

PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS OF MERIT GIVEN

As part of the 2014 Annual Meeting, President G. Thompson Bell, III announced the 2014 recipients of the Presidential Award of Merit. Those individuals are:

Jill Gehman Koestel for the many years she chaired the Bench-Bar Conference Committee which included not only planning the spring conference but also the Retreat in the fall. Under her leadership there was a growth in the attendance at the spring conference and, with the Retreats to Annapolis and Atlantic City, the attendance featured a better cross-section of the membership.

William R. Blumer and **Eugene Orlando, Jr.** collaborated with the Berks County Medical Society in planning and executing seminars on end-of-life decision making. Working with Dr. Dan Kimball, they presented seminars at our Bench-Bar Conference in April but also on an early Saturday morning to lawyers and doctors. And they appeared together on WEEU's Feedback program. It is hoped that future presentations will be made to residents at Reading Hospital.

Frances A. Aitken and **Mark S. Caltagirone** have been members of our Foundation Board since 2001. They were the first non-lawyers to serve and that service has been performed with much passion and energy. They are more than true friends to our profession. The Foundation's Holiday Benefit Luncheon has become an incredibly successful fund-raiser and it was the brainchild of Mark whose devotion to it has made it what it is today. Franki served as the Foundation's secretary-treasurer for more than 13 years and has been a good guardian of its finances and investments. Also, her leadership in the PA Institute of CPAs has helped to nurture the special relationship the Foundation has with that organization in building the success of the Benefit Luncheon. The work of the Law Foundation reflects a positive light on the Bar Association and we have these two to thank for much of that positive light.

Each received an engraved clock and our deep appreciation.