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NCAEHA Holds Annual Awards Dinner

The National Capital Area Environmental Health Association invited Foodservice Monthly to attend their annual awards gala held at the JR's Stockyards in McLean, Va. Vicki Griffith, quality assurance manager for the Clyde's Restaurant Group and NCAEHA vice president

extended the invitation on behalf of the organization.

During the evening, the James M. Wordsworth Scholarship was awarded to Zaida Figueroa, George Washington University, DrPH candidate. The Wordsworth Scholarship program was established to encourage early



Jennifer Lehman (center) is sworn in as a NCAEHA board member.

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commitment by students to a career in environmental health and to stimulate professional growth in current environmental health professionals in pursuing graduate or postgraduate studies in environmental health sciences and/or public health.

Each year the group gives the Jerrold M. Michael Award to a professional who has contributed greatly to the environmental health profession. The 2009 winner was Kristin Garcia, Environmental Health Supervisor, Alexandria. A NEHA Certificate of Merit was presented to Jessica Tapp, Environmental Health Specialist III, Fairfax.

A new board position was created this year to provide a source of communication between the environmental health sector and the restaurant, food-service community. Jennifer Lehman, Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington, was sworn in as the new Food Safety Liaison for NCAEHA.

In recognition of his ongoing and long standing commitment to the role environmental health specialists play in the food safety chain James M. Wordsworth was named a honorary lifetime member of NCAEHA. Wordsworth funds the scholarship given on his name each year. As the owner of JR's Goodtimes and longtime NRA board member, Wordsworth has

been a champion of the professionals who monitor the health standards of restaurants.

Barbara Sido Named Executive Director of NRAEF

The National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF) announced that Barbara Sido has been named its executive director.

"We are thrilled to welcome Barb into a key role for our industry," said Dawn Sweeney, President and CEO of the National Restaurant Association and the NRAEF. "With more than 20 years of experience in all aspects of non-profit management, specializing particularly in organizational transformation, Barb is uniquely qualified to lead the NRAEF during this time of growth. She has a strong record of outstanding management and leadership, and I know she will be a driver of our future success."

Prior to joining the Association, Sido served as Vice President of Knowledge and Professional Practice for the American Institute of Architects (AIA) where she provided strategic oversight to a \$28 million annual budget and 50 staff members. While at AIA, she led areas including branded events and programs, educational program development and delivery, and scholarships.

Previous positions have included serving as Foundation Director and Chief Knowledge Officer at the American School Food Service Association/School Food Service Foundation and Deputy Executive Director of Business and Professional Women/USA. Sido holds a Master's degree from the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University and a Bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

"The restaurant industry is one of the nation's largest employers and job creators. Barb's tremendous experience and talent will enhance our industry's continued growth in her new role with the NRAEF," said Bill Hyde, Vice chairman of the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation and chair of the search committee. "Barb will bring renewed focus and support of the NRA to the industry's service to the public through education, community engagement and a focus on jobs and careers."

"The potential of the NRAEF to positively impact the restaurant industry on behalf of the public it serves is unlimited," Sido said. "I am eager to work with the NRAEF Board of Trustees, the many generous NRAEF supporters and the NRA and NRAEF leadership and staff to make this inspiring vision a reality."

The National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation is the philanthropic foundation of the National Restaurant Association.

RAMEF Moves Car Raffle to Holiday Season

Each year the Restaurant Association of Maryland Education Foundation holds a car raffle fundraiser to raise \$50,000 for its ProStart school to career program. Recently the RAMEF Board voted to move the fundraising effort to an October 1 start to capitalize on the holiday giving season.

In 2008 RAMEF added an incentive to promote sales with the inclusion of 12 restaurants who provided a \$25 gift certificate from each making \$300 worth of gift certificates available to the raffle ticket buyer for holiday gifts or to keep for themselves. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn on January 12.

Last year the top prize was an Audi A3 from Valley Motors, with a \$10,000 and \$5,000 second and third prize respectively. RAMEF staff is finalizing details over the next two months and the 2009/2010 prizes will be announced in September.

Tickets for the raffle are \$300 each and only 325 tickets will be sold. When you purchase a ticket you will receive a \$25 gift certificate from 12 restaurants. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit ProStart and RAMEF's Scholarship programs.

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NCAEHA president Chris Gordon presents the honorary membership award to James Wordsworth and his wife.