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Nutley Jaycees Select Service Awards Panel

Walter Smith, Judges Chairperson of the Nutley Jaycees 49th Annual Distinguished Service Awards Program, has announced that panel of judges that will select the year's recipients. The recipients will be honored at the annual Distinguished Service Awards dinner, **Thursday**, April 2, 2020 at the **Valley Regency in Clifton on Valley Road**.

The awards will be presented to individuals who live or work in Nutley for their distinguished service to the community in the fields of business, education, civic affairs, public health and safety, and to an individual between the ages of 21 and 40.

**This years panel of judges from the community are: John Brown, SW Brown Funeral Home and prior Business honoree, Barbara Hirsch, Former Director of Special Education, Nutley, Past President Nutley Rotary and former Education honoree, Fred Scalera, former Member of the NJ Assembly, former Nutley Fire Chief, former Public Health and Safety honoree, and member of the Nutley BOE, Dr. Steven Clarke, Past President Nutley Jaycees, Former Outstanding Young Man, Dr. Julie Glazer, Superintendent of Nutley Schools, and Walter Smith, Judges Chairman, former Commissioner, former President of the NJ Jaycees and former Outstanding Young Person honoree.**

Dr. Steven Clarke, Program Chairperson, expects that this years program will attract a very large crowd. "We are encouraging everyone to reserve their seats to the dinner now." Reservations can be obtained by calling Dr. Clarke at 973-235-1515. Several hundred nomination forms were mailed to Nutley businesses, civic and other organizations earlier this year.

The Distinguished Service Awards program was started in 1972 by the Nutley Jaycees for two main reasons. First, the Jaycees wanted to recognize those individuals who had "Willingly and unselfishly given their time and efforts" for the betterment of Nutley. Second, the Jaycees said they hoped that more Nutley residents might "resolve within themselves to emulate the community consciousness of the DSA recipients".

The first year, John Kelly, Ann Troy, Maxine Hoffer, Ron Kulik and J. Wesley Tillou received the awards. Last year's recipients were Luther Engler for Business, Katherine Flannery for Education, John Demmer for Civic Affairs, Charles Ennis Jr. for Public Health and Safety and Louie Ritacco for Outstanding Young Adult.