

Senator Charles Schumer Receives 2002 Sound Guardian Award



Sound Guardian Award recipient, Senator Charles E. Schumer, makes a few remarks upon receiving his award from David J. Miller, executive director of Audubon New York.

By Shirley Hartman

AUDUBON NEW YORK and the Construction Industry Council of Westchester, a Hudson Valley-based leading downstate construction association, honored Senator Charles E. Schumer with the Sound Guardian Award for his commitment to curtail pollution and enact clean-up efforts for Long Island Sound at the fifth annual event.

Senator Charles E. Schumer, throughout his career in the House of Representatives, was a strong supporter of Long Island Sound. When he entered the United States Senate in 1998, he made Long Island Sound a centerpiece of his environmental agenda. He has fought hard and has been successful in increasing appropriations through the Long Island Sound Restoration Act. The act authorizes hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funds for the clean up of Long Island Sound over the next five years, the major platform of the Clean Water/Jobs Coalition. Without his leadership, these monies would not have begun to flow to the Sound.

The two organizations also presented a special Sound Guardian citation to John Fuchs, of the Empire State Regional Council of Carpenters. The Carpenters, through John's

leadership, has been tireless supporters of the Clean Water/Jobs Coalition platform and pushing for government funds to clean-up Long Island Sound.

Presentations were made at a cocktail reception at the American Yacht Club on Friday, October 4, 2002, in Rye, NY. Audubon New York and the Construction Industry Council of Westchester and Hudson Valley present the award each year. All proceeds benefited Audubon New York's Long Island Sound Program, which highlights states of Clean Water Jobs Coalition campaign. (See article below)

Past recipients of the Sound Guardian Award include Governor George E. Pataki, Westchester County Executive Andrew Spano, Long Island Sound Congressional Co-Chairs Nita Lowey and Christopher Shays, and Congressman Sherwood L. Boehlert. The next

Sound Guardian Event will be scheduled for the early fall. See your next *Audubon Advocate* for future details.



Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center Staff presented Birds of Prey from the sanctuary's education program. From (L to R) Karl Brummer, Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary Director of Education; David J. Miller, executive director of Audubon New York; Ross Pepe, president of the Construction Industry Council; Senator Charles E. Schumer; and Erin Somberger, Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary Educator.



Board member and president of Westchester Audubon Society, Gladys Goldmann, (left) with Kate Qualters of Audubon New York meet and greet guests.



Past recipient, Westchester County Executive Andrew Spano (center), with Sheila Drapeau (left) and New York State Senator Suzi Oppenheimer (right).



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Clean Water/Jobs Coalition Goes To Washington In February

By William Cooke

REPRESENTATIVES from Audubon New York, Save the Sound, the Construction Industry Council, Labor Unions and Environmental Groups from New York and Connecticut will be in Washington D.C. on February 11 and 12. Coalition members will meet with Representatives and Staff from New York and Connecticut in an effort to secure the full \$40 million appropriation authorized in the Long Island Restoration Act.

You can help by contacting your member of Congress and urging them to work for the full funding of the Long Island Sound Restoration Act.