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**2013 Raymond P. Lavietes Service to Youth Award  
To Be Presented to Donald W. Smith, Jr., P.E.**

**Shelton, CT, March 19, 2013** – The Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley will be honoring Donald W. Smith, Jr., P.E., as the 2013 Raymond P. Lavietes Award winner at its 26<sup>th</sup> annual Service to Youth dinner on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, at Molto Bene at John J. Sullivan’s.

Mr. Smith runs his own Consulting Civil Engineering firm and has been retained to provide site engineering and construction administration services for hundreds of projects throughout the Valley. Some of the more notable children’s projects include Seymour Library Expansion, Shelton Community Center, Nolan Field Grandstands, Renovations for the TEAM Head Start Program, and the Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley’s Joel E. Smilow Clubhouse in Ansonia.

Service to Youth Dinner Chairman Arlene Clancy said, Don has always been there for our Boys & Girls Club, going above and beyond what is asked of a Board member. Like his father before him, Don was invaluable and instrumental in the construction of our Joel E. Smilow Clubhouse in Ansonia.

Boys & Girls Club President Susan DeLeon said, “Mike’s legacy will be helping thousands of children in Ansonia and Milford for generations to come. Without Mike there never would have been a new club in Milford.”

Along with more than \$14,000 in scholarships, the Boys & Girls Club will also present its 2013 Champion of Youth award to Mayor Mark Lauretti and the City of Shelton.



Boys & Girls Club LNV Executive Director Jack Ribas said, “They came to our aid in our most dire time. We were in the middle of cutbacks and layoffs, and Robin Imbrogno, the president, contacted me to volunteer the services of their entire company. They took over our payroll management and helped design an entire grant reporting system to save us time, money, and help with personnel management. They are truly an outstanding group of people!”

Further information about tickets or reservations can be obtained by calling Ann at the Boys & Girls Club, 203-924-7462, [AnnWheeler@BGC-LNV.org](mailto:AnnWheeler@BGC-LNV.org).

The Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley provides, in a safe environment, programs that inspire, educate, guide, and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens. For more information about our Club, visit us on the web at [www.BGC-LNV.org](http://www.BGC-LNV.org).

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