

FRANCES HAMMOND HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Award Winner: **Dr. Fred Hecht**
Presenter: **Dr. Adrian Fenderson**
Reader:

Dr. Ron Arndt says that the recipient of the Frances Hammond Humanitarian Award this year could well be called the "Antithesis Man". He continues....What I mean by that is that what many of us see is this rather robust, outspoken, often imposing and loud man's outside persona. But just the opposite is true when you have the opportunity to learn of his warmth, kindness, his generosity, and his inherent desire to care for others. He's not a tiger, he's a teddy bear.

In the past five years he has participated in 6 humanitarian dental trips ... 3 in Belize, 2 in the Marshall Islands, and one to the Dominican Republic with the Crown Council. And while these actions alone identify him as both magnanimous and unselfish, there are a world of other examples.

Here are just two....

At lunch one day on Staten Island he saw a LARGE table of soldiers just ordering their food. He quietly pulled the waiter to his table and asked that he receive the check for ALL of the soldiers and asked specifically that his identity not be revealed.

Our recipient is Jewish...but learning that during the Christmas Holiday a Catholic Church had a collection box for the homeless stolen with over \$500.00 lost...in the spirit of unselfishness and love he wrote a check for \$500 and delivered it to the Church.

For his generous heart and giving spirit, the Crown Council is pleased tonight to recognize with the Frances Hammond Humanitarian Award Dr. Fred Hecht