

14th Annual Luncheon



Neil Lasher receiving award from Board Chair Mitchel Rosenthal, MD

NCADD held its 14th annual luncheon at the University Club in New York City on June 18. Neil Lasher, a music industry veteran currently a Senior Consultant with Sony/ATV Music Publishing, was honored for his long-time work in the addiction recovery field.

Neil is a certified alcoholism and substance abuse counselor and a certified ARISE interventionist. He provides a support system to artists and crew members struggling with addiction issues. Lasher is also a consultant to Caron Treatment Centers and a member of Caron's New York advisory board.

"Part of the NCADD's mission is talk publically about alcoholism and recovery," said Mitchel Rosenthal, MD; founder of Phoenix House and Chairman of the Board of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence. Dr. Rosenthal's goal for the luncheon was not only to raise money, but also, he said to "raise awareness as well as to educate and to advocate for the joy of recovery." NCADD Vice Chair, James Abernathy, was Chair of the Luncheon and Nell Abernathy chaired the Junior Committee.

In addition to honoring Neil, NCADD Board member Arlene Rosen, was presented with the Marty Mann Founder's Award for her extraordinary support of NCADD and its mission. Arlene started the nonprofit organization,



James T. Lee AwardThe Michael Alan Rosen Foundation, in memory of her son.

Through the Foundation, she opened Michael's House – The Treatment Center for Men, and ran the program for chemically dependent and dually diagnosed men from all walks of life for 20 years. The James T. Lee Foundation also was honored with an award of appreciation for its 25 plus years of continuous support of NCADD. LeeLee Brown, Board member of the Foundation, accepted the award.

The guest speaker was Bill Clegg, author of "Portrait of an Addict as a Young Man" and "Ninety

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Days." Bill spoke of his renewed life as a person in recovery. The luncheon included a silent and live auction, with Jamie Niven, Chairman of Sotheby's The Americas, as emcee and auctioneer.



Arlene Rosen receiving Marty Mann Founder's Award



Luncheon Speaker Bill Clegg



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