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Symposium Report

NYSGS MICHAEL RUBERTO AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

During the People in Quandaries Symposium, Martin Levinson presented the NYSGS’s Michael Ruberto Award for Distinguished Service to Allen Flagg. Before making the presentation, Levinson offered the following remarks:

Allen Flagg has been involved with general semantics ever since he attended a lecture at the New York Academy of Sciences and asked to be placed on the New York Society for General Semantics mailing list, 54 years ago. Since then he has attended half a dozen or more Institute for General Semantics seminars and most of the Alfred Korzybski Memorial lectures; has taught GS classes for IBM, the New School, Queens College, and Fairfield University; has written articles for the General Semantics Bulletin and ETC; and has provided superb leadership as the president of the New York Society for General Semantics.

In addition to these many accomplishments Allen is also a Renaissance man. He is a benefactor member of the New York Road Runners Club, and has many trophies from races that he has won over the years, and he is the vice president of FIONS (Friends of the Institute of Noetic Science), an organization that is very involved in working with dreams.

Allen’s goals regarding general semantics were published in an interview that I conducted with him in the July issue of ETC. In that interview he stated that we need to get more people involved with general semantics and show them that GS is a multi-faceted discipline that expands one’s awareness of oneself and the world. If anyone can accomplish these goals, Allen can. He’s been doing those things for more than five decades and to honor his hard work and commitment to GS. I would like to present Allen with the New York Society for General Semantics Michael Ruberto Award, which is given to individuals who have provided distinguished service to general semantics. He more than deserves it. Allen, please accept your award.