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COMMUNITY GIVING — NOT JUST FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Founded by Foggy Bottom neighbors, Jack and his wife Lovell Olender, the *Olender Foundation* continues to fulfill its mission to counter poverty and violence and to promote education and equal justice.

Each year the Foundation honors public figures and ordinary citizens who make extraordinary contributions to society and then donates to charities in their related areas of interest.

On Tuesday Dec 3 the *24th Annual Olender Foundation Awards* were held at the Capitol Hilton.

For each of the 24 years since its inception, radio personality and human rights activist, Joe Madison, known to his listeners as “The Black Eagle,” has served as Master of Ceremonies.

Among the many distin-

guished honorees were 18 “Holocaust Survivors” whose poignant experiences were shared and noted as an important remembrance of what was, and what should never again be. Awarded also were scholarships in memory of the late Earl H. Davis to six “Outstanding Law Students,” recognized by their deans, from both Howard University School of Law, and the David A. Clarke School of Law at the University of the District of Columbia.

Also among this year’s numerous awardees was the Honorable Annice M. Wagner, for having set the standard for steadfast adherence to judicial excellence, integrity and exemplary public service for nearly a quarter century on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

In the “Advocates for Justice” category, the 2010 awardees were Rev. Reginald Green and Dr. Frank Smith.

Rev. Reginald Green is a native Washingtonian and was a dedicated college and ministerial student at Virginia Union University in 1961 when the “freedom now” chants began, and he felt compelled to begin participating in student sit-ins in Richmond, Virginia. He became actively involved in a group of Freedom Riders, 328 black and white civil rights activists, who fought and challenged segregation by riding interstate buses throughout the South, often meeting violent opposition, beatings with iron pipes, death threats and more. Green’s participation earned him 29 days in the Jackson, Mississippi Hinds County Jail and Parchman Penitentiary. He met Dr. Martin L. King soon after his release.

Rev. Green returned to Washington and spent his career serving the community, retiring in 2006 after 40 years as Pastor of Walker Memorial Baptist Church.

Dr. Smith, who as a student at Morehouse College in Atlanta also became enmeshed in the civil rights movement, later became a full-time community organizer for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee that worked closely with the Rev. Martin Luther King. He was elected as Ward 1 representative to the D.C. Council where he served for 16 years. In that time he helped expand the Striver’s

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FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION’S

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 12, 5-7 pm

600 RESTAURANT AT THE WATERGATE
600 New Hampshire Ave, N.W.

Join your fellow FBA members and their guests in celebrating the upcoming holidays with:
HORS D’OEUVRES and COFFEE
and a cash bar.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Naughty or Nice?

Many European countries celebrate the name day, December 6, of St. Nicholas—inspiration for our Santa Claus—a bishop of Myra in present-day Turkey and patron saint of children and sailors.

In France, legend assigns him a companion, Le Père Fouettard, a mean man that doles out punishment or lumps of coal to those who have misbehaved. Apparently, FB has been visited by one or the other, something we’re still sorting out.

Early this week, “what to our wondering eyes should appear” at the base of the escalators in the FB Metro station but a huge mat with

an equally large commercially-trademarked GW Colonials logo on it. FBA and ANC members who saw, or were alerted to, our “gift” are in the process of determining its source.

Not surprisingly, all the City Council and DC DOT elves—they have no records of terms, approvals, costs, public input, etc.—claim ignorance on this branding of our public property. Perhaps our regional transportation authority (WMATA) can help FB residents—no matter what side of the aisle they are sitting on—return what appears to be a very large lump of coal to St. Nick’s workshop. ~

THE FOGGY BOTTOM NEWS

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The Foggy Bottom Association was formed by a group of citizens in 1955 and was formally incorporated in 1959. Attendance at FBA meetings is open to all residents of Foggy Bottom and the West End.

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COMMUNITY GIVING (cont'd)

Row Historic District, the Lincoln Theatre, and spur development along U Street, and fought to preserve rent control, as well as created the Homestead Act for first-time homeowners. His proudest achievement is helping create the African-American Civil War Memorial at the corner of Vermont Ave and U Streets, NW.

The evening's final award was given to the Honorable Frank E. Schwelb as the "Hero-in-Law" for 2010. It was in the person of Judge Schwelb that the themes of civil rights and the Holocaust came together. Schwelb has been known throughout his career for what he deemed as an inheritance of fighting for the rights of the "underdog" and pursuing equal justice through law. Born in Prague, Schwelb was just six when the Germans invaded and he witnessed the Gestapo taking his father, Dr. Egon Schwelb, into custody. Schwelb's father, a practicing attorney, defended civil liberties, especially those of political refugees who

came to a democratic Czechoslovakia from Nazi Germany. After two months of detention, the elder Schwelb was released and, with his wife and son, left for Great Britain as refugees. After serving in the UN War Crimes Commission from 1945 to 1947, his father was named Deputy Director of the Human Rights Division of the UN, finally moving to the United States in 1947 to fulfill this appointment.

Judge Schwelb graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Yale College in 1953 and Harvard Law in 1958 and began blazing his own path of civil rights activities. His first law review article, "The Sit-In Demonstration: Criminal Trespass on Constitutional Rights," was published in the NYU Law Review in 1961. In October of 1962, Judge Schwelb joined the Civil Rights Division of the US Department of Justice, where he served as an attorney and a supervisory attorney for more than 17 years. He worked on the enforcement of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which effectively gave Mississippi's black citizens the right to

vote. His work on civil rights issues has dutifully continued over the years.

The Olender Foundation supports a wide array of local and national organizations that serve the public.

This year's grants were donated to the: African American Civil War Memorial Freedom Foundation, Operation Understanding/ United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Howard Law School, University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law Foundation, and Outstanding Students at Howard University Law School. ~

Mr. Olender is President of the malpractice law firm Jack H. Olender and Associates, P.C. He has a distinguished career in his own right and generously gives back to the community.

Mr. Madison is currently heard on WOL and Radio Talk Network and is syndicated on XM Satellite One: THE POWER, the first 24-hour African-American Radio Talk Network.

C A L E N D A R

WEST END LIBRARY FRIENDS' BOOK SALE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 10:30 AM TO 3:00 PM

WEST END LIBRARY AT 1101 24TH ST., NW (24TH AND L STREETS)

The *West End Library Friends'* is having *another* used book sale. This sale of used and contributed books is a continuation of our previous sale held in October.

Prices range from \$.50 to \$3.00 for the majority of those items on sale.

Special volumes will be appropriately priced. Fun "surprise boxes" covering a variety of topics, DVDs and an abundance of CDs and videotapes are available.

There are many gently used art books and cookbooks that you can buy now for inexpensive holiday gift-giving! *West End Library Friends'* tote bags and T-shirts will also be on sale. The sale is a community-based event and all proceeds benefit the West End Public Library and its services to the community. **Mark your calendars now!**

Come support the library and avail yourself of holiday bargains.

VISITING THE NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE & THE PATHWAY OF PEACE

After the initial lighting ceremony, they are illuminated each evening from dusk until 11 p.m. through January 1st. Performances by volunteer choirs and dancers will be held nightly on the Ellipse stage. Weeknight performances are scheduled from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Weekend performances are scheduled from 4 to 8:30 p.m. Seasonal displays include a Yule log and a large-scale model train. For the first time, this year the seasonal display will include Santa's Workshop, which will be open at select times so that children can visit with Santa. For further information and info about the scheduled groups performing call **202.208.1631**.

THE RIVER INN:

FOGGY BOTTOM NEIGHBORS SPECIAL HOLIDAY RATES BEGINNING AT \$89 PER NIGHT.

The website is www.theriverinn.com or call **202.337.7600** and mention the promotional code GIFT when making reservations.