Cornell reaches United Way goal, but it’s not too late to give

By Donna Goss

Facilities Management staff and retirees gathered in Call Auditorium on Wednesday, January 13, for the fifteenth annual Golden Bear Awards Ceremony. Hosted by Facilities Services Vice President Kyu-Jung Whang, the crowd of over 400 paid tribute to five co-workers who were selected for the award based upon their creativity, dedication, leadership, customer service and demonstrated support of the departmental values and goals.

Established in January 1996 by the recently-retired Facilities Management (FM) Director, Phil Cox, the program is entirely employee-driven. Committees manage the nomination and selection process as well as the planning for the annual celebration. Five staff members are recognized annually, with 70 awards issued to date.

The newest Golden Bear Award winners are Jackie Carrigan, Don Wright, Brenda Conklin, Rick Colunio, and Bill Babcock.

Jackie Carrigan, a custodial staff member in Building Care, has demonstrated her commitment to excellence by responding to the unique range of needs of her customers. One early assignment in her career involved working in the nanotechnology clean-rooms of Duffield Hall. When you talk to Cornell scientists and researchers that work in the clean-rooms at Duffield Hall, they have another “spin” on the concept of “clean.” Remember, one nanometer is one-billionth of a meter. Generally, nanotechnology researchers are dealing with structures and devices of 100 nanometers or smaller at least one dimension. In referencing the significance of one piece of dust in their clean rooms where they are working on experiments, they equate one piece of dust as being like a huge, multi-ton boulder floating down on top of your experiment. Thus Jackie understands the importance of “super-clean” in a nanotechnology context!

The next awardee, Don Wright, is a staff member in the Grounds department. He’s a second generation Grounds employee who began his career there 37 years ago. He also has a volunteer with the Danby Fire Department, performing EMT duties and also leading the unit as the assistant chief. Wright is known for his quiet demeanor and is one of the most respected workers in their department.

With the start of her tenure in Building Care in February 2003 as a head custodian, Brenda Conklin’s leadership style quickly helped her gain the trust and respect of the employees she worked with. She is an excellent listener and has a knack for being able to communicate in a manner that helps employees understand “big picture” issues. She is always willing to take on new challenges and new responsibilities. Most recently, in November of 2009 she became a member of the Facilities Services Diversity and Inclusion Council.

The next Golden Bear is from the Mechanical Shop and is known by many across campus, not just for the outstanding customer service and exceptionally high quality work he provides, but also for his sense of humor. Rick Colunio is recognized for his knowledge, experience and expertise, and is frequently called upon to coordinate the activities of trades people, vendors, contractors, and even faculty and staff, to ensure successful completion of a project. In his spare time, Rick enjoys traveling the countryside on his motorcycle.

Bill Babcock arrived at Cornell’s Building Care in the 1990s, with one of his first assignments being a custodian at the Cornell Store. Branch manager Karen Phinney wrote, “The member who lost his money now has it channeled at the CFCU Credit Union, and he immediately returned to The Cornell Store. Due to your thoughtfulness. I wish to thank you for your honesty and integrity.”

A few months later it happened again. One evening, Bill found $60 left by the ATM machine at the CFCU Credit Union, and he immediately returned to the money to The Cornell Store. Branch manager Karen Phinney wrote, “The member who lost his money now has it due to your thoughtfulness. I wish to thank you for your honesty and integrity.”

Bill now works in Barton Hall providing service for the Cornell Police, the ROTC units, and support for the numerous events occurring there year round. It is not uncommon for Bill and his colleagues at Barton to work double-shifts through the night in facilitating multiple events. Bill also is a regular on the Building Care commencement team.

VP Whang concluded the awards ceremony by noting that as we face the changes and challenges not only within the Facilities Services organization, but university wide, we need to recognize the efforts and contributions of staff. These newest Golden Bear award winners serve as role models for us all.

15th annual Golden Bear Award Ceremony honors staff in Facilities Management

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