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Newsletter

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Mark Your Calendars and Get Your Nominations in Now!

Planning for this year's Insurance Professional of the Year Award Ceremony is well under way. We've booked the Imperial Ballroom at The Boston Park Plaza for **Friday, October 18, 2013**; now we need your help!

We're looking for a few good men (and women) who meet the following criteria:

The individual selected to be Person of the Year shall be someone who:

- has earned the respect and affection of the insurance community, and
- is recognized as hardworking, public-spirited, and trustworthy

The award is meant to honor outstanding citizens who have distinguished themselves through service to their industry and the community at large.

Past winners of the award are:

2002: **William F. Hofmann, III**

2003: **John B. Connors**

2004: **David J. Lane**

2005: **Ralph "Buddy" Iannaco**

2006: **Daniel J. Johnston**

2007: **John K. Golembeski**

2008: **Ronald Mariano**

2009: **Richard W. Brewer**

2010: **Michael J. Sabbagh**

2011: **Sandra G. Parrillo**

2012: **Hope A. Aldrich**

If you know of a worthy candidate who fits these criteria, we'd love to hear about them. Please forward us any nominations you might have for a 2013 winner by Friday, May 3, 2013.

2012 Insurance Professional of the Year Award Ceremony



Hope A. Aldrich with her award

This past year's award ceremony, honoring Hope A. Aldrich, President and CEO of Eastern Insurance, was our largest event yet! The Park Plaza provided much more space for mingling and perusing the second annual silent auction. Due to the many, very generous,

donations from members and friends of The Library, our silent auction (originally a brainstorm of this year's winner) doubled both in size and in the amount raised.

At noon, the walls dramatically opened to reveal the ballroom set and ready for the guests. The program began by honoring Jean E. Lucey, a 33 year veteran of The Insurance Library. Frederick N. Nowell, III gave a touching speech about Jean's tenure at The Insurance Library and her retirement (November 13, 2012). The speech was followed by a standing ovation. The Trustees presented Ms. Lucey with an engraved Chelsea Clock and dedicated a scholarship in her name.

After a break for lunch, Ms. Aldrich was honored for her illustrious career in the insurance industry and her dedication to the community as a whole. Speakers at the event included ***Kevin Washington, President and CEO, YMCA Boston; Robert Rivers, President, Eastern Bank; and Mark Levine, Executive Vice President at Eastern Insurance Group.***



Ms. Aldrich and Mr. Washington.

Once presented with the award, Ms. Aldrich gave an inspiring acceptance speech. She began by saying that her grandfather taught classes at The

Insurance Library and discussed how important education is for our industry. She expressed her goal to see more young people and minorities enter into the insurance industry. Ms. Aldrich then announced that Eastern Bank was giving a \$50,000 grant to The Library to create a program to attract and educate people looking to enter into the field of insurance. This grant has been generously matched in full by Arbella Insurance.

Beloved Librarian, Jean E. Lucey, Retires



Ms. Lucey Thanks Ms. Aldrich for sharing her day.

For the past 33 years, Jean Lucey has been synonymous with The Insurance Library. Coming to Boston in the late 1970s, after having earned her library degree and worked in a family insurance agency, The Insurance Library seemed like a perfect next step for her career. It turned out it was her final step; no other job could tempt her away. A natural mystery lover, insurance research kept her intrigued throughout her career.

Ms. Lucey's tenure at The Library comprises over a quarter of its existence. As The Library enters its 125th year,

we've begun reflecting more on our history. One of the founders of the library declared: "Pluck developed this Library from nothing and Pluck proposes to make it the best thing of the sort in the world!"

Despite joining The Library 90 years later, Ms. Lucey's leadership has continued that spirit. With the help of key trustees, she refused to rest until she convinced the city to honor The Library's non-profit status and our public service by lifting our property taxes; saving the institution a considerable amount. She has also been cited in articles ranging from publications like The Star, to The Boston Globe and numerous of industry publications; in each she remained professional while still conveying humor and accessibility.

As mentioned above, Frederick N. Nowell, III gave a lovely farewell speech to Ms. Lucey at this year's Insurance Professional of the Year Award Ceremony where he provided a number of other examples of her spirit. Ms. Lucey's actual retirement date was about a month after the award ceremony where, in a Princess Diana-like twist, she entered the November 13th, annual meeting as Secretary of the Board of Trustees and left as a patron.

Don't worry too much about missing Ms. Lucey, though. She is currently still fairly active in the insurance industry. She plans to do some freelance writing for several insurance publishers and she's still involved with the CPCU Society's Coverage Litigators Educators & Witnesses Committee. Ms. Lucey can also be found at The Library two mornings a month while she co-authors a book about The Library's history with

Insurance Library trustee, Frederick N. Nowell, III.

In addition to establishing a scholarship for CPCU students, a fund was also established in Jean E. Lucey's name which will be used to support librarian continuing education, preservation of books and acquisition of new materials for the collection. A portrait has been commissioned and we will keep you posted on when it will be ready. We plan to invite the membership to participate in its installation.

Annual Fund Update

Below is a list of donations we've received since our last newsletter. Clearly it's been awhile since we've reported! We receive no public funds, and depend upon those in the insurance community and related fields to support us through memberships and donations so that our doors can remain open to all. We greatly appreciate the generosity the individuals and organizations listed below have shown to us!

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