



2013 Jordan Award Winner: ALBERT W. EASTBURN COATESVILLE

Overall:

“Al focuses on causes in Coatesville area while touching organizations and individuals throughout the county...breadth of impact on a wide variety of organizations...leader in building organizations, programs and physical structures...and Al builds people...whether it’s setting an example in meetings or in private mentoring sessions with staff or volunteer leaders, Al is the consummate mentor.” *per Frances Sheehan*

“He is a giant in our community...He has made a huge contribution, not only in economic terms, but in the amount of time and effort he has devoted to charitable, community, and philanthropic causes. Perhaps his greatest contribution is his leadership. His stature is such that his identification with a worthy cause prompts others to support that cause.” *per James McErlane, Esq.*

“He leads by example...his expertise and strong leadership motivate positive change, while his far and gracious oversight inspire those around him to believe that mountains can be moved...Although he is no longer a member of the Board, he continues to follow our progress and projects, and participate by indentifying talented individuals and organizations who can assist the Housing Authority in accomplishing its goals...*per Valerie Martin*

“Regarding Al’s motivation for his actions—he loves his community and seeks to advance the well being of all its members. His core values provide unerring guidance to inform his actions.” ... *per MaryAnn Rossi, Esq.*

“Al inspires philanthropy by practicing philanthropy; he does not ask anything of others that he is not willing to do. Working with Al, one has the distinct feeling that “we’re in this together.” Al fosters a team spirit, a can-do attitude, and an atmosphere of mutual respect.” *per MaryAnn Rossi, Esq.*

“Everyone who knows Al knows that he has ready opinions about most issues and is not shy about expressing them...he also values other people’s opinions and shows a genuine interest in soliciting all points of view. In addition to being a good listener, Al is good at ‘rounding up’ the various opinions and helping the group come to a conclusion...he is a consummate leader of people.” *per JM Herr*

“Al’s contributions have given life, breadth and depth to the organizations he gifts with his financial contributions and talents. He has applied ‘best practice’ business solutions and savvy to major community projects...Along with his personal commitment, Al inspires others to give as well...He develops financial solutions, raising large sums of money that has propelled him as a philanthropic leader...This modern-day Renaissance man inspires and possesses the unique consummate style of philanthropic mentorship that can weave the thread of dreams, and adds to the tapestry of our Chester County community.” *per Donna Coughy*

Business Activities:

Al spent his 37-year career with **Lukens Steel Company** and was its President until about 1992. Lukens was the lifeblood of Coatesville and he was its corporate “conscience.” *per James McErlane, Esq.*

Krapf Bus Company...2003 to date...only non-family Board member...encourages business philanthropy. “Al is a director, an educator, a referee and a mentor who has earned my utmost respect. He altruistically shares his

knowledge, experience and time. Consequently, I have grown as a businessman and, more importantly, have become a better person.” ...*per Blake Krapf*

Charitable Activities:

Brandywine YMCA...1980s, 1990s, 2000s...Board of Trustees, Vice Chair 2001-2003; Chair 2003-2005. “In mid1970s, Al helped with extremely difficult decision to sell Camp Chesapeake ... this broadened the Y’s service area and opened bigger and better opportunities for the YMCA”*per Jody Giardina*

“In 1993, Al headed up the Leadership Gifts Division, a \$1.5 million campaign...our initial success gave others the confidence to go and ask for more money and exceed our goal.” ...*per Jody Giardina*

“Of particular note is the leadership role he played in the effort to merge the YMCA chapters in West Chester, Brandywine, Kennett Square, and Southern Chester County. Al’s leadership is the principal reason why local YMCA leaders were able to get beyond parochial pride and recognize the tremendous opportunity posed by the merger.” ...*per Frances Sheehan*

Coatesville Hospital...1980s...Board member, Chair of the Board...transition during 1990s to Brandywine Hospital...Development Committee

“At the time of the sale of Brandywine Hospital, the need for strong and effective community representation had never been more crucial. The successful establishment of a conversion foundation was critical to preservation of the community’s asset. Al stepped into a leadership role without hesitation and was instrumental in the successful launch of the Brandywine Health Foundation...Al embraced the ambitious vision of the Foundation and worked tirelessly to fulfill that vision. Al provided not only leadership but also diplomacy to get key individuals in the community to embrace the vision and support the project.” ... *per MaryAnn Rossi, Esq.*

Coatesville Area Partners for Progress...1990s...organizer...”stood out as a beacon of inspiration in an otherwise declining environment...His CAPP work is a well-guarded community secret...traditional approaches to address Coatesville’s problems seemed ineffective...CAPP works behind the scenes to provide advice and support to others that work on the City’s behalf—it provides ‘the know how and the know who.’...operates quietly with a style which develops consensus and avoids conflict...Not only did Al create CAPP, he was its only elected leader for the first 15 years” ...*per John Newtown*

“1994 Summer jobs program...1994 Enterprise Zone...demolish Oak Street Housing Project and construct new senior housing, a \$16 million project...Farm Market...Most of Al’s accomplishments have been in the background without any fanfare, acknowledgement or praise. He works very hard to get the job done without being concerned with bringing recognition to himself...unwavering commitment to improve the lives of all members of the community...*per Wayne Reed*

Housing Authority of Chester County ...1990s ...Board member, Finance Chair...brought fading facilities up to code and expanded services; unwavering dedication to residents of public housing and section 8...bring affordable housing to elderly in Honeybrook, West Chester & Coatesville; forming partnership between community, gov’t and HUD

Chester County Chamber for Business & Industry...mid-1990s...Founding Board Member; first President. “The formation of CCCBI was long overdue; but controversial, as several regional chambers felt threatened by its’ existence. Al was trusted by all the groups and thus was able to guide the new chamber through its controversial, and because of Al, successful birthing phase.” ...*per John Baille*

Brandywine Health Foundation...2001-2009..." aided in the formation...included taking leadership role in building the Brandywine Center. He assisted with fundraising, met with key legislators and financing entities...provided the answers needed at Board meetings... *per Frances Sheehan*

Nominator Name	Org	Location	FOI	Notes
Frances Sheehan, Pres/CEO	Brandywine Health Foundation	Coatesville	Health Foundation	Lead nominator
Valerie Martin, CFO	John Templeton Foundation	Conshohocken	Housing	Housing Authority of ChesCo Board
James McErlane, Esq.	Lamb McErlane	West Chester	Health	Coatesville Hospital
Mary Ann Rossi	MacElree Harvey	West Chester	Health	Brandywine Hospital
J.M. Herr	Herr Foods	Nottingham	Human Services	YMCA Brandywine Valley
Jody Giardina, Retired Senior VP	YMCA Brandywine Valley	West Chester	Human Services	YMCA Brandywine Valley
Gary Green, President/CEO	YMCA Brandywine Valley	West Chester	Human Services	YMCA Brandywine Valley
John Baille, Retired ED	ChesCo Intermediate Unit	Downingtown	Chamber; Tech; Health Fdtn	ChesCo Chamber of Commerce; Chesconet; Brandywine Health Foundation
John Newtown, President	First Eastern Development Co.	Downingtown	Community development	Coatesville Area Partners for Progress
Wayne G. Reed, Chairman	Coatesville Area Partners for Progress	Coatesville	Community development	Coatesville Area Partners for Progress
Donna Coughy, EVP	Harleysville National Bank	Coatesville	Health	Brandywine Health Fdtn; Chesco Comm Dental; YMCA
Blake Krapf, CEO	Krapf Bus Companies	West Chester	Transportation	Krapf Bus Co

