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**JACK RIBAS NAMED  
2012 RAYMOND P. LAVIETES AWARD WINNER**

**Shelton, CT, March 28, 2012** – The Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley has named Jack Ribas, their long-time Executive Director, as this year’s Raymond P. Lavietes Award winner.

Arlene Clancy, committee chairman, said, “It’s about time we recognized Jack for his 34 years as Executive Director. He has made our Club one of the top organizations in the country and touched the lives of thousands of youngsters over his years with our Club. He is truly devoted to the youth of our community.”

The award is presented each year at the Boys & Girls Club’s Service to Youth dinner, which will be held this year on April 10<sup>th</sup> at John J. Sullivan’s Restaurant in Ansonia, beginning at 5:30 pm.

Jack said, “I am truly honored to be recognized with all those who have won this award. This is our 25<sup>th</sup> year and a lot of special people have won the award. It makes me feel very special also!”

Also being presented that night will be the 2012 Champion of Youth Award, which goes to the Commodore Hull Thanksgiving Day 5K Road Race Committee, which has raised almost \$100,000 over the years, helping provide activities and programs for children at the Club that would never be possible without their financial support.

The ten-person committee, headed by Glenn Gaetano, Tom Wilson, and Jack Walsh, volunteers countless hours each year to make this 5K Thanksgiving morning event a huge success. It has been completely sold out for the past five years.

President Susan Deleon said, “The race committee is a very special group of people who make the Thanksgiving Day Race a destination event, while helping so many children.”

Tickets can be obtained by calling Ann Wheeler at the Boys & Girls Club at 203-924-7462.

For more information about the Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley, visit us at [www.BGC-LNV.com](http://www.BGC-LNV.com).

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