

Howard Beach Event Draws 350



Gov. Stephen Sirgiovanni's first fundraiser of his year was hosted by his home club of Howard Beach on Oct. 8. More than 350 people came to enjoy good food and entertainment including a Frank Sinatra impersonator, who sounded more like Frank Sinatra than Old Blue Eyes himself. Proceeds from this event are going to the Governor's Projects, which include Autism, Juvenile Diabetes as well as support for the district foundations. At left, Past Gov. Forbes Irvine (left) presents the Governor's Home Club banner to Gov. Stephen Sirgiovanni.

Farmington-Victor Honors Community Volunteers

Community Service was the focus of the Kiwanis Club of Farmington-Victor's "Spirit of Giving" Dinner Nov. 5 at Cobblestone Creek Country Club. The 11th annual dinner recognized both the Farmington and Victor Citizens of the Year, along with several Helping Hands Awards.

The winners were nominated by members of the community, and were saluted at the dinner, attended by over 110 friends, family, and members of the Kiwa-

nis community. The keynote speaker was Mary Whittier, Executive Director of the Bivona Child Advocacy Center, who spoke of the valuable work they do regarding healing, response and prevention of child abuse through collaborative service, awareness, education and leadership.

The 2016 Farmington Citizen of the Year is Brian Lindsay, who has been a tireless advocate and volunteer for the Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard for several years, where he sits on the executive board. Brian also was a long-time Boy Scout leader, Little League Coach, and supporter of the Victor High School

Marching Band.

The 2016 Victor Citizen of the Year is Jean Laitenberger. Jean's long history of volunteerism includes many years with the Victor-Farmington Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Neighbors in Ministry to Seniors(NIMS), Relay For Life, as well as more than 15 years as the treasurer for the Kiwanis Club of Farmington-Victor.

Helping Hands Awards were presented to five residents for their dedication and commitment to community service. Those recognized include Scott and Annalise Parker, Ron Natale, Mary Duprey, and Donna Hill-Herenden.