

According to a wise old Greek Proverb...

“A society grows great when old men plant trees they know they will never sit under, ”

The Carpenters Club is not all old men, nor is it all men. But it is people who help make this society greater with their constant efforts on behalf of low income families in Essex County New Jersey. Members of Carpenters Club come from Newark and from a host of towns in the area. Habitat for Humanity Newark is proud of the work they do and appreciates each of them.

This hardworking group of men and women has worked building houses at Habitat Newark every Wednesday and often many of them work additional days each week. They do a lot of the tougher jobs and the more complicated jobs in building decent, quality homes. They also help supervise and instruct volunteers. Many of them are qualified supervisors.

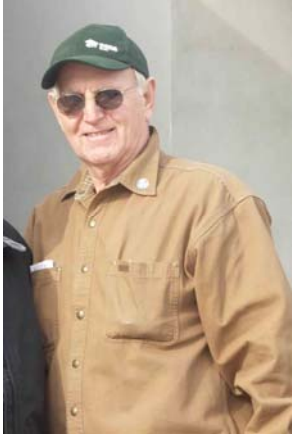
This year at the Raising Roofs Gala we saluted and honored all of them and we thanked them for their continued work and support of the mission.

Carpenters Club Members

John Ainsworth
Steve Beck
Tom Beirne
Julian Blau
Margie Campbell
Kathryn Cassidy
Eileen Davis
Paulo de Sousa
George Dougherty
Russ Fallowes
Jesse Horowitz
Patrick Hynes
Jane James
John Kellenyi

RJ Klein
Tom Lugaric
Brendan Maher
Kevin Maher
Allan Martin
Carol Manning
Bill O'Neil
Joseph Schachtele
John W. Scott
James T. Tierney
James R. Waldron
Michael Walsh
Barry Wolfensohn
Bob Woodnorth

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James T. Tierney has been a Carpenters Club member for nine years and is an important part of the success of Habitat Newark. Jim currently serves on the Board of Directors of Habitat Newark and carries the title Executive Director Emeritus. For several years Jim served as Executive Director, helping Habitat Newark survive some tough economic conditions. A retired Wall Street Executive, Jim and his wife Abby have three children and three grandchildren. When Jim is not involved in a Habitat build somewhere in the world he resides in Morristown, NJ.



James R. Waldron, a 32 year resident of Chatham, NJ has been involved in the Carpenters Club for eight years. Jim, who was a banker before retiring, comes from a long line builders and he will gladly tell you about the ancestors who help build the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Jim has four children and four grandchildren and truly enjoys the “wonderful camaraderie” with the Carpenters Club.



Margie Campbell will tell you it is hard work and satisfying and that she has learned so much from her time as part of the Carpenters Club. She has resided in Millburn, NJ for the past five years and has been a regular volunteer for the past year. The mother of two, Margie was involved with St. Luke’s Hospital in OB/GYN.



Tom Beirne was named Volunteer of the year in 2004. He has been involved in Carpenters Club since before then and was very helpful to the organization by organizing thousands of parts and supplies in the basement at headquarters. His meticulous organization skills have made it possible for the crew to find what they need quickly. Tom is a long time resident of Springfield.



Steve Beck is a familiar face at Habitat Newark, a member of the Carpenters Club for seven years; he resides in Spring Valley, NY. Steve has two children and three grandchildren. Before retirement Steve worked in Law Enforcement with the Department of Justice. He tells us that “obviously, I find it all rewarding.



Allan Martin is a retired mechanical engineer who worked for Exxon/Infineum for many years. Allan has been a member of Carpenters Club for six years. Alan and his wife Catherine have lived in Rahway, NJ for more than 30 years. They have three children and seven grandchildren.



Kevin Maher, a 12 year resident of New Vernon, has been part of the Carpenters Club for eight years. Kevin and his wife Jana have two children and six grandchildren and he worked in the investment field before retiring. Kevin says the work is satisfying and the ladies and guys he works with are great.



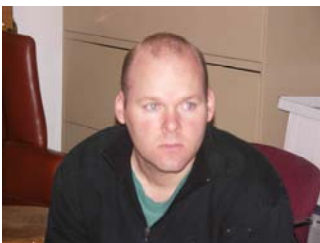
Joe Schachtele says Carpenters Club is an opportunity to contribute to a worthy cause with rewards far outweighs the time and effort I contribute.” Joe worked in Finance and Materials Management for Hoffmann La Roche. He has lived in Kearny NJ for 39 years.



Jane James of Summit is glad they “let the ladies in” and has been working actively for over three years. She and her husband Ian have two children and are about to become grandparents. She said; “I love it! I have learned so much and enjoy putting that knowledge to good use.”



Carol Manning works tirelessly for Habitat Newark, for Women Build and for the Marketing and PR committee. Carol and her husband Don have lived in Maplewood for over 25 years, where she works every year with city officials to prepare their budgets. Carol was an Investment Banking Securities Analyst. Carol has been certified as a crew chief via special training by Habitat International.



Brendan Maher is one of the new members of the Carpenters Club, joining up a year ago. He and his wife Karen have three children and live in Westfield, NJ. Brendan works as a portfolio manager and finds the work fulfilling and the camaraderie strong.



Barry Wolfensohn has never ending enthusiasm for Habitat Newark and works hard and frequently at the building sites. Barry and his wife Sheila live in Florham Park and enjoy their two children and three grandchildren. Barry says that “turning a plot of ground into a home for a family who would otherwise never own a home is special.” In addition to a lot of volunteer hours, Barry works hard raising funds for Abraham House 2.



Tom Lugaric has been a member of the Carpenters Club for four years but has been volunteering on a regular basis for over 10 years. A resident of Cedar Grove, he and his wife Patty have five girls and ten grandchildren. Tom, who is self employed in the energy business, appreciates the “great group of dedicated people with a variety of skills.”



Kathryn Cassidy, has been a Carpenters Club member for four years. A 19 year resident of Maplewood, Kathryn was an elementary teacher in Newark. Kathryn was 2008 Volunteer of the Year award winner and completed a special crew chief training program last year sponsored by Habitat for Humanity. Kathryn loves the satisfying work and meeting interesting wonderful people.



John W. Scott is pictured here with a family he and his wife Jeanne recently sponsored and built a home for in Guatemala. John has been a member of Carpenters Club for six years, and has lived in Montclair for 41 years. A former HFHN Board President, the Scotts have four children and 10 grandchildren. John worked for Hoffmann La Roche and Bristol Myers Squibb.



Eileen Davis joined the Carpenters Club one year ago. The 39 year resident of West Orange is the mother of two and the grandmother of five. Eileen tells us she “really enjoys working with the people who make up the Carpenters Club.”



Patrick Hynes can't remember exactly when he started working with the Carpenters Club, but knows it was not yesterday. He and his wife Kathleen have lived in Verona for 39 years. The father of three he was a Building Inspector for the Township of Verona. He loves doing “God’s Work” with this great group of people.



RJ Klein and his wife Mary Lou are regular volunteers at Habitat Newark. They are so committed that last year they were named Volunteers of the Year. It is hard to explain how much they contribute and in addition to helping build the homes they sometimes help new homeowners secure furnishings.



Jesse Horowitz and his wife Nancy are 18 year residents of Maplewood. He retired as a printing estimator for Graytor Printing, and since retirement has looked forward to learning new things each day and the friendly, helpful people at Carpenter Club. Jesse says the Carpenter Club is one of the most rewarding experiences he has had in a long time.



John Kellenyi is considered one of the “Super Men” in the Carpenters Club. In addition to his many activities with HFHN, he is also very active with the Leukemia Society and has funded the *Peter Burg Memorial Research Project* at the University of Virginia. A former Wall Street executive, John resides in Maplewood and, among other activities, is a marathon runner.



William J O'Neil does double duty both with the Newark Habitat and the affiliate in Naples Florida where he spends several months each year. Bill and his wife Adele, who have lived in Morristown for 39 years, have three children and four grandchildren. Bill managed a nationwide computer service operation for GE and Northrop. He finds it very worthwhile to work with this dedicated group and help people who have less.



Julian Blau is an extraordinary member of Carpenters Club. In addition to work at the sites, Julian has been using E-bay to sell construction items and raise funds for HFHN. Be it a used kitchen, windows, doors, or all sorts of good construction products or household furnishings, Julian photographs them, and then lists them for sale on E-bay. If you have something you think he can sell, let him know at sailhappily@verizon.net.

Russ Fallowes and his wife Victoria have lived in Westfield NJ for more than 30 years. They have two children and six grandchildren. For the past seven years Russ has been a regular worker at Carpenters Club. He says his family pushed him to go and volunteer when he was out of work and he found that he enjoys the work and the camaraderie.

Paulo de Sousa is one of the newest members of Carpenters Club. He now lives in Newark, but hails two years ago from South Africa. The self employed worker “enjoys taking out stress with good friends at a good place.”

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