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Sennott has Penn (award) in hand



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PENN AWARD GIVEN TO SENNOTT – Puritan Cape Cod President Rick Penn presents retired Barnstable Patriot publisher Rob Sennott with the 2009 Abraham Penn Community Award Feb. 2. A \$1,000 contribution in Sennott's name will be presented to the Hyannis Area Chamber of Commerce, which nominated him.

11th Abraham Penn Community Award presented to former *Patriot* publisher

A year ago, then-*Barnstable Patriot* publisher Rob Sennott covered the 10th annual Abraham Penn Community award, taking photos of the event for the paper.

On Feb. 2, Sennott was on the other side of the camera receiving the award from Puritan Cape Cod.

In presenting the award, Puritan Cape Cod President Rick Penn noted Sennott's work as a past president of the Hyannis Area Chamber of Commerce, a founding director of the Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District, the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod and as a founder of the John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum Foundation.

Nominations for the Penn Award are made by local chambers of commerce to recognize individuals who exemplify the principles of Puritan Cape Cod founder Abraham Penn: service to the customer and community.

"He would rather make a friend than a sale," Penn said of his grandfather during the ceremony, held at Puritan Cape Cod's flagship store on Main Street in Hyannis.

Sennott said that he tried to balance those core principles as publisher. He and his wife, Toni, moved to West Barnstable in 1994 after purchasing *The Barnstable Patriot*. He retired in December.

"It's really been my honor and Toni's honor to be a part of this community," Sennott said after receiving the award. "I'm touched very deeply and I thank you."

The award was a surprise to Sennott, who was brought to the store by HACC President Deborah Converse under the guise of a JFK Foundation meeting.

Converse, a past recipient of the award for her work at Housing Assistance Corp. And a housing authority member, said that the donation will be used by the JFK Museum foundation for opportunities at the museum.