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ELLIOTT STEWARD GENA TURNER IS REDD UP VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR; 'BOB AWARDS' ALSO GO TO NEIGHBORHOODS, PUBLIC WORKS, DELOITTE

Gena Turner, a Clean Pittsburgh Steward in the Elliott neighborhood since 2007, was selected "Volunteer of the Year" for 2011. She organizes and leads spring and fall Redd Ups in one of Pittsburgh's smallest neighborhoods and most visited city-view attractions, the West End Overlook.

Ms. Turner and representatives of three neighborhoods were presented "Bob Awards," named for the late Mayor Bob O'Connor, Thursday (Mar. 22), at the fifth annual Clean Pittsburgh Commission's Meet n' Greet Mixer, saluting the city's Clean Pittsburgh Stewards in 90 neighborhoods.

Corey O'Connor, the Mayor's son and new District 5 councilman, and Judy, the Mayor's widow, presented "Bobbies" to three neighborhoods: South Side Flats and South Side Slopes as Most Connected, Allentown as Most Improved, and Lawrenceville as Neighborhood of the Year.

Special "Bobbies" were also presented to the six Public Work Department supervisors who work with 20,000 volunteers in the two annual Redd Ups and throughout the year. They are: Steve Bolar, Dennis James, George McCain, John Radcliffe, John McClory and Bill Crean.

The other special award went to Deloitte LLP for its community service in Sheraden and Esplen last year by the Pittsburgh office's 350 volunteers on its annual Impact Day.

Several hundred attended the Mixer at the Schenley Park Ice Skating Rink meeting room. Joining stewards and volunteers were city officials and city council members.

Sponsors of this year's Mixer are the Office of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl, Kevin Acklin, Citizens Against Litter, Council members President Darlene Harris, Theresa Kail-Smith, Bruce Kraus, Corey O'Connor and Bill Peduto, Frank Fuhrer Wholesale, Giant Eagle, pair Networks, Waste Management and Whole Foods.