Joseph Raymond Welch Unity Award

Presented by the Corning City Democratic Committee

Purpose:

The ***Joseph Raymond Welch Unity Award*** was established in December 2020 to honor the memory of the Committee's long-standing Chairman, Joseph Raymond Welch, (April 3, 1972 – November 8, 2020). Joe's legacy included his commitment to and skill at unifying people for the common good, and his expertise at including all who wanted to contribute.

Procedure:

- The ***Joseph Raymond Welch Unity Award*** shall be given annually by the Corning City Democratic Committee to a Steuben County resident or organization in recognition of outstanding community service and leadership in the County.
- The Corning City Democratic Committee will call for nominations each year with a public notice made in September.
- Anyone in the county may nominate someone. Nominations shall be made by submitting a letter of nomination to Corning City Democratic Committee; c/o Margie Lawlor; margie.lawlor@outlook.com, by the published deadline each year. If mail is preferred, the address is 106 E. 5th St. Corning, NY 14830.
- Successful letters of nomination will describe in detail, with examples, how the nominee has demonstrated a **sustained commitment to promoting unity, inclusion, civic engagement or excellence in government.**
- A selection committee consisting of 2 representatives of the Corning City Democratic Committee and 2 representatives of the Corning City Republican Committee will select a recipient at a meeting held in late September each year. George Welch, Jr. will chair the selection committee. The nominator of the selected recipient will be promptly notified, and the award will be given at the City Democratic Committee's annual fundraiser, the date of which will be published in early September each year.
- The recipient will have $250 donated in their name to a charity of their choice, plus receive a commemorative award. In addition, their name will be added to an honoree plaque maintained by the Corning City Democratic Committee.