

South Middlesex Men's Club

2009 Leadership Awards for Community Service

Our biennial awards are dedicated to recognizing and publicizing those who mightily contribute to, enrich, or impact our local community.

This year's recipients are:

Richard Steward

and

Claudette Hunt

Please read on for their individual biographical information.

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Richard Steward

Richard is a Soloist, Musician, Teacher, Mentor, family Patriarch, life long supporter to various churches and religious organizations. He has received many accolades and awards throughout his life, beginning as a child at the Union Baptist Church in Philadelphia, where the renowned Marion Anderson also started. Later, his passion for singing allowed him to become a serious student of voice throughout his teen years. As a result he joined the famous Paul Roberts Choir where he was the featured soloist and traveled throughout the east coast.

In Philadelphia, Richard was frequently presented in concerts. In addition he was the tenor soloist in Tindley Temple's annual presentation of the "Messiah" and was presented in Town Hall in New York City.

Richard has always maintained close ties with the church and for several years was the tenor soloist at Zion Baptist Church of Philadelphia pastored by the Rev. Dr. Leon Sullivan. Locally, Richard has been featured in the choirs of Union United Church of Boston and the Greater Framingham Community Church (GFCC). He assumed directory of the GFCC Senior Choir, now the Chancel Choir in 1975, until his retirement in 2008. In 1972, GFCC presented Richard in concert in a Tribute to Roland Hayes at John Hancock Hall in Boston

Richard was born on April 13 1934 in Philadelphia, Pa. specifically, South Philadelphia, birthplace of Sherman Hemsley (actor on Good Times), Marian Anderson, Chubby Checker, Percy Heath (Jazz bassist), and Harold & Fayard Nicholas (Nicholas brothers dancers). He currently resides in Marlboro with his wife of 53 years, Ann Steward. Together they have two sons, Darryl and Brian; and one daughter, Kimberly Scott; four grandchildren, Josh, Brianna, Sydney, and Kendall. Richard remains active in the building of God's Kingdom on earth.

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Claudette Hunt

Claudette Hunt is an entrepreneur, community activist and an advocate for young people. She graduated from the City University of New York with a degree in Economics, and Harvard Business School PMD program. Claudette has had a 25-year career in banking and high technology. In the advent of her third career, she is President and CEO of Barnett-Hunt Interior Designs, which is based in Harvard Massachusetts. Her company specializes in residential interiors and has earned a reputation for elegance and a focus on details.

Claudette has pioneered many corporate and community based activities, including serving as the first manager to create and lead a Forum for Product Managers, and as a sponsor of a Global Forum to share standards that reduce the time of getting products to market. She recently created the "New England Friends of the UNCF" (United Negro College Fund) to raise funds in support of deserving New England students who attend UNCF member schools and other HBCU's.

Claudette served as a judge for the NAACP ACT-SO competition for 17 years. She has also served on a few boards, including Primary Source, Net Man A/S Denmark, and Harvard Schools Trust. She is an active member of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts and served on the Diocesan Council. She is a member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Ayer, Ma. Claudette's love for young people and her desire to make a difference is reflected in the outreach she provides to many organizations.

Claudette is the recipient of a number of awards, including Who is Who in Corporate America (Dollars and Sense Magazine), "Delta - You Make a Difference" (Partnership with Harvard Business School), and Alpha Kappa Alpha " Excellence in Education"

Claudette is mother to Virginia Hunt, a Mandarin Language Program Advisor, Academy of the Pacific Rim, and Irvin Hunt, a doctoral student at Columbia University.