

Michael Balcomb's Headquarters Staff Wins 2013 Peace King Cup Fishing Tournament Prizes

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Winner, coordinators and first mates of the 2013 fishing tournament receive their trophies at the awards ceremony at the HSA-UWC headquarters in New York City. Top row from Left to right: Dr. Michael Balcomb, Susan Bouachri, Luis Araujo on behalf of winner Henrique Cerutti, Naokimi Ushiroda on behalf of Neal Ichinohe, Heesook Kibe, Yukari Takashima, Captain Kensaku Takahashi and Captain Steve Kearney. Bottom row from left to right: Koichi Nakai on behalf of Jaga Gavin, Karlsun Allen, Seichi To, Takashi Yashiro and Henry Matthews.

The annual *Peace King Cup Fishing Tournament* on the Hudson River concluded after 21-days on Thursday, May 23, 2013, and of all the 81 participants the six winners were staff members of HSA-UWC.

The tournament was established in 2000 by National Ocean Church to commemorate the Holy Wedding Anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon. An awards ceremony for the winners was held on Thursday, May 30, 2013, at the HSA-UWC headquarters in New York City.



Henrique Cerutti from New Jersey, earned first prize with his striped bass that measured 40 inches and 23 pounds.

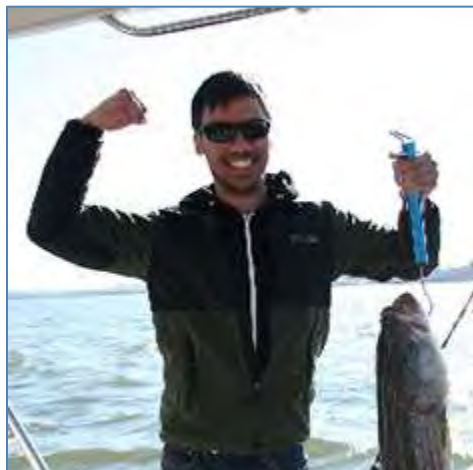
Susan Bouachri, HSA-UWC director of human resources and a captain during the Peace King Cup Fishing Tournament, organized the awards ceremony and welcomed the participants to the ceremony, “We hadn’t necessarily planned for this very occasion and prestigious event to take place here at headquarters, but since out of all the 81 fishing tournament participants the fact that all six winners came from our own very headquarters ranks, we decided to have the awards ceremony here at headquarters.”

This year’s tournament participants came from the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) New Jersey church, the New Jersey Korean Evangelical Association (KEA) church, the New York church, Kodan, and all departments of HSA-UWC headquarters.

Together with Bouachri, the tournament was also organized by Captain Kensaku Takahashi, the Ocean Church leader who has also captained Rev. Moon’s boat when he was in the United States. Captain Takahashi has been working with Ocean Church for more than 10 years.

“Thank you so much for your hard work,” Captain Takashi said at the awards ceremony to the participants of the fishing tournament. “When I started this tournament, I was by myself and a little nervous. But Rev. Eric Holt supported the tournament, and he suggested that I work together with Susan [Bouachri] and Steve Kearney as captains. According to Rev. Holt’s and Susan’s suggestions, we

included new [Unificationist-born youth] first mates in the tournament. Three of the four first mates are here with us today: Henry Matthews, Seishi To and Takashi Yashiro. James Galvan was not able to make it to the awards ceremony today. Even though I am 65 years old and pushed myself, they helped me so much.”



With the striped bass measuring in at 40 inches and 18 pounds, Neal Ichinohe won the second prize.

Captain Takahashi said going out on the water every day inspired him to pass down the traditions of Ocean Church to the next generation, “The headquarters members were so inspiring. Everyday during the tournament I took them out to the water and they caught big fish. So this made me very happy. In the future I want to support the Unification movement through ocean activity. Together with Ocean Church work we can inherit True Father’s tradition and pass it on to the next generation.”

Bouachri thanked the young first mates and said, “With our first mates we hope they can become captains-in-training as it is the time to raise the next generation of fisherman and women. We have an idea brewing that this summer we may continue some type of program to encourage younger Unificationists to get a taste of the salty life and high adventures of the sea.”



Heesook Kibe came in third place with her striped bass that measured in 37 inches and 24 pounds.

Dr. Michael Balcomb, president of HSA-UWC and Captain Takahashi, then awarded the prizes out to the winners. The first prize of \$500, a trophy, and a fishing rod that had been prepared for Rev. Moon, was awarded to Henrique Cerutti, whose bass measured 40 inches and 23 pounds. Cerutti was not present at the ceremony, therefore Luis Arajuo accepted his award on his behalf. The second- through sixth places were awarded to Unificationist-born youth. The second prize of \$300 and a trophy went to Neal Ichinohe, Leadership Program staff member, whose fish measured 40 inches 18 pounds, whose award was received on his behalf by Naokimi Ushiroda, the Leadership Program director. The third- to sixth place prizes were recognized by trophies varying in height that went to Heesook Kibe, graphic designer at HSA-UWC (37 inches 24 pounds), Yukari Takashima, executive secretary (35.5 inches 10 pounds), Jaga Gavin, Lead with Impact director (35 inches 20 pounds) and Karlsun Allen, assistant to Rev. David Rendel, director of operations (35 inches and 13 pounds), respectively.

Dr. Balcomb, gave a brief story about a time he went fishing with Rev. Moon and said, “By fishing we are able to keep the memory of Father [Moon] alive and it serves as a wonderful honor to him.”