

Mahwah

Chamber announces award recipients, golf proceeds

The Mahwah Regional Chamber of Commerce recently honored its annual award recipients. The 2013 honorees included: 2012 Citizen of the Year, Dr. Peter P. Mercer; 2012 Company of the Year, Inserra Supermarkets, Inc.; and 2012 Organization of the Year, Mahwah Environmental Volunteers Organization, Inc. (MEVO.)

The Chamber also announced that its 21st Annual Golf Outing, held in September at the prestigious Tuxedo Club in Tuxedo, New York, raised \$33,000 for The Valley Hospital Foundation. Golfers tested their skills on the 18-hole course lead by forecaddies, a few individuals learned the sport for the first time, and an army of volunteers made sure the day went smoothly. Evening festivities were held at the main clubhouse where Mr. David F. Bolger, the President of the Bolger Foundation, was honored as the MRCC's 2012 Humanitarian of the Year. All attendees were rewarded with a fabulous day of outdoor activities, followed by an unforgettable evening program, exciting prizes, awards, and dinner.

This event is the Chamber's largest annual fundraiser, in which a portion of the proceeds is donated to a charity of
(continued on page 16)



Top photo: Dr. Peter P. Mercer, Lawrence Inserra III, and MEVO members Emma Spett and Eric Fuchs-Stengel. **Bottom photo:** Bettina Daly of The Valley Hospital Foundation (left) accepts donation from Chamber President Paul Scarduffa, MRCC Foundation President Bruce E. Whitaker, Esq., and Deborah A. Richin, CFP®. (Photos courtesy of Danielle Richards Photography.)

Mahwah Chamber

(continued from page 10)

the honoree's choosing. Bolger chose The Valley Hospital Foundation to receive the charitable contribution from this event. Star Benefit Auctions ran a Special Appeal and raised \$23,750 to begin a Men's Heart Health Program at Valley Hospital. The Mahwah Chamber Board of Directors voted to donate an additional \$9,250 to make this year's donation a record \$33,000 in total.

"You know the saying, 'It takes a village.' Well, that is certainly true in this case. With the support of the hard-working Golf Outing Committee, the backing of the (Mahwah) Chamber Board of Directors, and the cooperation of Mother Nature, the 2012 Golf Outing was a complete success," said Deborah A. Richin, Mahwah Regional Chamber of Commerce vice president, Golf Committee. "A special thanks to the major sponsors, including Inserra

Supermarkets, Inc., Sharp Electronics Corporation, Jet Blue, The Valley Emergency Room Associates, P.A., The Crowne Plaza Hotel (Suffern), The Valley Hospital Foundation, and Bergen Health & Life. Through their generosity, these sponsors helped us raise a record amount of money."

Plans for the 22nd annual Golf Outing, being held at The Tuxedo Club on Monday, Sept. 9, are already under way.

Founded in 1957, the Mahwah Regional Chamber of Commerce is a dynamic organization representing members from over 90 communities in the region. The Chamber's membership includes retail, professional, service, and corporate businesses, both large and small. Its primary objective is to advance the general welfare and prosperity of the greater Mahwah region so that its citizens and its business community may prosper. Particular attention and emphasis are given to the business, social, civic, cultural, and educational interests of the region.

For information, contact Executive Director Sharon Rounds at (201) 529-5566.