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MELBERGERS HONORED BY ADL

Clifford K. Melberger and Ruth Melberger were chosen to receive the 2006 **DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD** from the Anti-Defamation League of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Society of Fellows. The award presented, Thursday, April 27, 2006, at the Woodlands Inn and Resort. Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor, ADL's Director of Interfaith Affairs was the keynote speaker and Terr Wright of Fox News was the Master of Ceremonies. This year's event was chaired by Eugene and Constance Roth, with over 230 in attendance.

The Distinguished Community Service Award was created to recognize leaders in business, community affairs and charitable endeavors who distinguish themselves in their dedication to preserving liberty and advancing the causes of human rights, dignity and equal opportunity. Citations were received from Sen. Santorum, Cong. Kanjorski, State Sens. Robert Mellow and Rafael Musto and State Rep. Phyllis Mundy.

"By all measures, the ADL is one of the foremost human rights organizations in the world and it is very fitting for the Melbergers to be selected for this prestigious award," said Arnold Delin, Chair of the Eastern Pennsylvania/Delaware Region of the Anti-Defamation League. "They are remarkable individuals whose business endeavors and charitable activities have made lasting contributions to our economic and civic well being. Their commitment to helping others achieve and succeed without regard to race, creed or religion, truly embodies ADL's fight against racism, prejudice and bigotry."

Ruth and Clifford Melberger, founders of Diversified Information Technologies in 1982, have long been champions of Wyoming Valley, where they were born and raised and all of Northeastern Pennsylvania, especially in supporting the cultural arts, education and causes related to life threatening diseases.

Ruth, a graduate of Wilkes University with a BS in Art Education and minors in English and Social Studies, served as an art teacher in West Pittston and East Pennsboro High Schools following graduation. Her involvement with community and regional causes has included her church, First Presbyterian Church of West Pittston, where she is an elder and board member of the Pittston YMCA, SCOLA (Scranton Council for Literacy Advance), the President's Council of Wilkes University, the Board of the Scranton Cultural Center, West Pittston Historical Society, the Shade Tree Commission of West Pittston and has been a Meals On Wheels volunteer for 15 years.

Cliff, a graduate of Bucknell University with a BS in Business Administration and an MS in Education, was captain of the 1960 Bucknell Bison Football team which won the Lambert Trophy. Cliff serves as Chairman and CEO of Diversified and balances business with many community efforts which have been part of the Melbergers' philosophy of giving back. Cliff is currently on the Board of Trustees of Wilkes University, a member of the Board of the Northeast Pennsylvania Technology Alliance, a board member of the Pennsylvania Business Round Table.

Mr. Melberger has also been a board member of the Team Pennsylvania Foundation, the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, Scranton Tomorrow, the Board of Trustees of Bucknell University and President of Bucknell's National Alumni Association. Cliff also serves as an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of West Pittston.

Clifford has received the Arthritis Foundation's 1998 Community Leader of the Year Award for Northeastern, PA, the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry National/International Business of the Year Award, the Ben Franklin Partnership Award for "Excellence of Innovation", Bucknell's Bison Club Award for outstanding contributions to the University's athletic program and is a member of both the Wyoming Area and Bucknell University Athletic Halls of Fame. Each year, Diversified Information Technologies, through a panel of sports and media personalities, awards the Melberger Trophy, in honor of Clifford, to the outstanding football player in the country, in Division III of the NCAA.

Ruth and Cliff are committed to education causes, both having attended college on scholarships. They have established the "Ruth Boorum Melberger Scholarship" at Wilkes University, a "Player of the Game" award at Wilkes University and Bucknell University for each home football game and have named scholarships in honor and memory of family members at Bucknell.

They reside in West Pittston and have two children and six grandchildren.

The Anti-Defamation League was founded in 1913 to stop the defamation of Jewish people and secure justice and fair treatment for all people. ADL is the nation's premier civil rights/human relations agency fighting all forms of bigotry and defending democratic ideals and civil rights for all.