

## **Tavern Owner Honored with James Madison Award**

Pat Daugherty, owner of The Tavern restaurant in State College, will receive the James Madison Award for civility in the community at the Constitution Day Centre Celebration, on Sept. 15, Tussey Mountain, Boalsburg.

The new Madison Award honors a local individual or organization that has made major contributions to civility in the community. Pat will be recognized with a bust of President James Madison during the keynote speaker presentation.

"We have instituted the James Madison Award to recognize civility in the community," said Keith Bierly, president of Constitution Day Centre. "Pat Daugherty is the perfect individual to receive this inaugural award. For decades, he has treated patrons at The Tavern with dignity and respect. His friendly demeanor welcomes everyone regardless of age, gender, race or religion. His community contributions are varied and significant."

Pat Daugherty is best known as the guiding force behind The Tavern restaurant for nearly 40 years. In 1980, he and Bill Tucker purchased the restaurant started in 1948 from founders Ralph Yeager and John O'Conner. Pat and Bill continued the traditions of classic food and a gallery of art depicting local and Pennsylvania history and people. Since 1987 and Bill's retirement, Pat has kept pace with contemporary features, while maintaining its atmosphere and values.

Behind the scenes is Pat's dedication to the community. For several decades, he has employed and mentored hundreds of Penn State students, many of whom were majors in hospitality and restaurant management. In addition to their work experience and earnings, the Tavern staff often formed lasting friendships. In fact, there are over 20 marriages of former employees who met while working at the Tavern.

For Penn State, The Tavern is a renowned supporter of its athletic teams. Pat has been a member of the Nittany Lion Club for nearly 50 years. The Tavern established two \$1500 scholarships in women's athletics. The Tavern also helped to establish an endowment – the Tucker -- Oishi Fund – to support freestyle wrestling. Plus, the restaurant has hosted dinners for THON dancers and leaders since 1987. In 1999, Penn State honored Pat as the Renaissance Man of the Year at its Renaissance Scholarship Fund dinner, with contributions endowing three scholarships: one in Pat's name, another in honor of his mother, Dorothy Kellogg Daugherty, and the third in the name of The Tavern Alumni Association.

Pat is a licensed Professional Engineer with two degrees from Penn State, a B.S. and M.S. in civil engineering, 1968 and 1974 respectively. He supports the Civil Engineering Department by hosting the speaker for the Kavanagh Memorial Structural Engineering Lecture each year.

Community leadership roles for Pat have been at the Chamber of Business and Industry of Centre County (CBICC), Pennsylvania Restaurant Association, and the Downtown Improvement District Inc. and its forerunner, the DBA. Currently, The Tavern supports Mount Nittany Medical Center's golf tournament, Nittany Valley Symphony, Pennsylvania Chamber Orchestra, and numerous other non-profit organizations. The restaurant hosts the jurors' dinner for the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts. The Tavern is the proud supporter of many youth charities through gift certificates and in-kind donations.

The third annual Constitution Day Centre Celebration will kick off Sunday, Sept. 15, 1-6 p.m. at a new location: Tussey Mountain in Boalsburg. The outdoor event includes a Constitution Village of local exhibits, keynote speakers, local and regional music bands, family fun, food trucks, and more. Admission is free and open to the public.

Constitution Day Centre Celebration is supported by grants from Central Pennsylvania Convention and Visitors Bureau, Centre County Government, and the Proud to be American Fund of Centre Foundation, and individual and corporate sponsors.

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