

Dan Carbon accepting on behalf of the Gregory family:

Well thank you for this award and for those kind words. I don't have a lot to say. I'm going to take a page out of Pat's book and be brief. You can cut me off any time. I did write down a few things, so I didn't forget anything I was thinking of saying. I thought a little about this award and why Pat would be receiving it, and this is what I wrote.

Pat is dearly missed in our lives because he gave so freely of himself and so deeply. His warmth, generosity, and zest for life drove him and guided him. Pat's son Tim said it perfectly at his memorial. 'He was a whistler, a believer in the human spirit. He saw goodness in people and went out of his way to help anyone fortunate enough to pass through his life.' I think this is what makes Pat's legacy so compelling and inspiring. It's not a single great accomplishment that makes Pat worthy of this award but a lifestyle of giving of helping and making a difference day in and day out. The Vineyard is a better place because of it.

On behalf of Pat's family, I'd like to thank the Martha's Vineyard Museum for this honor. Pat's wife Dorothy and daughter Shannon could not be here today because they're with Grandma Gregory in upstate New York, which is I think where Pat would want them to be. So along with them and Pat's son Tim, they asked me to share their sincere thanks and appreciation, so thank you.