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2006 Citizen of Year named

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Clint Bolte, lauded as a man who has worked tirelessly for his community in the tradition of the late Donald "Mike" Waters, received Chambersburg's 2006 Citizen of the Year Award Monday night.

The annual award is presented each year to a person whom Borough Council and the Waters award committee feels emulates the spirit of community service demonstrated by Waters during his lifetime.

Waters' widow, Jenny, and son, Don, presented the award to Bolte, calling the man who once co-chaired a community spring cleanup campaign with Waters a volunteer who has carried on Waters' tradition of community service.

Bolte has a long history of participation in community projects and organizations. He is past president of the Chambersburg Club and the Rotary Foundation and currently is in charge of the Chambersburg Rotary Club's youth exchange program. He has served with United Way of Franklin County, as past president from 1994-96 and campaign chairman from 1992-93. He is past chairman of United Way's Professional Division and continues to solicit for its Leadership Division.

He was on the board during the recent merger of the Waynesboro and Chambersburg United Ways and initiated the first long-range planning that led to the May Day of Caring.

As a member of Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring, he is an elder and past chairman of the Fellowship and Nurturing Committee and the Interpretation and Stewardship Committee. He is also a long-standing member of the Falling Spring choir and is involved in the church's Promisekeeper Men's Fellowship and a morning men's Bible study.

He has been on the Council of the Arts board for six years and chaired the Pennsylvania Partners for Arts. He continues to help with the council's annual fund-raising efforts, such as ChambersFest.

He co-chaired Keystone Community Health Center's 1997 Capital Campaign. He has been on the board of the Chambersburg YMCA since 1994 and is past co-chair of that organization's capital campaign. He is past chairman of the YMCA's long-range planning committee and a member of its Heritage Club.

He served on the committee to reinstitute the annual park tennis tournament and is a 2002 recipient of the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce's Co-Citizen of the Year award.

He is also a local businessman and principal of C. **Clint Bolte** and Associates.

In his acceptance speech, Bolte called the award "very much a surprise," saying he was nonetheless very appreciative of the honor.

He called the late "Mike" Waters "very much an individual of extraordinary faith who loved his family and was passionate about his community."

He said his friend's projects were always multicultural and multicomunity, and talked of Waters' projects, including the founding of Chambersburg Community Improvement Association.

Jenny Waters said Bolte has worked tirelessly in an effort to better the greater community, "just like 'Mike' did."

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