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The Thomas Paine Cottage Museum, 20 Sicard Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10804, a not-for-profit historic house museum, formerly the home of the famous founding father and currently the headquarters of the Huguenot & New Rochelle Historical Association, is pleased to announce its annual **“In the Spirit of Thomas Paine” Awards**.

This first annual award sponsored by the Cottage in New Rochelle is given to a recipient who is a broadcast or print journalist, commentator or author who exemplifies, on a national level, in Paine’s own words,

“But such is the irresistible nature of truth, that all it asks, and all it wants is the liberty of appearing.”

Its recipient will be the keynote speaker and have a book signing at the Awards Dinner to be held Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at the VIP Country Club, 600 Davenport Avenue, New Rochelle. Cocktails and the book signing will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Community Award recipients will be local persons and organizations whose actions strive to enhance the community.

The Huguenot & New Rochelle Historical Association is pleased to announce this year’s journalist award recipient...**Dick Morris**. Morris handled the winning campaigns for President Bill Clinton, Republican Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, Pete Wilson of California and more than 30 other major political candidates. Today, Morris focuses his energies as a media commentator and author. He pens regular columns for the New York Post, Newsmax, the Hill Magazine and dozens of other publications. He is also regularly seen on the Fox News Network as a political commentator.

Our three Community Award recipients are lead by **Trinity St. Paul's Episcopal Church**. Worship has taken place on this site since 1688 and this year marks their 322nd Anniversary. The parish comes from diverse racial, national, cultural, economic and religious backgrounds and they find unity in worship, social education and outreach, such as a soup kitchen that prepares more than 500 meals a week.

The next organization to be honored is **Metro+Med**, which has served the New Rochelle community for 26 years. Founded by Dr. John E. Jacoby, this practice brings primary healthcare and medicine to individuals, families and businesses of the community.

Finally we are honoring our own President and Treasurer, **Norman and Sydelle Herzberg**. Long-time residents of New Rochelle, the Herzbergs have been in the forefront of preserving the history of New Rochelle for future generations. They collectively have 53 years of service to the Huguenot & New Rochelle Historical Association and its predecessor, the Huguenot and Thomas Paine Association.

The Awards Dinner will take place Wednesday, November 17, 2010, at the VIP Country Club, 600 Davenport Avenue, New Rochelle. A cocktail hour and Dick Morris' book signing will begin at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m. The dinner ticket price, per person is \$75. The special ticket price, including the dinner, a signed copy of the Dick Morris book "*2010, Take Back America*", and a photograph of yourself with Morris, is \$250. Reservations must be made in advance and can be made until November 15, 2010 by calling 914-633-1776 or 914-632-7745.