

Co-Editor Receives Awards

By Charles Lamb

Residents for Responsible Government presented me with their Joan Gipp award at their annual dinner and dance on March 28, Bob Ciesielski, president of the Niagara Chapter of the Sierra Club, and Rex Stewart, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown, were invited by RRG to make the presentation. The Joan Gipp award is given from time to time to people who have worked for the environment over a long period of time, and honors Joan Gipp, who was a hero in the struggle during the days of the Love Canal.

Then at the annual meeting of the Niagara Group, I received the Blake Reeves Award. Bob Ciesielski again made the presentation.

And finally, on June 6, at a banquet in Great Neck, Long Island, I received from the Atlantic Chapter of the Sierra Club the Rachel Carson Award!

So many have done so much more than I that it is humbling and somewhat embarrassing to receive these three awards in such a short period of time. It almost makes me feel as though I should also get a gold watch and be retiring! But I can't retire from my concern for the environment.

The real award, for all of us, will occur when the flow of toxic wastes into New York State and landfilling in dangerous sites ends!