

The main focus of St. Patrick's in this century has been service to the community. During the Great Depression, the parish operated a school and tried to feed the hungry and cold of the area. St. Patrick's Hunger Center was installed many years later as a way to continue service to the less fortunate of the community. Also, a parish council was established to better service the congregation of St. Patrick's.

St. Patrick's has clearly been a beacon for the community of West Park in Cleveland during its 150 year existence. My fellow colleagues, join me in saluting a gem of the West Park neighborhood, St. Patrick's Parish.

INTER-CLUB COUNCIL AWARDS

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 1998

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it gives my colleague, Mr. MORAN, and myself great pleasure to rise today and pay tribute to Mrs. Martha McCash and Mrs. Thelma Gallant McDonald, two outstanding citizens of Northern Virginia for their dedicated community service. On March 25, they will be honored by the Inter-Service Club Council of Springfield ISCC as co-recipients of the Bob Westmoreland Award for Person of the Year.

Martha is currently the Secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Springfield and formerly served as President. She coordinates the activities of twenty-two Kiwanis-affiliated Key Clubs in area high schools. Martha's devotion and hard work has earned her the support of the high schools' faculty advisors, the President of the Springfield Club, and the Capital Kiwanis Key Clubs Zone Administrator. Her past honors for outstanding community service include the Capital District Kiwanis Governor's Distinguished Service Award, the Kiwanis International Distinguished Club Officers Award for 1995, and 1996 and 1997, and the Capital District Kiwanis Distinguished Member Award for 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997. Martha's clear dedication to service makes her truly deserving of the Bob Westmoreland Award.

Thelma has persevered through the great personal loss of being twice-widowed, to devote herself to community service. For ten years, she was involved in American Legion Auxiliary Unit 176 Junior activities. As a Girl Scout Troop Leader, Thelma was active in a program to provide performing groups to local schools. She has been involved with the Host Lions Club for thirty-five years, first as a spouse, then as member in 1994. There she trained and managed Lions Club sponsored baton corps, served on the Club Board of Directors, chaired the local Nursing Home Bingo prize project, and chaired a project that collected over one hundred lap rugs for a nursing home and seniors. In addition, she is active in church programs to aid handicapped children and a local nursing home, and has logged over one thousand hours of volunteer service at Fairfax Hospital. The Bob Westmoreland Award is well bestowed on Thelma with her unwavering commitment to others.

Mr. Speaker, we know our colleagues join us in congratulating these two outstanding women on their service and dedication. We appreciate their true spirit of giving and helping others that makes the Northern Virginia community such a fine place to live and work.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH CELEBRATES 50TH AN- NIVERSARY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 1998

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Our Lady Queen of Peace Church on its 50th Anniversary as a Church and Parish in the Archdiocese of Washington.

Fifty years ago, Our Lady Queen of Peace was little more than a mission of the St. Francis Xavier Church that at the time was said to be the largest parish in Southeast Washington. On the eve that it was formally announced as a parish, it had no building of its own and was in fairly embryonic state. It had been established as a mission in March 1943 during the turbulence of World War II by the late Monsignor Joseph V. Buckley. If there was a physical edifice to call home, it was distributed between three buildings: The City Bank Building, the Senator Theater and a small store building, all of which were clustered along Minnesota Avenue just below Benning Road. These were indeed humble circumstances and remained so for nearly nine years. The church's early parishioners, bolstered by their first pastor, Reverend James H. Brooks, set to work helping him to build and organize the new parish. In January of 1950, construction began on the church and school at its present location, the corner of Ely Place and Ridge Road, SE. The first Mass of the Eucharistic Celebration was held on December 24, 1951, in the building while it was under construction.

Even in that long ago generation, before Queen of Peace had a home of its own, its members were founding organizations to address social concerns extending beyond the church membership. That membership was composed of many converts and non-Catholics who were regular Sunday mass worshippers. Many of these organizations are cornerstones of Our Lady Queen of Peace and have been active for almost as long as the parish has existed. Such groups as the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Sodality, the Parish Credit Union, the Parish Council, the Men's Club, the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), and the Scouting programs fall in this category. They have done much to make Our Lady Queen of Peace the still "young, but strong and active" church that it is. These groups, and their activities, encourage brotherhood in the true sense of the word both within and outside the parish.

Since that time, mainly under the umbrella of the Social Justice and Community Outreach committees of the Pastoral Council, new organizations have emerged in response to the needs of the neighborhood-at-large as well as the parish family. One particular endeavor the Church recently worked on with the community was to put pressure on the city to remove abandoned buildings located on Ridge Road SE that had become havens for drug traffic.

There are now groups and ministries providing real support: food for the mind as well as the body. Ministries such as Visitation of the Sick and Shut-In, the Community Empowering and Outreach in Public Housing and the Reclaiming Our Youth and Mentoring Program are but a few of these organizations. There are also ministries such as SOME and SHARE that prepare and distribute food for the hungry, the Prison Ministry and the Youth Ministry. The HIV/AIDS Ministry of Hope and Love is only a few months old and works side-by-side with the venerable St. Vincent de Paul Society that has been meeting the needs of the poor in the community for its 50 years in existence at Our Lady Queen of Peace.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this august body to join me in saluting a snapshot of this church, itself homeless for more than eight years of its early life, yet rooted from the start to build, love and serve families.

HONORING THE 60TH REDWOOD REGION LOGGING CONFERENCE AND DON ANDERSON

HON. FRANK RIGGS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 1998

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 60th Anniversary of the Redwood Region Logging Conference and its 1998 Achievement Award Winner, Don Anderson.

For over 60 years the Redwood Region Logging Conference has provided a forum for the exchange of ideas by focusing on the improvement of forest management and harvesting practices in the redwood and Douglas-fir forests of Northwestern California. The Conference provides an opportunity to showcase the men and women of the logging industry to the communities in which they work and live.

The organization was founded in 1936 by Professor Emanuel Fritz. Thirty-six men attended the first meeting at the Eureka Inn in Eureka, California. Professor Fritz thought a logging conference was a great opportunity to bring loggers together for an exchange of ideas and to become better acquainted with one another. That first meeting was an unqualified success, and the Conference has been an annual affair since 1936, with only a short lapse during World War II.

The Redwood Region Logging Conference is an industry leader because of its exemplary education program. The goals of the program are to educate the public and students on forestry and logging practices in the Redwood Region. The Conference is the major sponsor of the Redwood Forest Institute for Teachers, the Temperate Forest Teacher Tour, the northcoast section of Future Farmers of America Forestry judging contest. Additionally, the Conference funds the transportation needs for the field trips which give children a better understanding of the forestry and logging industry. Each year, over \$10,000 of academic scholarships are awarded to forestry students from accredited forestry programs throughout California. Also, approximately two thousand children attend the annual Forest Education

Day which is held during the Logging Conference.

I would also like to recognize this year's Redwood Region Logging Conference Achievement Award winner, Don Anderson. Don was born in Wisconsin in 1926 and at the age of seventeen had his first taste of logging while working for Peterson Brothers Logging at a logging camp near Mercer, Wisconsin. After a stint as a Merchant Seaman from 1944 to 1946, Don landed in Fort Bragg, California where he met his future wife, Marie. Don and Marie have three children, Donna, Mike, and Joe, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The Andersons celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary last year.

In 1947, Don was reunited with the logging industry, working a myriad of jobs within the industry. In 1963, Don and Marie refinanced their home and went into the logging business as a junior partner in Eastman Logging. Don went into business on his own and Anderson Logging was born in 1977. By 1983, it became obvious to Don that his sons, Mike and Joe, were ready and able to run the company he had founded. Mike and Joe took over the business in 1983 and have built it into a very successful company.

There have been many hard working men and women over the past 60 years, who, just like Don and Marie, have worked in and cared for the forests of northern California. These men and women have contributed much to the communities where they have lived, worked, and raised their families. The Redwood Region Logging Conference has done the logging industry a great service by highlighting these individuals through their Annual Achievement Awards.

Once again, I salute the Redwood Region Logging Conference and its 1998 Achievement Award winner, Don Anderson.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HIGHLAND WOMEN'S CLUB

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 1998

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention today the fine work and outstanding public service of the Highland Women's Club of Highland, California. Earlier this year, the club marked its centennial as an active and vibrant part of the local community.

On January 14, 1898, ten ladies in the village of Highland met to organize the Pleasant Hour Club. From this small beginning, the first library hall was built and, with the assistance of the members of the Pleasant Hour Club, furnished and manned. Later, after this first building burned, another library hall and public library was built in what is now the Knights of Pythias Hall on West Main Street. The Pleasant Hour Club met in both of these buildings.

In 1926, the people of Highland raised money to build a facility at the corner of Palm Avenue and Main Street. A lovely large Spanish style building, it housed the public library, the Chamber of Commerce, and a very large beautiful meeting room with a stage, fireplace,

and large kitchen. The building was finished in 1926 and was given to the Highland Women's Club to maintain.

Over the years, the building was used for a variety of purposes—Chamber banquets, church affairs, community service work, square dancing, and even the crowning of several Miss Highland contestants for the National Orange Show. Largely because of the expense of maintaining the building, the women of the club sold the building to the Highland Temple Baptist Church in 1975.

The outstanding work of the Highland Women's Club is well known and deeply appreciated by local citizens. It has been actively involved with the PTA, little league, scouting, 4-H and other activities relating to the youth of our community. It has also played a role in raising awareness of fire safety rules among grade school students and purchasing supplies for the first paramedic truck in Highland, as well as the Jaws of Life for the local fire station. The Women's Club also assisted the Highland Citizens Patrol with the purchase of uniforms as well as with the purchase of radio equipment for the local sheriffs office.

The contributions made by the Highland Women's Club to education has been nothing short of remarkable. It has adopted the Highland Head Start School in recent years and has also taken part in the Pennies for Pines Program since the 1950's. All of these activities underscore one fundamental point: the Highland Women's Club has made a difference for 100 years and is well on its way to making a difference for at least another 100 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me and our colleagues in recognizing the outstanding contributions made to our local community by this tremendous organization. The Highland Women's Club represents the very finest in civic and community affairs and it is only appropriate that the House recognize this organization during its centennial celebration.

IN HONOR OF BRIAN J. SAMMON ON HIS ATTAINMENT OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Brian J. Sammon of Cleveland, Ohio, who will be honored March 29, 1998 for his attainment of Eagle Scout.

The attainment of Eagle Scout is a high and rare honor requiring years of dedication to self-improvement, hard work and the community. Each Eagle Scout must earn 21 merit badges, twelve of which are required, including badges in: lifesaving; first aid; citizenship in the community; citizenship in the nation; citizenship in the world; personal management of time and money; family life; environmental science; and camping.

In addition to acquiring and proving proficiency in those and other skills, an Eagle Scout must hold leadership positions within the troop where he learns to earn the respect and hear the criticism of those he leads.

The Eagle Scout must live by the Scouting Law, which holds that he must be: trustworthy, loyal, brave, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, clean, and reverent.

And the Eagle Scout must complete an Eagle Project, which he must plan, finance and evaluate on his own. It is no wonder that only two percent of all boys entering scouting achieve this rank.

My fellow colleagues, let us recognize and congratulate Brian for his achievement.

CELEBRATING RHODE ISLAND MANUFACTURING

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 1998

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the second annual Rhode Island Manufacturing Week taking place from April 27 to May 1 of this year. The conference is a celebration of the significant role manufacturing has played and will continue to play in the lives of the people of Rhode Island. But it is much more than that. The week-long seminar is an opportunity to educate the over 2,500 manufacturing companies in Rhode Island about the latest in technological business advances. It is an opportunity to stress the necessity of adapting to the constant cultural and societal changes that impact our economy. In short, it is an opportunity to ensure that Rhode Island manufacturers remain competitive in today's rapidly changing market.

This year, the Rhode Island Manufacturing Week organizing committee is honored to have Mr. Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator at NASA, as its keynote speaker. Mr. Goldin will discuss the most modern NASA technology, and how that technology can be commercially applied to improve the changing face of business. As we all know, an essential element in the growth of our nation is the sustained success of our manufacturing infrastructure. This industry is a part of our historical job base, and is a key to our economic future.

Today in Rhode Island, there are over 80,000 high skill/high wage manufacturing jobs. Successful public/private partnerships there are proving that the government and private corporations can work together to not just succeed, but rather flourish. Simply put, Rhode Island is taking the lead in what should be a nationwide fight to reinvigorate American manufacturing. The Manufacturing Week Conference is a giant step in this direction.

As the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution, Rhode Island long ago recognized the significance of manufacturing. In 1790, innovations by Rhode Islander Samuel Slater helped spur along industrial changes that dramatically impacted both our nation and the world. Since that time, technological improvements have continued to alter the landscape of the business industry. In order to stay competitive in this environment, leadership is necessary to educate and sustain our businesses. The Rhode Island Manufacturing Week Conference is attempting to provide that leadership, to provide that education, to provide that sustenance, so that our economy, and in turn our nation, can continue to grow as it should.