

Neighborhood Honor Roll Celebration – Jan. 20, 2012

The Neighborhood Honor Roll Celebration is a citywide event organized by all 17 St. Paul District Councils (SHA is District 16). The next Honor Roll Celebration is set for January 20, 2012 at the University of St. Thomas. The event honors those who have "improved the quality of life in Saint Paul".

So, each year, the Summit Hill Association / District Council 16 selects three awardees to be recognized. Those selected at the Nov. 10th SHA Board meeting were three out of eight nominations. Here are short comments from those who nominated the three awardees. If you are interested in getting a ticket to the event (\$10 before event; \$15 on day of event) – please contact the SHA office at summithill@visi.com or by phone at 222-1222. Tickets are limited.

- **Kay Raabe – 692 Fairmount Ave.**

Kate has provided excellent leadership in her role as neighborhood coordinator for the future redevelopment of the old Wilder Foundation – Bush Memorial Children’s Home site at 180 S. Grotto St.. Over the past year and a half or more, Kay organized countless meetings and provided countless emails to insure that all voices were heard and the channel between the Wilder Foundaton, The Emily Program, Wellington Management, SHA and nearby residents was always open! Her diligence, clarity and fair-minded approach to this difficult neighborhood transition has provided necessary leadership for our neighborhood and I would like to see her honored in this regard. ithout Kay, I believe that the neighbors in the vicinity of 180 Grotto would have been completely in the dark about the plans that Wellington and Emily had. Kay's facilitation of the meetings and ongoing communication, provide the neighbors with a forum in which the neighbors could come together and comment as well as help craft the final plan which was put forth. Great job to Kay Raabe! You truly make living in Summit Hill a wonderful experience.

- **Chad Skally – 624 Grand Ave & GABA President**

Chad continues to serve and work for the community in a variety of capacities. Actively involved over the years through SHA’s Environment Committee and as GABA’s President, Chad was one of the leaders who successfully worked to have bike racks installed along Grand Ave. and the recent pilot program to encourage more recycling on Grand Ave. through the location of recycling bins along Grand. He is also the owner of rental properties in our district that incorporate green technologies and innovation. His properties are well-maintained and visually appealing and add to our neighborhood’s stock of beautiful buildings.

- **Darya Orandi Lucas – Owner of Baby Banou**

With a warm and subtle touch, Darya has greatly improved the quality of life in our community. As the small-business owner of Baby Banou on Grand, Darya’s charming children’s clothing store has brought smiles to hundreds of people – young and old. Moreover, Darya goes the extra effort to help out in the community by tutoring local middle-school students and coordinating fundraising efforts for numerous charitable causes. Truly, we are blessed to have such a caring member of our community and look forward to many more years of spirited service.