



South Boston Online

Destination: Boston Harbor

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Save the Harbor/Save the Bay (abbreviated SH/SB herein) put on a Silent Auction and an Awards Ceremony last week. It was an elegant event, entitled “Destination: Boston Harbor”; it was held at the Convention Center’s Lawn on D. The nine Awardees were recognized as “Harbor Heroes”. The first Award recipient among them was South Boston’s Jon Cronin,

a supporter of countless worthy causes such as SH/SB, as well as the Principal of The Cronin Group. The Group includes many South Boston enterprises along Broadway. Jon received his Hero Award from Chris Mancini, the Executive Director of SH/SB.

The gala was upbeat for many reasons – a crowd of several hundred in attendance, an elegant meal, the enjoyable Lawn on D games, summer-like weather (despite predictions), and most important, SH/SB’s contribution

to South Boston’s “real world” of beaches, shorelines, and salt water, along with other beaches from Nantasket to Nahant. All of these are healthy, squeaky clean, and beautiful due to SH/SB. Chris Mancini (SH/SB Executive Director) emceed the Awards Ceremony. Also on hand were Patricia Salic (SH/SB Development Director) and as usual, Bruce Berman (the SH/SB Director of Everything Else).

The Silent Auction was as successful as Awards Ceremony.

The many, many donated auction items raised approximately \$330,000, far in excess of the event’s original fundraising goals. This will be used to continue free programs on beaches for the region’s families and children, and will continue the restoration of what ED Chris Mancini described as “our spectacular urban natural resources”. Twenty-seven (27) Event Supporters, including the Patty Foley Legacy Fund, were listed at the “Destination: Boston Harbor” Awards Ceremony.



Jon Cronin and his Group are strong SH/SB supporters.



J Bruce Berman, SH/SB ED Chris Mancini, and Development Director Patricia Salic welcome guests.