

Mizulski) Tavern in East St. Louis, where planning sessions took place. The PAWV was subsequently chartered in May 1946 by the State of Illinois. The first officers were Stanley Gula, President; Stanley Boryczko, Vice-President; Joseph Skowron, Secretary; Michael Bartosz, Treasurer; and Adam Wondolowski, Sergeant-at-Arms. Other active leaders were Walter Kolczak, Les Kloczak, Aloysius Szablowski, Edward Cich, Ed Wondolowski, as well as John Radon, Ted Skrabacz, and Ben Nieciecki.

Over the years, events were staged throughout the Metro East, with its 25th Anniversary celebrated on October 2, 1971, at the Catholic Knights and Ladies Hall in Belleville. Under the leadership of Albert (Butch) Rolek and other committed members, a permanent site for the PAWV was found in 1979 on North 81st Street in Caseyville.

The PAWV sponsors a variety of community events every year, including the annual Father's Day program, ethnic celebrations, children's events, as well as national and State holiday observations. The Ladies Auxiliary, a group of dedicated wives and mothers, supports the activities and continues to work to foster an understanding and love of the Polish community.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the PAWV on its 50th Anniversary.

BLOOMFIELD CITIZENS COUNCIL
AWARDS

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 1996

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a number of Pittsburgh residents who were honored on May 3 with Bloomfield Citizens Council awards. Every year, the citizens council grants these awards to members of the community who have made a significant contribution to the quality of life in Bloomfield.

For decades of countless volunteer hours and for her tireless dedication as the editor of the Spirit of Bloomfield newsletter, Janet Scullion was presented for the first time in the history of the council with a dual award, receiving both the Mary Cercone Outstanding Citizen Award and the Distinguished Leadership Award.

For her dedication to the education and spiritual commitment of two generations of Bloomfield children, Sister Mary John Cook is being honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award, Sister Mary John has served as the principal of Immaculate Conception School for 16 years.

Two community members received recognition for their commitment to athletics and were jointly awarded the Outstanding Athletic Leadership Award. Dan Brannigan worked tirelessly for several years to develop and support basketball and volleyball programs for young people in the Bloomfield community. George Savarese has given his heart and soul to the success of the hockey league program which helps Bloomfield boys build character and self-discipline.

For knowing the streets and encouraging everyone to join together and work with the police, the Public Safety Award was bestowed upon BILL BRADLEY.

Never refusing to help his community through countless hours of service with the Bloomfield Lions Club, the St. Joseph Nursing Home, and the Meals on Wheels Program—and for always being willing to go the extra mile—Emil Del Cimmuto was recognized with the Extra Mile Award.

An impressive record of attendance at meetings, hearings, and hundreds of volunteer hours of committee work on everything from youth to seniors made the selection of Phyllis McQuillan as the recipient of the Community Commitment Award unquestionable.

City Council President Jim Ferlo, longtime community activist, was the founder and driving force behind such organizations as the Patient's Right Program, the Pennsylvania Alliance for Jobs & Energy, and the Save Nabisco Action Coalition. For his numerous community activities, and because Jim is always there as a loyal friend with an optimistic vision when the citizens of Bloomfield needed him, Jim Ferlo has been honored with the Neighborhood Loyalty Award.

A dedicated and outspoken 15-year-old who volunteers at West Penn Hospital, Kristen DiGiacomo has been honored with the Junior Patriotism Award. This remarkable young woman is truly a model for all young people in the city of Pittsburgh.

For his partnership with the Bloomfield Citizens Council to advance the educational opportunities for Bloomfield children at Immaculate Conception School with microscopes, lab equipment, and computers, Charles O'Brien was honored with the Academic Advancement Award.

Greg Feigel and Larry Camerota are the two recipients of the Outstanding Athletic Achievement Award.

The recipients of the posthumous awards this year were Mary Lou Johnson and Gilda Zolabinski. Mary Lou's life was marked by her dedication to family, friends, and community. Gilda also had a deep commitment to the people she loved, and to the quality of life in Bloomfield.

For his creative display of more than 6,000 lights and different winter scenes which are admired by everyone, Jack Rice received the Creative Christmas Award.

For their admirable effort, the following people received an honorable mention for the Creative Christmas Award: Michael Armenti, Gary Caldwell, Humphrey DiGiacomo, John Fugil, and Michael Magliocco.

All of these individuals have made significant contributions to the people and community of Bloomfield in Pittsburgh. It is only through such efforts that the quality of life in our communities can be maintained. They deserve our thanks and commendation. I salute them.

GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD
RECIPIENTS

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 1996

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to salute a group of outstanding young women who will be honored on May 22, 1996, by Tropical Florida Girl Scout Council in Miami, FL, for earning the highest achieve-

ment in U.S. Girl Scouting. They are Julie Vilaboy of Girl Scout Troop No. 52, Jessica Tejera, Rusonda Solomon of Girl Scout Troop No. 79, Lauren Schwartz of Troop No. 75, Laura Santos of Troop No. 52, Marisa Key of Troop No. 535, Carrie Hoffman of Troop No. 79, Jennifer Harvey of Troop No. 79, Luvy Delgado of Troop No. 140, Alicia Castellanos of Troop No. 52, Jessica Bernabei of Troop No. 140, Maria Beotequi of Troop No. 140, and Tracey Adams of Troop No. 711.

The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The award can be earned by girls aged 14 to 17, or in grades 9 through 12.

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., an organization serving over 2.5 million girls, has awarded more than 20,000 Girl Scout Awards to Senior Girl Scouts since the inception of the program in 1980.

To receive the award, a Girl Scout must earn four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and the Senior Girl Scout Challenge, as well as design and implement a Girl Scout Award project. A plan for fulfilling these requirements is created by the Senior Girl Scout and is carried out through close cooperation between the girl and an adult Girl Scout volunteer.

As members of the Tropical Florida Girl Scout Council, these outstanding young women began working toward the Girl Scout Award as early as September of last year. They completed their projects in programs such as self-awareness/self-help, youth monitoring, and education and community service.

I know that my colleagues will join with me in extending to these outstanding young women our congratulations for a job well done and for their service to our community and our country.

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION HONORS
NATHAN N. SCHIOWITZ

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 1996

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nathan N. Schiowitz, who has been selected by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Unit of The Arthritis Foundation as its 1996 Community Leader of the Year. I am pleased to recognize Mr. Schiowitz as he receives this honor on May 15, 1996.

The Arthritis Foundation gives the Community Leader Award to those community leaders who demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities in their communities and who have selflessly given of themselves for the betterment of others. Nathan Schiowitz fulfills, and surpasses, these requirements. He is truly deserving of this award.

Nathan Schiowitz began his professional career in 1924 when he joined his father's company, the General Supply and Paper Co., located in Wilkes-Barre, PA. He quickly became a leader in the business, and rose to the position of president before his retirement in 1975.

As Nathan's leadership qualities grew with his experiences at the General Supply and Paper Co., he shared those qualities with his