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2011 SHEROE CEREMONY AT AZEEZ MUSEUM OF WOODBINE HERITAGE

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that on the last day of March, just in time to usher out Women's History Month, the Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine Heritage again held its annual Sheroe award ceremony, designed to honor the accomplishments of two significant women of the community who serve as role models and students essayist who wrote about their personal Sheroes.

A highlight of the program was the "Sheroe Essay Contest," sponsored by the Museum in conjunction with the Woodbine Elementary School. All the students from grades three through eight were invited to compose an essay concerning authors and illustrators who they considered their Sheroes.

Winning essays were read as part of the ceremony by Gianna Young and Orlando Torres (third grade); Na'Sean Murray and Zhyana Young (fourth grade)

Morris Murray Harris III and Xavielle Toney (fifth grade); Cassandra Ramos and Amanda Geene (sixth grade); Enrique Gayton and Gregory Palm (seventh grade); Zmary Lopez and Rebecca Huertas (eighth grade).

Rosemary Schalek, who retired from Woodbine Elementary School last June and who was the first, and until last year's elections, the only woman to serve on Woodbine Borough Council in its 107-year history, was given a "Lifetime Achievement Award" for her tireless commitment to the community.

In her twenty-five years of employment at the school she worked as Classroom Aid, Cafeteria Worker, Library Coordinator, Child Study Team Office Manager, and Assistant to the Superintendent.

She served as Chair of Woodbine Elementary School's Red, White & Blue Day, an Annual Memorial Day program held in honor of those that serve our community and country, for its entire 23 years; and was a Founding Member of the Children's Memorial Garden Ceremony held each spring in memory of the children from the community who have died. She was a Member and Past President of the Woodbine PTA, Member and Past President of the Woodbine Board of Education, Member and Past President of the St. Casmir's Parish Council, and Chair of St. Casmir's Annual Chicken BBQ.

The annual Sheroe Award for 2011 was presented to Maryjaye Frankel-Sypniewski, a community activist.