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### **Auberle honorees**

Auberle CEO John P. Lydon, above, gives special recognition to retiring Laborers' District Council President Paul A. Quarantillo, who told his union he would not accept a retirement dinner unless the proceeds were donated to Auberle — and more than \$20,000 was raised. Also with Quarantillo is his wife Kim.

At right, Auberle honored special partners of its operations including area labor leaders. From left are Pauline Auberle Foundation Board Chair Susan Fitzsimmons, Auberle CEO John P. Lydon, honorees Allegheny County Labor Council President Jack Shea, Community Services Liaison Joseph R. Delale and Auberle board Vice Chairman Steven M. Massaro.



## **Auberle prevailed during trying state budget crisis**

By PATRICK CLOONAN Daily News Staff Writer

Auberle CEO John P. Lydon said his agency continued to spend \$1 million a month while waiting for reimbursement during the state budget crisis.

"We did not turn one person down," Lydon said at Auberle's annual board meeting Monday. "We did not step back." He credited strong management that ensures that 85 percent of funds are used for programs and services.

Auberle officials said they have had a commitment for nearly 60 years of making the community stronger by shoring up families and keeping kids safe.

The CEO thanked lawmakers who "really stepped up to support us," including state Sen. Sean Logan, D-Plum, and Reps. Bill Kortz, D-Dravosburg, Marc Gergely, D-White Oak, and David Levdansky, D-Forward Township.

Logan, Kortz and Gergely represent McKeesport in the General Assembly. Lydon said Levdansky kept him aware of developments in the Finance Committee the Forward legislator chairs.

Lydon also thanked Allegheny County officials who went "out on a limb" with Auberle, as the first and only county to provide funding to Auberle since the budget crisis ended.

"Allegheny County really stepped up for us," the Auberle CEO said.

Auberle board Chairman Steven M. Massaro said Auberle served 33 percent more children in 2008-09 than in the previous 12-month period.

"There were 511 volunteers who spent more than 4,000 hours," Pauline Auberle Foundation Chair Susan Fitzsimmons said. That's a record, up from 420 volunteers in the 2007-08 fiscal year.

Massaro said the Hartman Male Shelter, which opened a year ago this month, took in 223 lower-risk male offenders and "positively discharged" 220 of them to less restrictive environments, either at home or in other court-ordered placement.

He said HMS saves Allegheny County money because its cost of detention is \$200 a day, compared to \$500 at countyrun entities.

Massaro said the Group Oriented Adolescent Living program had an 85 percent positive discharge rate.

"It is highly impressive, given the challenges we all face," Massaro said.

The Most Rev. David A. Zubik, Catholic bishop of Pittsburgh, planned to attend but had to cancel at the last minute, Auberle officials said. The bishop would have given awards to outstanding Auberle partners and staff members.

He was represented by diocesan General Secretary Dr. William G. Batz, who offered an opening prayer recalling that Monday was All Souls Day, and Maureen Lally-Green, director of diocesan Catholic Charities.

Partners honored include board member Dr. Michael A. Tranovich and Pittsburgh Bone and Joint Surgeons as well as various labor organizations.

Jack Shea and Joseph R. Delale accepted awards on behalf of the Allegheny County Labor Council; Paul A. Quarantillo and Phil Ameris Jr. accepted honors on behalf of the Laborers' District Council; Bill Waterkotte and John Ambrogio accepted awards on behalf of the Greater Pennsylvania Regional Council of Carpenters and Millmen's Local 1160, and Kevin Kilroy accepted an honor on behalf of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 23.

"This has been a special year," said Shea, president of the county labor council.

Retired Laborers' District Council President Quarantillo received special recognition. When his union wanted to throw a retirement dinner he insisted that proceeds go to Auberle — and the dinner raised more than \$20,000.

Quarantillo thanked Auberle "for the wonderful work you do for children who didn't have the advantages we had growing up." Auberle also honored Everett Tademy, who served as Auberle board chair (1998-2002) and Pauline Auberle Foundation chair (2002-06) as well as an Auberle board member (2006-09); Hayley Jameson Napotnik, who served on the foundation board (1998-2002) and in Auberle Development (2002-07) before joining the Auberle board (2007-09), and retiring board directors Chris Sweeney (2003-09), Shelley Sims (2008-09).

Auberle also honored its high-performing teams, including Allegheny County In-Home, Foster Care, GOAL, Transportation and Spiritual Development.