

North Brunswick Historical Society 245th Anniversary Gala



245th ANNIVERSARY GALA AND HONOREES ANNOUNCED

The Township of North Brunswick will celebrate its 245th Anniversary with a fifth **Community Gala** on **Friday, October 4, 2024** at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Brunswick, sponsored by the North Brunswick Historical Society. This event will honor a group of longtime civic leaders and community volunteers for their distinguished service to our residents.

This year's gala pays tribute to six community volunteers for their distinguished service to the community: Mayor Francis "Mac" Womack, Chadd Heyman, the Selover Family, Ann Louise Winkler, Patricia Wright, and Andrew Zastko. The gala will also celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Adams Athletic Club and the 30th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus #11378.

Mac Womack was first directly elected as mayor in 2003 and is serving his sixth term. He is being recognized for his leadership and achieving a milestone as North Brunswick's longest serving mayor. Now in his 21st year, he has surpassed Paul Maticera's 17 years and Fred Hermann's 18 years as mayor.

Chadd Heyman is a longtime community leader and volunteer. A lifetime resident, he is the president of the North Brunswick First Aid Squad, the chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and a member of the Domestic Violence Response team.

The Selover Family is being honored for their nearly 60 years of compassionate service as the proprietors of Selover Funeral Home, which until a few years ago was the only funeral home in North Brunswick. Founder Richard Selover, his wife Carol Lou, and his four children Dale Froehlke, Karen Gorzynski, Dawn Selover, and Rick Selover, all played an integral role in the family business which recently ceased operations.

Ann Louise Winkler will mark 50 years this fall as a crossing guard near Parsons School in the Berdine's Corner neighborhood. She also was an active member of the North Brunswick Adult Drama Group and other theatre programs for more than 25 years, contributing her talents as a scenic artist.

Patricia Wright is a lifetime resident and longtime community leader and volunteer, who in her ninth decade is the current president of the AARP Chapter #3885.

Andrew Zastko is a longtime community leader and volunteer, who has been chair of the annual Heritage Day Festival for more than 20 years.

The group will also honor the Adams Athletic Club on its 60th Anniversary and the Knights of Columbus #11378 on their 30th Anniversary.

The Adams Athletic Club supports the Adams AC Indians Football and Cheer programs. Their annual Youth Sports Festival provides substantial donations to local sports groups, charitable organizations and scholarship programs.

The Knights of Columbus is affiliated with Our Lady of Peace Church, and provides funds and volunteers to support the OLOP Parish and the larger North Brunswick community, building strong families and community through fraternal and charitable activities.

The Historical Society hosts an anniversary gala every five years, and is once again organizing a memorable evening that includes a cocktail reception with an open bar, an elaborate dinner, first-class entertainment, and an awards program.

"Celebrating our township history certainly includes honoring those citizens and organizations who have contributed to our sense of community," said Historical Society President Michael Hritz. "Their significant and selfless years of volunteer service speak to the very foundation of citizenship in the Township of North Brunswick." Hritz is the co-chair of the gala along with Rich Liguori, who serves as the group's treasurer. The Board of Trustees host committee also includes Nansi Krauss and Janice Larkin.

Proceeds will support the preservation and renovation of the John Buckelew House at the Pulda Farm and the launch of an effort to create and place historical markers at sites of notable interest throughout the township.

For more information or to be added to the invitation list, contact nbhistsoc1779@gmail.com.

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