

Silver Bowl Award for Service to Paul Solomon

This year's Silver Bowl Award for distinguished community service will be presented to longtime Edgemont resident Paul Solomon. Mr. Solomon is a fifth grade teacher at Greenville who's been teaching in the Edgemont School District for 37 years. He is also currently president of the Edgemont Teachers Association. In addition, for the past several decades, Mr. Solomon has been executive director of the Edgemont Recreation Corporation, known as "Edgemont Rec," a private not-for-profit company which provides year-round recreational opportunities and a summer camp for Edgemont's children, and which has, under his helm, donated nearly \$2 million to the school district.

Mr. Solomon, who has lived in Edgemont for more than 25 years, became an obvious choice for the award last month when we learned that he, along with 11 other faculty members, agreed to accept the school district's "early retirement" offer, the result of which was to reduce next year's tax increase to nearly 3%.

Mr. Solomon started teaching at Edgemont in 1974, when he was hired to teach sixth grade "language arts." He has taught fifth and sixth grade at Greenville his entire career here. He also quickly became involved in the community, regularly attending school board meetings and becoming involved in Edgemont Rec.

He became executive director of Edgemont Rec in 1976. He has also been a member of the Edgemont Scholarship Council, organized charity basketball

games against the Greenburgh Police, advised Student Council, served on the district's professional development committee, community school goals committee, site-based management team, and revenue enhancement committee, to name just a few. He also initiated in the 1980s Greenville's fifth grade now traditional trip to Washington, D.C.

Among his many honors over the years, he was also named Edgemont School District Teacher of the Year and, as a member of the E-Club and an E-Day volunteer for the past 28 years, he is a past recipient of the Sven Sellberg Community Service Award.

As director of Edgemont Rec, he has overseen contributions to the school district for such amenities as a new track, scoreboards, basketball backboards, team uniforms, soccer and lacrosse goals, athletic equipment, playground equipment, the EHS weight room, the tennis and paddle tennis courts, chorus and band risers, new bleachers, batting cages and backstops, and new roofs for the gyms at Greenville and EHS.

He is also the proud father of Kristan, herself an Edgemont graduate, who received her entire elementary and high school education here at Edgemont.

Mr. Solomon's accomplishments at Edgemont for nearly four decades have been truly remarkable. He has earned the respect and admiration of the entire Edgemont community. Please join us at our annual meeting on April 27 at 8 p.m. at the Greenville School in honoring Mr. Solomon.