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DID YOU KNOW:

- That CSV had 900+ volunteers in 2008-09?
- That 330 volunteers participated in CSV corporate programs?
- That CSV has had more than 60,000 hits on its home page since 2004?
- That almost 40% of volunteers return each year?

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2009 Mack Davis Winners Honored

On May 13, Cambridge School Volunteers (CSV) honored the more than 900 volunteers who served in grades K-12 of the Cambridge Public Schools (CPS) during the recent academic year at a reception hosted by the Harvard University Office of Government, Community and Public Affairs.

After a welcome by Interim CPS Superintendent Carolyn Turk, Cambridge Mayor E. Denise Simmons, and CSV Board president Louise Adler, longevity certificates were awarded by CSV Executive Director Harriet Finck to those who had volunteered for four, 10, 15 and 20 years.

Awards honoring the late Mack I. Davis II, a Harvard administrator with an extraordinary record of public service, including membership on the CSV Board, were presented to the following outstanding CSV volunteers by Ms. Finck:

Asiri Ediriwickrema (Science Olympiad,



(L to R): Annette Cournoyer, Kenneth S. Neal Award winner (Haggerty); and Mack Davis winners Asiri Ediriwickrema (CRLS); Sue Wellington (CRLS); Scott Ruescher (Amigos); Jean Little (CRLS); Sondra Peskoe (Graham & Parks); and Marian Lorenz (Graham & Parks).

CRLS); **Jean Little** (Tutoring Center, CRLS); **Marian Lorenz** (Elementary Literacy, Graham & Parks); **Sondra Peskoe** (Elementary Tutor, Graham & Parks); **Scott Ruescher** (Reading Buddy, Amigos); and **Sue Wellington** (Tutoring Center, CRLS). In addition, the Kenneth S. Neal Award, given to a teacher or administrator with exceptional commitment to CSV and its volunteers, was presented to **Annette Cournoyer**, Haggerty School. (continued p.3)

Publishing Program Shines

Imagine that you are in kindergarten, and that your teacher has asked you to compose a story on paper, with illustrations, for the first time! Whether writing about your family or your favorite activity, you would no doubt find it a challenge. This is where CSV's 12 volunteer publishers come in – to assist in the transformation from rough draft to final story book, as well as everything in between.

Twelve lucky CSV volunteers got to participate in this year's successful Publishing Program at the M.L.K. Jr. School. Managed by CSV staffer Kasey Appleman, the program, part of our agency's Early Literacy services, reached about 140 Jr. K through 3rd grade students. The volunteers, trained in the art of book-making, assisted in eight King School classrooms. (continued p.2)

Publishing Program Shines (continued)

Some of the 12 volunteers also helped with editing, in addition to the binding, decorating and typing that were needed to turn stories into books. Volunteer publishers visited once or twice a week for the special program, meeting with their student in the King Library. And the final product? A fabulous, one-of-a-kind book, complete with author biography, to be kept in the classroom library or taken home as a special gift for family or friends.

CSV hopes to broaden this volunteer program during the 2009-2010 academic year by adding the Publishing Program to the Graham & Parks School. If you are interested in participating in this exciting endeavor, contact Kasey Appleman.



A 3rd Grader's Autobiography

Corporate Program Milestones

This spring, Cambridge School Volunteers celebrated a significant milestone with five of its local corporate partners, honoring them at the annual Mack I. Davis Awards and Recognition event on May 13.

CSV proudly recognized IBM, MIT and Draper Laboratory for their 15th anniversaries in the KeyPal program at the Kennedy-Longfellow School. More than 700 students have participated in the program that fosters one-to-one e-mail communication between employees and fifth and six graders. Their work together focuses on themes of career awareness, biogra-

phies, book reports and subject-specific Power Point presentations, such as how math is used in the workplace and everyday life. CSV also honored Cambridge Systematics, a transportation consulting firm, which concluded its 10th year in the NetPals program at the Peabody School. Like KeyPals, this NetPals program has matched over 30 corporate employees per year with a similar number of students around science and language arts themes. The fifth company, Genzyme, was honored for its 10-year involvement with students in the Reading Buddies program at the Fletcher-Maynard Academy. Reading Buddies promotes early literacy by pairing 1st through 3rd graders with adult volunteers who come to the school weekly to read aloud.

Each of the five corporations received a special commendation at the event that celebrated the contributions of the more than 900 volunteers who have donated their time to the Cambridge Public Schools this year.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

Fall Kick-off Orientation for
NEW Volunteers

Wednesday, September 23

5:30-7:30 pm – CRLS Library

Light supper provided

Contact CSV to register

Mack Davis Awards (continued)



Event attendees Harriet Finck, David Daley and Sarah May. Both Daley and May have been Volpe Lunch Buddies for 11 years.

Awards were also presented to the following corporations whose employees participate in CSV team-based projects: Cambridge Systematics; Draper Laboratory; Genzyme; W.R. Grace Co.; Harvard Graduate School of Education; IBM; MIT; Novartis Institutes for Bio-Medical Research; and the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center.

CSV Board Transitions

After being affiliated with CSV for 18 years, **Andrew Bernstein** is stepping down from the Board of Directors. Bernstein was a CSV volunteer as a Stride Rite mentor from 1991-1996 and joined the Board in 1997. He assisted with fundraising and Board development, and served as president from 1999-2006. During this time, Bernstein held senior management and executive positions in several international and venture capital firms, most recently as President of TNS Cymfony, a market influence and analytics company. His commitment to the mission of CSV and the students of the Cambridge Public Schools is greatly appreciated. We thank him for his stewardship and his contributions to CSV's successes.

This month, the CSV Board will also be saying good-bye to **Fred Kraus**, member since 2002. Kraus has served as treasurer, vice-president and, most recently, secretary. He has helped CSV with developing its format for cash flow projections, which may not sound glamorous, but has been most helpful in keeping track of our finances. Thank you, Fred, for your continued interest and support.

As two members leave the Board, we welcome four new members: **Beth Chiquoine**, **Sondra Peskoe**, **Andrew Spooner**, and **Susan Wellington**. A resi-

dent of Cambridge, Chiquoine has spent her career in education, beginning as a writing and English teacher, and evolving to college level student support, admissions and assessment services. She has also been a volunteer at CSV's Tutoring Center and in the College Planning and Essay Writing program. Peskoe, who has been tutoring at the elementary level for eight years, has more than 20 years of managerial and financial experience in the fields of education, non-profit management and affordable housing regulation and policy. Spooner brings many years of experience as a social worker and youth advocate. A Cambridge resident and CPS parent, he has served many local communities as a program manager, grant writer and director of youth services. The fourth new member, Sue Wellington, has a background in financial management. She has worked as a bookkeeper and financial manager for non-profits, while finding time to tutor CRLS students at the Tutoring Center.

CSV welcomes its newest Board members and looks forward to eliciting their expertise in its mission of fostering the academic and personal success of CPS students.

Board Members

Louise Adler, **President**

Frederick Kraus, **Vice President & Secretary**

Robert (Chip) Taggart, **Treasurer**

Beth Chiquoine

Kimball Halsey

Lindy Hess

Dan Leonard

Kathleen Murphy

Clare Nunes

Sondra Peskoe

Caryn Saitz

Andrew Spooner

Susan Wellington

Bill Zamparelli

CSV Staff

Harriet Finck, **Executive Director**

Kasey Appleman, **Dir of Elementary Volunteers**

Daisy Currie, **Office Manager & Program Asst**

Diane Hirshberg, **Literacy Trainer**

Rose Madsen, **Dir of Intergenerational Math Program**

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Martha Osler, **Dir of Volunteer Recruitment**

Lisa Van Vleck, **Dir of Corporate Programs**

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