IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THIS YEAR’S JAMES S. DOREMUS AWARD RECIPIENT. THE DOREMUS AWARD IS A LONG STANDING FRIENDS TRADITION THAT WAS NAMED IN HONOR OF OUR FORMER FRIENDS PROGRAM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JIM DOREMUS. JIM SPENT MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS WITH OUR ORGANIZATION FULLY COMMITTED TO FRIENDS AND IS A TRUE BELIEVER IN THE POWER OF VOLUNTEERISM. THE DOREMUS AWARD IS GIVEN ANNUALLY TO A RECIPIENT THAT HAS GIVEN BACK TO THE FRIENDS PROGRAM IN AN EXCEPTIONAL WAY. ALAN ANDRIAN CERTAINLY FITS THAT CRITERIA.

ALAN ANDRIAN OWNS AND OPERATES ALAN’S OF BOSCAWEN. HE AND HIS BUSINESS HAVE MADE A BIG IMPACT ON THE FRIENDS PROGRAM FOR MORE THAN 15 YEARS BY GENEROUSLY SUPPORTING OUR ANNUAL GOLF EVENT. ALAN’S PROVIDES LUNCH TO AN AVERAGE OF 120 ATTENDEES PER YEAR. THIS DONATION HAS ALLOWED THE FRIENDS PROGRAM THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE ALL THE FUNDS THAT ARE RAISED FROM THE EVENT DIRECTLY TO THE YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM. IT WOULD NOT BE AN EXAGGERATION TO ESTIMATE ALAN’S IN-KIND GIVING OVER THESE MANY YEARS TO HAVE EXCEEDED $30,000.

IT IS WITH ALAN’S HELP THAT THE GOLF EVENT HAS REMAINED A SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER. THIS YEAR WE CELEBRATE 19 YEARS WITH THE TOURNAMENT EARNING $18,000. THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT HELP TO THE YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM. IF THE FRIENDS PROGRAM HAD TO PROVIDE MEALS THERE WOULD BE A SIGNIFICATE REDUCTION IN OUR NET PROCEEDS.

ALAN ‘S GENEROSITY EXTENDS BEYOND THE FRIENDS PROGRAM AND OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY SUPPORTING MANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING HIS CATERING SERVICES, TO ASSIST IN FUND RAISING EFFORTS. WE ARE MOST FORTUNATE TO BE ONE OF THE MANY BENEFICIARIES.
THE FRIENDS PROGRAM AND, MORE SPECIALLY THOSE SUPPORTED AS PART OF OUR YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM, WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALAN FOR ALL THAT HE HAS DONE OVER THESE MANY YEARS.

SO PLEASE JOIN ME AS THE FRIENDS PROGRAM BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESENTS ITS 2016 JAMES S. DOREMUS AWARD TO ALAN ANDRIAN.