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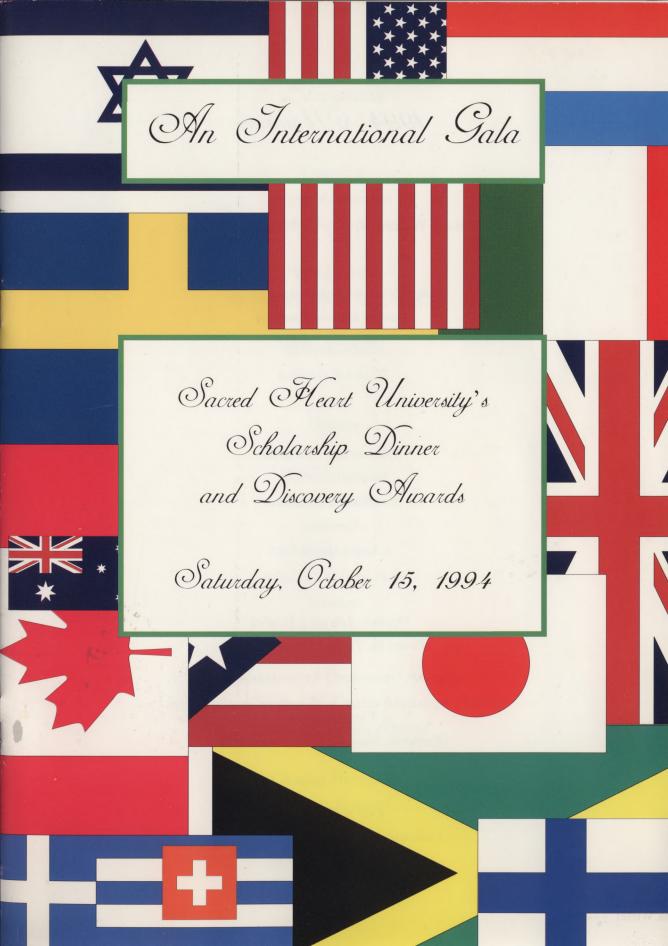


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1994 Monorees

Bishop Walter W. Curtis Medal of Honor

James J. Costello
Retired Vice President and Comptroller
General Electric Company
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Discovery Awards

Eva Weisman Goldman President A Action Health Care

The Rev. Edward J. Howley
Pastor, St. Thomas More, Darien

Eileen S. Kraus President, Shawmut Bank Connecticut

Paul R. Tregurtha

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Mormac Marine Group

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Opening

Master of Ceremonies Robert D. Scinto '71

Invocation

The Most Rev. Edward M. Egan, J.C.D.

Introductions

Robert D. Scinto '71

Dinner

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Remarks

Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D.

President

Sacred Heart University

Presentation of Discovery Awards and Bishop Walter W. Curtis Medal of Honor

Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D.

Closing Remarks

Robert D. Scinto '71

Dancing

Born in a concentration camp in the Ukraine during World War II, Eva Weisman Goldman began her life under circumstances that were fraught with danger. For two years, she was hidden from dawn to dark in a false compartment of the prison barracks while her parents, Danny and Shifra, worked in the fields.

Fifty-one years later, Eva Weisman Goldman is the embodiment of the American dream, an immigrant who operates two successful businesses, raises a family and loves her adopted land.

Neither the language barrier nor their unfamiliarity with the customs of a new land prevented Mrs. Goldman, her husband, Ike, and their eldest child,

If a new employee lacks bus fare, it is not uncommon for Mrs. Goldman to drive him or her to and from work. Boris, from achieving success. Two weeks after immigrating to Bridgeport in 1969, she was working as a nurse's aide at Park City Hospital. Within two years, Mrs. Goldman had mastered enough English to pass the state boards and become a registered nurse in the obstetrics department at Park City. In 1973, the entire family became U.S. citizens.

The dream continued when she founded A Action Health Care, Inc., a nurse-staffing agency, 10 years ago, and its companion business, A Action Home Health Care, four years ago. Mrs. Goldman deserves some credit as a marketer, too: The firms' unique titles assure them of the first listings in the telephone book.

Today, Mrs. Goldman is an active member of Bridgeport's Rodeph Sholom Synagogue and one of the major contributors to the economy of that city. Each week, she meets a payroll of approximately 300 people — many of whom consider her a loving friend.

If a new employee lacks bus fare, it is not uncommon for Mrs. Goldman to drive him or her to and from work. On more than one occasion, she has provided a personal loan to assist an underprivileged employee with education. Mrs. Goldman's concern extends to other immigrants; she has dedicated a significant portion of her time to the Russian Emigration Society to help others become established in their new country.

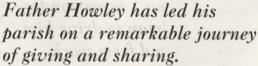
As a mother, Eva Weisman Goldman takes great pride in the achievements of her children: Boris, now a plastic surgeon practicing in Detroit; Michael, a third-year law student at Syracuse University; and Jessica, a freshman at Trumbull High School.

Self-effacing almost to a fault, this gentle woman prefers to let others take the bows. But the accolades are beginning to accumulate. Last spring, the Girl Scouts of Housatonic Council honored her as a 1994 Woman of Distinction and now, on this 15th evening of October, Sacred Heart University is pleased and proud to present its Discovery Award to —

In summarizing the work of The Reverend Edward J. Howley, there comes to mind the words of the English poet Philip James Bailey, who wrote: "Let each man think himself an act of God; his mind a thought, his life a breath of God." For nearly 50 years, Father Howley has been not only a breath, but a virtual whirlwind of activity and good deeds.

Following his first pastoral assignments at St. Mary Parish in Stamford, St. Mary Parish in Bethel and St. Joseph Parish in South Norwalk, Father Howley was chosen in 1966 to become the founder and first pastor of St. Thomas More Parish in Mary Parish in Darien. It was an assignment be took on with some Parish in the second parish in the secon

Darien. It was an assignment he took on with great dedication and vigor. He told his new parishioners that he alone wasn't going to build a new church, but together they all would. He also assured them that their new church would



be a place where they would find strength from their faith in God and that their church would be a symbol of God's presence among them.

Guided by that vision, Father Howley has led his parish on a remarkable journey of giving and sharing. Each year, the Youth Group of St. Thomas More travels to Appalachia to build houses for the poor. The parishioners have also devoted their time and energy to assisting those closer to home, particularly the needy of Bridgeport's inner city. Their Outreach Program is dedicated to helping the poor with the necessities of life: food, clothing and financial help. At home in Darien, the parish's many programs have become models for the community. The Happiness Pre-School Program has become a valuable resource for young children and their parents. The Religious Education Program, with its advanced method of instruction, has become an outstanding example of Catholic religious education. The parish's Stephen Ministry counsels those experiencing difficulties with family, work or health.

Father Howley's impact on his parish, his community and the area has been profound, and yet he is not satisfied. He continues to work diligently and to lead his parishioners in always doing more to improve the lives of those less fortunate as well as to enrich the lives of those with whom they come in contact.

Because of his important, selfless work and the example he has set for all of us, Sacred Heart University honors itself tonight by presenting a Discovery Award to —

The Rev. Educard J. Howley

Eileen S. Kraus, president of Shawmut Bank Connecticut and vice chairman of Shawmut National Corporation, is definitely not your typical banker.

When Mrs. Kraus graduated *magna cum laude* from Mount Holyoke College in 1960, and even later, after earning a master's degree in the arts at Trinity College in Hartford, banking was not on her career horizon. In fact, her banking career began when she was 40 years old and a bank executive, taking notice of her achievements in the business world, offered her the job of vice president for human resources at Hartford National Bank, which later became Shawmut. It was a bold new experience for Mrs. Kraus, who had spent the previous decade building her own highly successful firm, "Career Search Resources."

Earlier this year, during a speech at the Bridgeport Business Women's luncheon, she told those gathered not to be afraid to take on new challenges. "There is so much you can miss out on if you keep your mind shut to change," she said.

Mrs. Kraus lives by her message.

Always eager to embrace change and tackle a new project, Mrs. Kraus recalls that her early days in banking were filled with challenges. Yet not only has she endured, she has flourished in a male-dominated industry, earning the respect and admiration of colleagues.

"There is so much you can miss out on if you keep your mind shut to change." She did so well after just one year in banking that in 1980 she was appointed senior vice president and manager of Shawmut's Human Resources Division; by 1983 she was manager of the Marketing and Communication Division; and in 1986 she was named executive vice president in charge of the Community Banking Group.

In 1988, she was appointed executive vice president and senior manager for Consumer Banking and Marketing, and in 1990 Mrs. Kraus was named vice chairman of Shawmut National Corporation. Two years later, she was appointed president of Shawmut Bank Connecticut.

Mrs. Kraus was the *Hartford Courant's* 1990 Business Leader of the Year and earned the Leadership Award to Women in Business from the New England Council in 1993. She currently serves as a director on three corporate boards: Yankee Energy Systems, Inc.; Stanley Works, and CPC International.

Active for many years in civic and charitable affairs, Mrs. Kraus is chairman and director of the Greater Hartford Chamber of Commerce and serves as a trustee and member of the executive committee at Trinity College — a post she holds dear because she believes strongly that education is truly the key that opens the door to a lifetime of career fulfillment.

Mrs. Kraus lives in West Hartford with her husband, Harold. They have a daughter and a son.

Sacred Heart University honors itself tonight by presenting a Discovery Award to —

Eileen S. Kraus

When he was a teenager growing up in Bloomfield, New Jersey, Paul R. Tregurtha took on an after-school paper route because he wanted to make sure he could someday go to college.

By the time he was ready to attend Cornell University in the early 1950s, the resourceful teenager had saved enough money to pay for nearly half his tuition. In 1958, he graduated from Cornell with a degree in mechanical engineering.

It was that same kind of determination that later helped Mr. Tregurtha earn a master's degree in business administration and graduate with distinc-

tion as a Baker Scholar from Harvard Business School, following a stint of dedicated service in the United States Air Force. Making the accomplishment even more impressive, he earned the degree while supporting a wife and children.



"Young people must learn to value education and be prepared to work hard if they want to be successful."

A deeply religious man, Mr. Tregurtha often comments that his faith in God and his education have been the keys to his success in the business world, where he has excelled for more than 30 years. "While growing up, I learned that my family always valued education, and no matter what it took, I knew I wanted to further my own education as far as possible. Young people must learn to value education and be prepared to work hard if they want to be successful," he has said.

Mr. Tregurtha practiced that philosophy himself during the early 1970s, when he was instrumental in turning a failing water transportation and natural resources firm, Moore McCormack Resources, into a Fortune 500 company.

His 30 years in business encompass senior management positions with Browne & Sharpe Manufacturing Co. of Providence, Rhode Island, where he rose to vice president in 1970; and Moore McCormack Resources, Inc., where he was named president in 1978 and chairman and chief executive officer in 1987.

In 1988, Mr. Tregurtha became co-owner of Mormac Marine Group, which, under his leadership and business acumen, acquired several other companies. He is director, a principal officer and the co-owner of several of these enterprises, including the Interlake Steamship Company, Lakes Shipping Company, Meridian Aggregates Company and Moran Transportation Corporation.

Demonstrating his commitment to education, Mr. Tregurtha continues to be active as a trustee of Cornell University. In addition, he serves on the boards of St. Joseph Medical Center in Stamford and the Lake Carriers' Association.

Mr. Tregurtha, the father of four grown children, resides in Darien with his wife, Lee.

Sacred Heart University honors itself tonight by presenting a Discovery Award to —

Paul R. Tregurtha

In the six years that he has been affiliated with Sacred Heart University, James J. Costello has kept his eye on the bottom line and helped guide the University to unparalleled success. Not only has he enhanced our financial security, he has also enriched us with his hard work, dedication and expertise.

Mr. Costello spent 35 years with General Electric Company in a variety of financial management positions, culminating in posts as vice president and comptroller prior to his retirement in 1992. He says, however, one of his proudest achievements in nearly four decades in the business world is being part of Sacred Heart University's rapid growth and expansion during the fiveyear period that began just after he joined the University's Board of Trustees in 1988. Today, he is a member of the board's Executive Committee and chairman of the Finance Committee, which monitors the fiscal condition of the University.

Mr. Costello says he believes that the University's success will continue. "It has been very exciting to be on the board during a period when Sacred Heart has become and will continue to be one of the fastest-growing universities in New England and across the Northeast," he said.

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Mr. Costello has contributed greatly to the University's growing stature, having worked tirelessly to help guide a course for intelligent fiscal planning and financial stability. In fact, University President Anthony J. Cernera praises who has used his business expertise to

help the University expand and grow, yet operate within prudent guidelines.

Mr. Costello grew up in Boston and graduated from Northeastern University with a B.S. degree in business administration-industrial management. An officer in the United States Navy from 1953-56, he was stationed in the Western Pacific and at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Costello is a director of the National Council and a member of the Corporation at Northeastern University and a member of the Southern Connecticut/ Westchester chapter of the Financial Executives Institute. In addition, for those who have the privilege of knowing and working with Jim Costello, there is no doubt that he is a man who takes seriously his faith in God and who lives out that faith in works of mercy and compassion.

Mr. Costello and his wife, Ginny, are the parents of five grown children and live in Wilton.

In recognition of his vital role and continuing contribution as a trustee, Sacred Heart University is proud to present the Bishop Walter W. Curtis Medal of Honor to -

Tames J. Costello



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