed by the state's Appellate Division in 1997.

Earlier in his career, he was also involved in a number of landmark cases. In 1967, he was chief counsel in the second *Jackman versus Bodine* case, which established the "one man, one vote" rule in the creation of state voting districts, which was

confirmed on appeal by the New Jersey Supreme Court.

While practicing law, Mr. Boyle also served for 14 years in a part-time capacity as Administrative Judge for the Waterfront Commission of New York and New Jersey.

In 1971, he determined that Vito Genovese was the leader of an organized crime "family," thereby acknowledging the existence of "the Mafia" in New York and its infiltration into legitimate businesses.

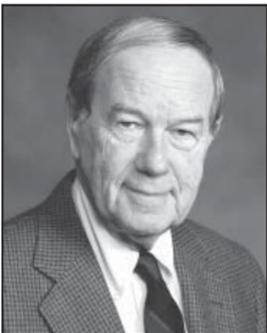
Prior to the formation of a bi-state agency by New York and New Jersey, of which the commission was a part, Mr. Boyle recalled that the waterfront was "a wild place," where corrupt elements infiltrated unions involved in shipping. The climate of that era, he said, was realistically portrayed in the 1954 film *On the Waterfront*.

Mr. Boyle said he is eager to begin Act Three of his career, focusing on ADR, which is used to settle business and consumer disputes. ADR can play a significant role in professional malpractice, intellectual property, construction, insurance, business partnership and matrimonial issues, among other matters.

"ADR is, most simply, using a practical approach to problem solving," Mr. Boyle stated. "I believe in using legal precedent as the basis for my decisions and in evaluating and solving problems in an even-handed, just way."

In considering his options, he said, "it was important to find a firm with an outstanding reputation, known for both their ethical standards and superior quality of work that they deliver to clients."

Noting that members of the firm appeared before him while he was a judge, Mr. Boyle said Lindabury, McCormick & Estabrook has "an excellent reputation. I thought it would be logical to come back here and conclude my career working for this firm."



John Boyle



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