



Community Hero

Bill Scott

Growing up in a family that for generations has owned a small, local business in Manchester, Bill Scott early came to appreciate the importance of community ties. So it is not surprising that he has been deeply involved in the affairs of his own community. Although busy enough managing his company, Scott Oil, Bill finds ample time to participate in many local organizations trying to improve life in his hometown. A long-time member of the Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce, he has played an important leadership role in its Manchester Division and served on the Chamber's board, both as a director and, in 2004, as its president. Moreover, for the nine years running from 1983 to 1992, Bill chaired the Chamber's annual Five Mile Race. Bill's engagement in civic affairs, however, has extended far beyond the Chamber, leading him to participate in a number of other community initiatives over the years, including service on committees studying local growth, saving an historic steeple, and running the Manchester July 4th Parade. For all of these communal endeavors as well as his many years as a local business owner, the Chamber conferred one of its highest honors on Bill in 1987, declaring him Small Businessman of the Year.

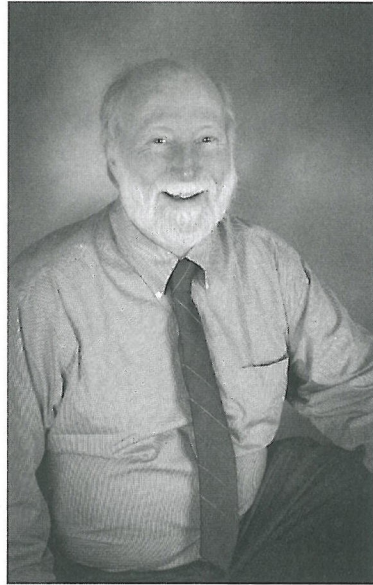


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Bill has also served as both treasurer and president of the Manchester Club, a local men's club that addresses important local issues and raises funds for charitable causes in the community. In that capacity, he played a notable role in organizing the club's annual scholarship raffle, whose proceeds help to advance young people in the community. An active sportsman, he has also been active as a board member for both the old Manchester Athletic Association and the Manchester Bath and Tennis Club. But his greatest contribution to the local sport scene has, without question, been his work on behalf of youth sports. For many years he has been involved with a variety of regional athletic programs, including the Manchester-Essex Little League, the Cape Ann Youth Football League, the Agawam Youth Hockey organization, and - most currently - the Manchester-Essex Hornet's Gridiron Club. His efforts with these organizations have run the gamut from founding them and serving on their boards, often as a treasurer, to coaching their teams. Bill has already won a Distinguished Service Award from the Yankee Clipper Council of the Boy Scouts of America for his work with young people. And now the Red Cross wishes to add its own acclaim, honoring both that work and his many other local contributions by naming him a Community Hero for 2011.



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