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**Greg Grothous
2010 MRPA New
Professional Award Winner
From your Friends and
Co-Workers**

Welcome
to the
2011 Awards Banquet

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Welcome
Linda Walter, CPRP
MRPA Board President

Invocation
Darrin Duistermars
MRPA Board Past President

Dinner

Recognition of Conference Committee & Staff

Jason Jones, CPRP
2011 Conference Chair

2011 Hall of Fame Announcement

Darrin Duistermars
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Presentation of Grand Award

Linda Walter, CPRP
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Award Presentations

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Closing Remarks

Jason Jones, CPRP
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New Professional

Greg Grothous
Meridian Township Parks and Recreation



Greg's knowledge, skills and abilities allow him to offer an extremely wide variety of recreational opportunities to the residents of Meridian Township. He is responsible for administering the senior and teen programs as well as Adult Flag Football and other sports programs. The ability of a new professional to lead such a wide range of activities speaks volumes to Greg's skills as a recreation programmer. He is constantly looking for new programs and new ways to run existing programs. He is highly organized and eager to network and share ideas with fellow recreation professionals; Greg has been involved in MRPA by attending conferences and volunteering at athletic events, and he is actively involved in the Southern Michigan Recreation and Park Association. Greg is truly a great asset to Michigan Recreation and Park Association and to Meridian Township and is a very deserving recipient of the 2011 New Professional Award.

Fellowship

Bill Waterhouse
City of Southfield



For more than 35 years, Bill has been a proponent of parks and recreation and he has always been on the cutting edge. He is innovative and not afraid to try new approaches to get the job done. He worked for the recreation departments in Troy, Oak Park and Sterling Heights before he was hired in 1981 with Southfield Parks and Recreation. In Southfield, he has a staff of up to 44 full time employees and more than 300 part time/seasonal staff and is responsible for nearly 800 acres of public parkland. Facilities include an ice arena, two nine-hole golf courses and driving range, a senior adult center, an indoor turf arena and a recreation building. Bill has been an MRPA member for 35 years and has served on a variety of committees as well as the Northwest Parks and Recreation Committee, Metro Detroit Amateur Softball Association (MDASA) and the National Recreation and Park Association. At one point or another, Bill has been active in just about every committee, either as a member, volunteer or participant. He has always showed support to the profession, the Association, and most important, the membership of MRPA. Bill's reputation often precedes him, but his easy-going style has often been the calm of the storm. He has always remembered to have fun, be true to himself, enjoy the ride and take some time to smell the roses. He has been a great teacher of doing just that, and at the same time has experienced tremendous professional success in doing so. Bill Waterhouse understands the balance which so many of us forget.

Fellowship

Roy Vultaggio
City of Oak Park



As a 30-year member of the Michigan Recreation and Park Association, Roy is a committed recreation professional. His dedication, involvement and contribution to the community he serves and to the Association is admirable. Roy understands that the municipal recreation profession is a business that must adapt and react to trends in order to survive and thrive. His drive in developing and amplifying programs while advocating recreation on all levels has been consistent throughout his career. Roy is always looking for ways to enhance or expand the recreation experience for Oak Park residents. In his tenure, he has effectively advocated to city council and residents the value of Recreation and Parks in the community, gaining their trust and confidence. With Roy's voice and leadership we have continued to receive the support of council and city management though these tough economic times make our jobs more challenging. Day in and day out, Roy leads his department with dedication, commitment and hard work.

New Professional

Ann Shaw
City of Marysville



Ann is a highly motivated and goal-oriented professional. She is a leader in many ways; bringing growth to her community, improving the quality of her committees and serving as a role model for the children she teaches. Ann has been Tae Kwon Do trained for 20 years and has taught children for the last 15 years through her local YMCA, Marysville Parks & Recreation and St. Clair Recreation. Currently, Ann is the president of the Northeast Recreation and Park Association. She has stayed on top of the latest industry trends and programs by attending numerous MRPA events. Ann also signed on to be a part of the 2012 Conference Committee after being inspired to do more following last year's Board Retreat. Ann Shaw truly lives and breathes recreation. Outside of her position with Marysville and her MRPA involvement, she is also an integral part of her community. She serves on the Marysville Community Health Team, St. Clair County Senior Olympics Committee and the Michigan Amateur Athletic Union Tae Kwon Do. Parks and Recreation is very important to Ann and her level of involvement increases year after year. Her commitment to Parks and Recreation is extremely commendable.

Park Resource Leadership

Dave Reynolds
Canton Leisure Services



Dave has been a vital asset to Canton Leisure Services over the past 25 years. He has been instrumental in improving the parks and playgrounds as well as assisting with event logistics. His positive attitude and love for his job has earned him the respect of his team members. Whether it is working on park projects or working an event, Dave has found a way to bridge recreation and parks. He is excellent at communicating with vendors to help meet their needs, and when he recognizes something that could be improved he takes the time to accomplish it. He is extremely resourceful, making logistic improvements to the ever-growing Farmers Market. He even pulled out his creative side to create the new guest message and activity board. Dave's biggest passion is in ensuring that the kids at our parks and events have a great experience that is safe and fun. A few years ago, he recognized that kids who came to their parents' softball games needed something to keep them entertained and organized a playground program. In addition, he championed the effort to get a department coloring book for the kids to have while their parents played ball. Furthermore, he has been a Certified Playground Safety Inspector for seven years and has scored in the top 5% of all testers. Dave Reynolds is a huge asset to Canton Leisure Services and the Canton community, as he constantly goes out of his way to make sure all staff and guests have an incredible experience.

Recreation Leadership

Bryan Farmer
Farmington Hills Special Services



Bryan Farmer has been an active member of the Michigan Recreation and Park Association since 1996 and held position as Scholarship Committee Chair, Scholarship Secretary, Youth Symposium Chair and Youth and Teen Committee Chair. Bryan proudly received MRPA Awards including the Innovative Recreation Programming Award for *The Great Farmington Hills Campout*, a Marketing Showcase award for the website www.F2H.com and the 2009 Outstanding Youth Council of the Year Award.

He has been a member of Northwest Parks and Recreation Association since 1997 and has held Past President, Treasurer/Vice President and Network Chair positions. Bryan earned a Bachelor of Science in Parks and Recreation Management from Eastern Michigan University; he is also a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional. He is constantly developing new ideas and programs to benefit his patrons and community. His efforts as a Recreation Supervisor were recently rewarded with a promotion to Superintendent of Recreation within Farmington Hills Special Services. Bryan volunteers at his church and has served on its Board as both President and Vice President. He is also a regular speaker at local civic organizations, clubs, churches and schools. Bryan is an innovative leader in our field who exhibits great passion for parks and recreation.