

### **NFCAR's Holiday Party**

This year's Holiday Party was simply amazing. We would like to extend a warm 'Thank You' to everyone who attended this Event. The attendance, participation, holiday cheer, and most importantly, the generosity of our membership was hands-down unbeatable.

"Must Mentions": Our Sponsors! They are always there supporting us, and this event was no exception. Please join us in thanking them:

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As usual, the staff at the Candlewood Inn were top notch - and we wish to thank them for their superb service. Also a special thanks to Leslie Brent for her unrelenting effort in making sure all the details for our events are all in place. These events would not be of their caliber without her.

Many thanks to all who helped make this event so successful - especially Allison Zanine, Pam McHenry, Connie Strait, Regina Mucci, Kathy Berg, Bev Discala, Nancy Riddle, Barbara Roper, Jessica Catalanotto, Kristine Failla & Richard Eimicke.

### **Joe Baker Humanitarian Award**

We all Congratulate Bob Budnik for receiving the 2009 Humanitarian Award. REALTORS® are out there doing great work for their communities and Bob is an exceptional inspiration to all of us.

### **National Guard Fundraiser**

Because of everyone's generosity, we raised over \$3,000 towards 'Operation Home for the Holidays'. This special fund-raising effort is intended to raise \$200,000 to hire a fleet of buses to bring Connecticut Army National Guard troops back to the state during a break in their training. A big Thank You To Vito Uva for bringing such a wonderful fund-raiser to our attention.

### **Special Olympics Fundraiser**

Heartfelt thanks goes to Ed Cavallo for his hard work benefiting the Special Olympics. 21 baskets and raffle prizes were donated for the Special Olympics fundraiser, and \$2,902.00 was raised for this worthy cause.

### **The office of Frank A. Hoinsky Real Estate GMAC was given an award for Most Creative Gift Basket at their annual Realtors Christmas Event.**

The proceeds from the sale go to Special Olympics of Connecticut. The event took place on December 9, 2009. The office created a gift basket that consisted of a living black spruce used as a Christmas tree which was decorated with ornaments purchased for the Ansonia Nature Center (Peruvian made) and My Sister's Place.

### **Member of the Year for WCR for 2009**

Marie Borner of Coldwell Banker named as Member of the Year for WCR for 2009.