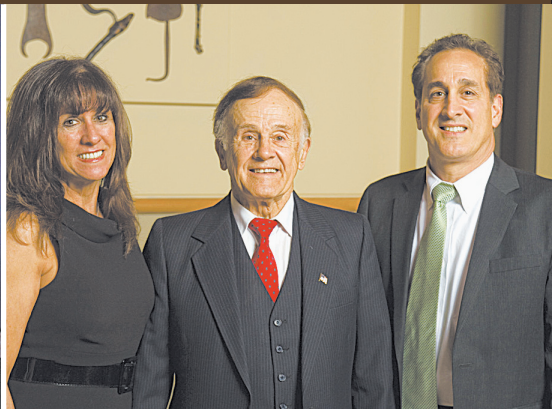




2009 New Jersey State Jefferson Awards



Sam Beard, co-founder of the Jefferson Awards, honoree Pat DiFabio, and Daria Placitella, Executive Vice President, Eastern Region, PNC Wealth Management



Honoree Pat DiFabio with two of his nominators, Patrice DeCastro (left) and Michael DiFabio (right). Third nominator Cathy Callahan was not present

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Linda Bowden, President
PNC Northern New Jersey

Honoree Pat DiFabio

Pat DiFabio of Garwood was nominated by his children, Cathy Callahan, Patrice DeCastro, and Michael DiFabio, for his lifelong and “contagious” commitment to volunteering. He is currently serving his 58th year with the Garwood Volunteer Fire Department. Pat DiFabio is also the President of Garwood Senior Citizens, and is a member of the Runnells Specialized Hospital Volunteer Guild. He’s been a member of the First Aid Squad and the Lions Club, founded the Babe Ruth League, coached Little League, and donated his musical talents to raise funds for local causes. Dad does it all with a smile and a happy heart.

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