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Press Release

The *Chief John P. Ganley Community Service Award* is presented to an individual “*who has exhibited concern, involvement and leadership in the community of Salem; while providing inspiration to others, through his or her dedication, integrity and courage in the manner exemplified by Chief John P. Ganley during his life on earth.*” Chief Ganley passed away in March of 1989 but his commitment to the community is carried forward and recognized each year on St. Patrick’s Day.

This year’s honorees are long-time Salem residents Michael and Nancy Carney. Mike and Nancy have been active in many organizations serving on several non-profit Boards of Directors, often as President and/or Chair. A highlight of beneficiary organizations include: Greater Salem Chamber of Commerce and its precursory association Salem’s Board of Trade, Salemhaven Nursing Home, Boys & Girls Club of Salem, Dollars for Scholars and Boy Scouts. Mike is a former Selectman, former Salem School Board member and served for 21 years as Salem School District Clerk retiring in 2007. Nancy is the former Director of Continuing Education for Salem School District, a position she held for 23 years. She was instrumental in encouraging many students to complete their education. They are the parents of 4 children, grandparents to nine grandchildren and have been married for 51 years!

Members of the community are invited to honor Mike & Nancy as the Ganley Family presents them with the John P. Ganley Community Service Award on Tuesday, March 17th, 2009 at the John P. Ganley/St. Patrick’s Day Memorial Award Luncheon. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. for refreshments. The program gets underway at 12:00 p.m. A meal of corned beef and cabbage will be served followed by the presentation of The Ganley Community Service Award. The Andy Healy Band will perform favorite Irish music.

Reservations are required to attend the event. Further questions or reservation requests can be directed to Martha Breen at the Club – 603-898-7709 x16 or via email at mbreen@salembgc.org.

