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Chamber award to go to woman for first time

NAUGATUCK — Reservations close Monday for the Naugatuck Chamber of Commerce's 83rd annual dinner on Thursday, at which Realtor Rebecca Zandvliet will become the first woman to receive the chamber's annual Lewis A. Dibble Sr. Award.

The event, at Leary's Crystal Room on School Street, begins at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails.

Zandvliet in 2001 became owner of Coldwell Banker Realty 2000 in Naugatuck. She in 2002 took over Coldwell Banker Bredice & Dean's offices in Torrington and Canton. The Realtor, licensed since 1994, employs about 50 agents. She has been a director of the Greater Waterbury Board of Realtors since 2001.

Zandvliet has been a chamber board member since 2003. She is a board member of the United Way of Naugatuck & Beacon Falls and was chairwoman of the 2003 campaign. She is treasurer of the YMCA Board of Directors, a board member of the American Red Cross, and treasurer of Taxpayers for Naugatuck.

She also was a member of the Naugatuck Board of Education from 1990-96, and from 1991-96 was its first-ever chairwoman. She ran for mayor of the borough in 1997.

Zandvliet is a member of the Naugatuck Rotary Club, has served as a Rotary Host Family since 2000, and is a member of the United Way Salem Society. She is president of the Maple Hill PTO.

Tickets are \$75 per person. For details about the event, call the chamber, (203) 729-4511 or (203) 757-0701.

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Waterbury Regional Chamber
among business to business

Jay Carlson, President of G&R Manufacturing and Chairman of the Naugatuck Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors opened the 83rd Annual Meeting on December 9th. The Annual Meeting marks the end of the 2004 program year and prepares us for the upcoming year.

As a part of the Annual Meeting the Lewis A. Dibble, Jr. Award is given to an outstanding member of the Naugatuck Community. This year Rebecca Zandvliet was presented the award by community

advocate Clare Kaufman. Zandvliet joins a long line of distinguished recipients including a few who attended the evening to support her; State Representative Kevin DeGobbo-2002, Mark Yanarella-2000, Robert Sutherland-1997, Ronald Lengyel-1996, John Ford-1995, Jack Tatigian-1991, and Dr. Sol Aordkian-1985.

Zandvliet, owner of Coldwell Banker Realty 2000 (Naugatuck office) since 2001 and Coldwell Banker Bredice & Dean (Torrington & Canton office) since 2002, has been a licensed realtor since 1994. She is proud and fortunate to employ approximately fifty of

the best real estate agents in the state, and their goal is to ensure that clients receive top-shelf service. Coldwell Banker Realty has been a member of the Naugatuck Chamber of Commerce since 1994 and



Retiring Board Member Jack Prior - Crompton Corp. with Award Winner Rebecca Zandvliet of Coldwell Banker Realty 2000

Rebecca a Board of Directors member since 2003. She is also a board member of the United Way of Naugatuck & Beacon Falls and was its campaign chair in 2003; treasurer of the YMCA Board of

Directors; a board member of the American Red Cross; and treasurer of Taxpayers for Naugatuck (PAC). Becky, as she is known to family and friends, is a member of the Naugatuck Rotary Club; a Rotary Host Family since 2000;

and a member of the United Way Salem Society and Maple Hill PTO, president. She is a past member of the Naugatuck Board of Education, 1990 to 1996, and was chair from 1991 to 1996, being the first woman to hold this

position. She has been a director of the Greater Waterbury Board of Realtors since 2001. Becky also ran for Mayor of Naugatuck in 1997. The evening also acknowledged the outstanding work of long time Chamber employee Nicole Pelletier for her dedication and devotion to the chamber over the past 18 years.

The annual meeting is also a time to acknowledge the outgoing board, this year two outstanding members of the board were honored as they retired their positions. David Niven of Donham Craft and Jack Prior

of Crompton Corporation were recognized for the expertise and hard work they devoted to the chamber and the community. This year also marked the end of Jay Carlson's tenure as Chairman; as Carlson

becomes the Board's immediate past chair, Tony Edwards of Peter Paul Hershey will begin his tenure as Chairman.



Jay Carlson - G&R Mfg., David Niven - Donham Craft, Jack Prior - Crompton Corp., & Tony Edwards - Peter Paul Hershey

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