



Alinabal Receives Award from the Milford Chamber of Commerce

Alinabal was awarded the Economic Development award by the Milford Chamber of Commerce at the 51st Annual Meeting and 2005 Awards of Distinction.

Milford Progress, Inc., Economic Development Award

Alinabal, Inc.

Alinabal is a highly diversified, global provider of Spherical Rod End Bearings, Connecting Linkages and Assemblies, Precision Stampings, Complex Mechanical Assemblies, Special Purpose Printers, Optical Shutters and Aircraft Instrumentation through its four distinct strategic business units. The Alinabal Group of Companies has earned worldwide recognition for delivering a broad range of standard and customer specific value added solutions while providing production savings and meaningful cost advantages across the wide array of market segments that it serves. Alinabal traces its roots back over 85 years when it supplied laminated material for the Model T Ford. Although much has changed since then, the company's relentless pursuit of continuous improvement and unparalleled customer satisfaction has remained unchanged and has been at the cornerstone of its successful growth. The main manufacturing and corporate facilities of Alinabal have been located on Woodmont Road, here in Milford for over 35 years. In 1998 Success Magazine ranked Alinabal Holdings Corporation 48th out of 100 top entrepreneurial organizations in the country. Alinabal is owned by Samuel Bergami its CEO/President and Kevin Conlisk CFO.

The Milford Chamber kicked off 2009 with the 54rd Annual Meeting and 2008 Awards of Distinction. Two hundred and forty members attended the luncheon at Grassy Hill Country Club in Orange. Former Speaker of the House & State Representative, presented the keynote address.

Ambassador of the Year, Bill Parry III, Bill Parry Real Estate Team of ERA Property World

Bill Parry was born and raised in Milford. A St. Joseph High School graduate, Bill went on to earn a Political Science degree at Plymouth State College and became a Connecticut Licensed Realtor thereafter. He is an experienced listing and selling real estate agent in the state of CT and has earned the designation of Accredited Buyer Representative from the National Association of Realtors. Bill works with his father as The Bill Parry Team Real Estate, at ERA Property World & Arnold Peck's Commercial World.

As an active member of the Milford Chamber of Commerce, Bill serves on the Ambassador Committee and is the former Chairman of the Friday Leads and Networking group. He has been actively involved with membership recruitment and retention, and has worked diligently on multiple membership drives. Bill is a member of the Rotary Club of Milford where he is a member of the Board of Directors.

Bill is married to his wife Michelle and they have a new daughter Alyssa, age 4 months. They reside in Milford.

Director of the Year 2008

Louise Hebert, Hebert Jewelers

Jewelry retail is a whole new adventure for Louise, who previously had a long standing executive management career in the healthcare industry. Looking for another challenge, she and her husband Joe decided to buy the downtown shop which has been a long time family business. Since joining the downtown Milford business community Louise has actively supported and encouraged downtown business growth. She is passionate about downtown and continually works toward a vibrant, friendly, and prosperous town center. Louise has been a Milford Chamber of Commerce Board member since 2007 and has been very active in the Chamber. She was the "Admiral" of our most successful membership drive which brought in over 125 new members to the Chamber. In 2009, Louise will be serving on the Chamber's Executive Board as Third Vice Chairperson. She is a past president of the Downtown Milford Business Association and supports various charitable and community organizations including Milford Hospital, Bridges and Domestic Violence Services of Greater New Haven

Lifetime Achievement Award

Robert Berchem, Berchem, Moses & Devlin, PC.

Robert L. ("Bob") Berchem was born in Milford in 1941. The great grandson of Milford's first Chief of Police, Bob attended Central Grammar School and Fairfield Prep before receiving a full academic scholarship to Fairfield University from which he graduated with honors. Bob attended Villanova Law School and graduated first in his class, order of the Coif, and served as editor of the Villanova Law Review. Following law school, Bob worked as the law clerk for the Honorable William H. Timbers, in the U.S. District Court and the Second Circuit Court of Appeals in New York. Bob was awarded a William Cook Fellowship by the University of Michigan's Law School from which he received his Masters of Law. Despite several offers to teach law school and from firms in New York and Philadelphia, Bob chose to return to Milford in 1967 and joined the law firm of his neighbor and childhood mentor, William ("Pete") Gitlitz. For the next 41 years, Bob's commitment to Milford has never wavered. He has brought a two person hometown firm to statewide prominence. Known today as Berchem, Moses & Devlin, P.C., the firm has thirty lawyers with additional offices in Westport and New Haven. Serving as president of Berchem, Moses & Devlin, P.C. and Chair of its Business Services Department, Bob has given his time and expertise to many local organizations, including the Milford Historic District Commission, Milford Jaycees, Milford-Orange YMCA, Bridgeport Hospital and Cardinal Shehan Center. He has also served as a Trustee of Fairfield University and on the Executive Committee of the University of Bridgeport. Bob is currently a member of the Board of Directors of Boys and Girls Village and the President of Race Brook Country Club. Professionally he has been actively involved in the attraction, development and construction of many of the retail, commercial and industrial projects which, over the last four decades, have provided Milford with a strong tax base and enhanced its economic stability. Consistent with his own willingness to give back to his community, the members of Bob's firm are leading contributors to the charitable, civic and business fabric of Milford.

Human Service Award

Reverend Paige Besse-Rankin, Woodmont United Church of Christ Congregational

Reverend Paige Besse-Rankin is the pastor of the Woodmont United Church of Christ Congregational. A graduate of Emmanuel College with a degree in Music Therapy, she also has a Masters of Divinity from Andover Newton Theological School. Prior to coming to Milford in 1995, Reverend Paige Besse-Rankin served as the pastor of the Fishers Island Union Chapel. During her time in Milford, she has served on the Board of the Combined Parishes Action Committee, including a term as President. Paige was also a founding member of the Milford Anti-Hate Task Force and has served on the Board for the Milford Pastoral Counseling Center. She has also served in the United Church of Christ in areas of Stewardship, Mission Interpretation, Wider Church Ministry, the Korean Partnership, and youth camps. Paige is married and has a 6 year old daughter.

Human Service Award - Awarded Posthumously

Joan Heybruck, American Red Cross - Milford Chapter

Joan Heybruck was the guiding light of the Milford Chapter of the American Red Cross for over three decades. Her leadership and tireless work ethic reached not only those who visited the Chapter house, but also the military families for whom she relayed communication overseas, the countless families she assisted in the wake of numerous natural disasters, and the citizens of Milford whom she served on a daily basis. She retired in February 2008 after 30 years with the American Red Cross, Milford Chapter. In her years with the Red Cross, Joan was involved with the City-Wide Emergency Shelter & Food Committee, United Way Affordable Housing Task Force, Young Parent Program Advisory Committee, Young Parent Program Board of Directors, Senior Wish Society Board of Directors, United Way Board of Directors, Network of Executive Women, Milford Hospital Board of Directors, The Milford Bank Board of Directors. Joan also received many awards; Business & Professional Women of Milford, United Way Leadership & Service Award, Milford Rotary Club Paul Harris Award, Bridges – Humanitarian of the Year and Milford Chamber of Commerce Public Service Award. The Milford community will surely miss her touch.

Public Sector Award,

Paul Moss, Milford Hospital

Paul Moss has been at the Milford Hospital for almost 30 years. Since he began the medical staff has expanded to include dozens of specialties, major medical advances were added, new facilities, opened and centers of excellence created. The small hospital that opened in 1920, today under Paul's leadership has grown into a thriving, still independent, regional center for many services. In 1985, the visiting nurse agency Home Care Plus became part of the hospital family. Milford Hospital completed an 85,000 square foot improvement program in 1998. The region's first hospital based Center for Aesthetic Care & Cosmetic Surgery opened in 2001 at the hospital. The permanent MRI was installed in 2003. In 2006 the Connecticut Joint Center opened for hip, knee and shoulder replacement surgery, among the first in the region. 2007 brought the freestanding Urgent Care Center with more than 14,000 people a year using the center. The home-like Hospice suite called "The Fairway Suite" was also opened in 2007. And today, in 2009, the hospital's Operating Rooms are now equipped with High Definition cameras and monitors. The hospital just added MRI Guided Breast Biopsy equipment, and this month is replacing its PET scan with an advanced PET/CT scan. Paul served as former Chairman of the Milford Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; Board of Directors, United Way of Milford; Board of Directors and Orange Public Health Nursing Associations.

Community Service Award

James Amann

Former Speaker of the House & State Representative, 118th District

Former speaker of the House of Representatives James A. Amann grew up in Milford and graduated from Jonathan Law High School and studied criminal justice at the University of New Haven. His start in politics began in 1983 as an Alderman until 1990 when his local political aspirations turned to Hartford. Amann was first elected to the Connecticut Legislative office in 1990 and has served as the Speaker of the House since being elected to that position prior to the 2005 Legislative Session. Previously Amann had served as the House Majority Leader during the 2003-04 Legislative Sessions and the House Chair of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee from 1993-2000. Speaker Amann authored and is considered the father of Connecticut's 'Megan's Law', first passed in 1995, which has become a national law enforcement and public awareness model.

In 2005 Speaker Amann was instrumental in the passage of landmark transportation, campaign finance reform, organ donor, medical malpractice reform and stem cell research legislation. He is also responsible for creating the Legislature's Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Healthy Kids Connecticut is a public/private initiative Speaker Amann created in 2005 with a mission of providing healthcare access for

all of Connecticut's youth. The initiative resulted in Health First/Healthy Kids legislation passed in 2007.

During the 2006 session, Amann was the architect of new legislation creating film and media tax incentives to bring production work from these industries to Connecticut, and led passage of a new autism pilot program and a historic 10-year, \$2.3 billion transportation investment initiative. Speaker Amann's 2020 Vision Plan for Connecticut, passed in 2006, will require ten percent of state dollars spent on children to be directed towards prevention by the year 2020. Speaker Amann led passage of landmark reforms on energy conservation and eminent domain restraints, and historic new funding initiatives that will bolster transportation and bridge safety, education and school construction, clean water projects and the state's public housing stock. Also, new legislation fashioned by Speaker Amann to refinance debt in the Teacher's Retirement Fund will save taxpayers \$2.8 billion over 25 years.

Maintaining a strong community involvement Jim lead the Village of Devon's revitalization efforts as well as the development of Silver Sands State Park, Walnut Beach, the arts community and assistance for numerous not-for-profit programs.

A long time friend of the Milford Chamber Jim Amann has worked with our Legislative Action Committee for over 18 years. Jim will be announcing his run for Governor in a very short time.

Corporate Award

Schick

Schick Wilkinson Sword's history as a Connecticut manufacturing company dates back over 50 years. Starting in Bridgeport in 1958 as Eversharp, Inc., the company moved to Milford in 1961 under the name Schick Safety Razor Company. In May 1970, Eversharp sold the Schick Safety Razor Company to the Warner Lambert pharmaceutical conglomerate, which in 1993 acquired Wilkinson Sword. Energizer Inc. acquired Schick Wilkinson Sword in 2003 and Playtex Products, Inc. in 2007 which now form the Energizer Personal Care Division. The Milford site currently employs over 600 people in its 422,000 square foot facility. The Milford manufacturing team specializes in razor blade manufacturing technologies, as well as molding of high tolerance plastic components. A world class packaging and distribution system rounds out the production of its brand portfolio. On-site research, development and engineering teams create new technologies in order to produce innovatively designed products here in Milford.

Schick Wilkinson Sword is recognized for its quality products and delivery with world class certifications and awards from major corporate customers. Most recently named a Wal-Mart "Top Vendor" and Target's "Vendor of the Year". Schick Wilkinson Sword is also proud of its commitment to community. Their 2008 Annual United Way Campaign raised \$300,000 for the United Way of Milford.

Business Person of the Year

Harry Garafalo, ShopRite of Milford

Harry Garafalo, Owner and President of Milford and West Haven Markets (DBA ShopRite Supermarkets) has been associated with the food industry for more than three decades, serving in both union and non-union settings. Starting as a young teenager, he worked his way from bag boy to Owner/President, demonstrating a unique talent for strategic planning in the food arena. Currently and for more than 34 years, Harry has been associated with Wakefern Food Corporation and their member companies. Since 2005, he serves as president of Milford Markets Inc. and president of the recently purchased West Haven Markets Inc. He has been a guest lecturer for the Women's Business Development Center and also serves on several boards including the Connecticut Food Association Board, the Board of Directors of Milford Red Cross, United Way of Milford, Milford Audubon Society, as well as serving on the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities, a Corporator at The Milford Bank, Christ the Redeemer Church Finance Committee, the Milford Columbus Committee and a member of the Milford Rotary. He has been awarded the Special Achievement Award from the Milford Columbus Committee, inducted into the

Connecticut Food Association Hall of Fame and has received the Recognition Award from the Mayor's Committee.

Milford Progress, Inc. Economic Development Award

CBL & Associates

Milford Marketplace is located on 13 acres at the intersection of Boston Post Road (Route 1) and Woodruff Road in Milford, CT at the former Wayside Furniture property. Milford Marketplace, a 112,000-square-foot lifestyle center, offers shoppers a unique shopping experience with Main Street style architecture and extensive landscaping in an open-air pedestrian-friendly environment. The center features two-story façade themed buildings, adding a distinct character to the center. Curbside parking provides customers with easy and convenient access to the shops.

The shopping center was developed and is also owned and managed by CBL & Associates Properties, Inc. of Chattanooga, TN (NYSE: CBL). Milford Marketplace is anchored by a 30,000-square-foot-Whole Foods Market, opening in fall 2009. The center also features an outstanding selection of shops and restaurants including Ann Taylor LOFT, Banana Republic, Coldwater Creek, Chico's, White House | Black Market, J. Jill, Jos A. Bank, Justice, Tengda Asian Bistro, Floris Nail & Spa, First Steps, The Athletes Foot, and People's Bank. Additional stores, including Skewer Churrascaria, Massage Envy, Carter's Children's Apparel and Captiva Salon, will open soon at Milford Marketplace.