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Introduction of the 2014 Kaywood Award Winner, Lindsay Townsend

Barbara Brody
Underhill, Vermont

He grew up in humble surroundings and worked and studied in the field of agriculture and farming. As a young man he stood tall and lanky over six-foot four-inches. His integrity is without question and his leadership style is quite but forceful. He understood a house divided against itself cannot stand so he would work tirelessly to bring all the stakeholders to the table to find solutions and compromises that could move a state or country forward. He understood that you needed to create your own future.

This is what was written about Abraham Lincoln but it can also be written about our 2014 Kaywood Award recipient, Lindsay Townsend, our gentle Abe.

Lindsey started his personal and professional life in the field of Agricultural Education. However, he has served in the Traffic Safety Education profession for over 35 years. He has been an active member of ADTSEA for more than 25 years with serves on our board of directors for six years. In 1994, Lindsay was on the development team for the ADTSEA Teacher of the Year Program and has both chaired the ADTSEA Teacher of the Year and the now Teacher Excellence Awards committees. In 2002 he was selected as ADTSEA Teacher of the Year.

Lindsey has been a presenter at state, regional, and national conferences and has been part of curriculum revisions and teacher development programs. He spent 27 years as a Driver Education teacher most of which were as the coordinator of driver and traffic safety education at Mount Mansfield Union High School. He was the chair of his school’s accreditation process, a department chair that over saw Driver Education, Physical Education, Health, Music, and Art. Lindsay was also the chair of his local standard boards. Upon retirement he served as the Vermont Department of Education’s Driver Education consultant and continues to be the coordinator for the Vermont Higher Education Collaborative that trains new Driver Education teachers. Lindsay was instrumental in helping the Department of Motor Vehicles in preparation for the comprehensive assessment of driver education in Vermont, facilitated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. He presently serves as the Executive Director of the Vermont Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association. He has mentored many of Vermont’s Driver Education teachers and has helped them become leaders in our state and regional organization. Many of these individuals are with us tonight. Lindsay is certainly a colleague I looked for advise on numerous occasions while I was the DOE consultant and during my term as ADTSEA’s President. He has been instrumental in mentoring and working with your new incoming President, Kathy Broderick.

Dr. William Glasser a well-known author and educator once said “When you study great teachers… you will learn much more from their caring and hard work than from their style”. Lindsay is a patient, kind, hard working, and insightful person. He has been a vital stabilizing force within the State of Vermont to fight legislators and the Commissioner of Education to keep quality driver education programs from being lost within Vermont’s budgetary and political arena. Lindsay continues to strive to get the best out of fellow Driver Traffic Safety teachers and advocates. His strong but gentle way has provided the schools, the state of Vermont, and the ADTSEA community many years of dedicated service, solid leadership, and visionary guidance to help navigate Driver and Traffic Safety Issues into the 21st century.

Kevin Masse wrote: Lindsay has been referred to as “Mr. Driver Education” for the State of Vermont.

Fred Mottola wrote: I cannot think of a person with a higher regard for treatment of individuals with kindness, respect, and a desire to help all achieve success

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than Lindsay Townsend. He is indeed the embodiment of the principles and values that the Kaywood Award represents.

Both the Vermont and New England’s Driver and Traffic Safety Associations are proud that ADTSEA selected Lindsay Townsend as the 2014 Kaywood Award winner. Because of recent personal events and medical issues, Lindsay could not be here tonight but on behalf of Lindsay and all the Driver and Traffic Safety individuals from New England and especially Vermont I graciously and humbly accept this award on his behalf and thank ADTSEA for the opportunity to honor this exemplar educator.

Barbara Brody accepting Lindsay Townsend’s Kaywood Award on his behalf.

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I’m sorry I cannot be present to accept this award tonight. There usually comes a time, in everyone’s life when they need to take care of themselves and that’s what I needed to do this week. I expect to see most of you in Raleigh NC next year.

There are three quotes that have been around for years that I identify with. They are ---

“I am a part of all that I have met” (Alfred Tennyson and others)

“No man is an island” (John Donne and others)

“It takes a village to raise a child” (African proverb and others)

For me, “I am a part of all that I have met” honors my family, my colleagues and others who have had an influence on my life.

It honors my parents and their efforts to give me a good start in life.

It honors my siblings, one of whom greatly inspired me, who died this spring.

It honors my first wife, Wilma, who died at a young age when my children were very young. Our short time together gave me a good start in my adult life.

It honors my late wife, Marcheta, whom many of you know. She died in 2012 from injuries received from a fall. Marcheta was my constant supporter throughout my driver and traffic safety career. Had she not come into my life I would not be receiving this award. It is truly Marcheta’s award as well as mine.

It honors my children, Lynn, Tom and Mark and Tom’s partner, Linda all of whom provide me with abundant care and love along with my grandchildren, Brooks, Jazmyn, and Jordan and Jazmyn’s and Jordan’s mother, Laura.

It honors three people, John Harvey, Fred Mottola, and Barbara Brody, who have opened doors for me. They believed in me and provided opportunities I never dreamed I would have. And they helped me do things I never dreamed I would do in my professional life. There are others, too, that have made a positive difference in my life. That list could easily get too long for this occasion.

It honors four school principals who provided me opportunities to be a part of school leadership teams and helped me improve my administrative skills.

And it honors Kaywood recipients who have come before me. As I became familiar with the Kaywood Award in the 80s I never dreamed I would one day become one of them. It is truly an honor to be become one of these notable people.

“No Man Is an Island” is an expression emphasizing a person’s connections to his or her surroundings. It also connects to the concept that human beings do not thrive when isolated from others.

For many years my surroundings were teaching in a Vermont high school. Within that context I was surrounded with students. I could arrive at the school ---- somewhat out of sorts with the world ---- and quickly find myself in a place of joy and purpose in life. The students were inspiring exciting folks to be with and my approach was always

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“we can do this together” as we worked on their development.

I can say the same thing about the adults I have worked with over the years. We listen to one another. We respect one another and we work together. It’s not, I can do this. It’s we can do this.

And finally we come to “It takes a village to raise a child.” This award is not about what I’ve done. It’s about what we’ve done together. And it’s about the work we still have to do in a caring collaborative way. I’m proud of my fellow Vermonters, as they have come together to save lives and prevent injuries in Vermont. And I thank them for the care, love and support they have provided to me as we’ve gone about this together.

The New England Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association has moved forward with more collaborative work and ADTSEA is currently working with other organizations, agencies and individuals to bring all the people “in the village” together. We must do this if we are going to reduce, what is still unacceptable carnage on our highways.

And sometimes “the village” has to be “our own village”. As I’ve faced my challenges The Vermonters, the New Englanders and the ADTSEA folks have loved and cared for me way beyond anything I could imagine. We need to do this for one another and I deeply appreciate and thank you for what you’ve done for me.

ADTSEA and the Association of National Stakeholders in Traffic Safety Education (ANSTSE) have had the privilege of hosting a few Educational and Communication webinars for driver education state administrators and affiliates. These webinars serve as a tool to allow others with similar interests to connect while voicing their comments and concerns when they may have not had the chance other wise.

The most recent webinar was entitled “Educating Young Drivers on Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety.” The purpose of this webinar was to generate information on pedestrian and bicycle safety that can be disseminated to users such as state directors of driver education, state driver licensing agencies and highway safety offices, as well as others to increase the awareness of the pedestrian and bicycle crash problem.

There were over 100 participants between both of the scheduled dates. ADTSEA plans to conduct future webinars on topics of interest to state administrators and affiliates. For a recording of the webinar visit www.adtsea.org.
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