

Dr. Maung Htoo Wins The 2007 Margery Sachs Service Award

The twelfth annual Margery Sachs Service Award was presented to Dr. Maung Htoo, Chairman of the Town of LaGrange Conservation Advisory Council and member of the Board of Directors of New York State Association of Conservation Commissions (NYSACC). The award was presented on October 20th at the 2007 New York State Conference on the Environment which was held in Schenectady, NY.

This Award is given in memory of Margery Sachs, one of NYSACC's original directors, and is presented to an individual for "Life-long Environmental Concern and Service".

Dr. Htoo has first hand knowledge of environmental issues not only in the Town of LaGrange but also in his native country of Burma (Myanmar) and in several other countries he has recently visited, such as South Africa, Australia, Thailand, India, Nepal, Mauritius, Peru and the Galapagos Islands in Ecuador.

Dr. Htoo went on a Rotary Club mission in 2005 to South India to donate fishing nets to a small fishing village which was destroyed by a tsunami and received the Outstanding International Rotarian Award from the Mayiladuthurai Rotary Club in India.

He has been chairman of the Town of LaGrange Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) since 2003. He is responsible for revitalizing the CAC after it had been dormant for several years by relentlessly recruiting qualified new members and improving the working relationship between the Town Board and the CAC. Several new projects have been implemented under his leadership and the Town of LaGrange CAC has made significant contributions to



the preservation of the natural environment in the town.

For these achievements, the CAC received the Greenway Award from Dutchess County in 2005 and three consecutive NYSACC Action Awards in 2005, 2006 and 2007. This is well earned and unprecedented.

Dr. Htoo feels that the secret of success for any CAC is the chemical formula (CO3)-Commitment, Cooperation and Communication amongst all members and between the town board and CAC. He is

well liked for his friendly demeanor, enthusiasm and hard work. He received a certificate of appreciation from the Town Board for his leadership of the LaGrange CAC in December 2005.

In addition to this work, Dr. Htoo serves as President of Vassar Brothers Institute, a 1000 member organization dedicated to the promotion of useful knowledge in Science, Literature and Art in the community: Director of Dutchess County Regional Science Fair: and a member and past president of the Arlington Rotary Club. He is an Adjunct Professor in Chemistry at Marist College and Physical Science at Dutchess Community College. He resides with his wife, Anne, in the town of LaGrange. Dr. Htoo has four beautiful, loving "green" daughters and three "eco-friendly" grandchildren. His hobbies are traveling, biking and physical fitness.

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