



*Joanna Flanagan (L) and Bridget Couture (R) both received the LWVO Memorial Scholarship in 2012. Center: Jim Ward, member of the former LWVO.*

### **L.W.V.O. Memorial Scholarship**

Greater Worcester Community Foundation

When the Lithuanian War Veterans Organization (LWVO) ceased to operate, its former members sold the club's Shrewsbury building and created this scholarship with the revenue. First awarded in 2011, it is given to students of Lithuanian descent who are relatives of former club members, or veterans or relatives of veterans.

The LWVO was founded in 1946 at the end of World War II. At first, the club met in rented spaces around Worcester. In 1953, the club bought a building on Lake Quinsigamond in

Shrewsbury. Members enjoyed fishing, swimming and boating, as well as cookouts, parties and Friday Night Seafood Specials. The LWVO Drum & Bugle Corps participated in numerous parades and dedications, and members were active in local leagues such as billiards, cribbage, shuffleboard, darts, basketball, and horseshoes. The club was so popular it formed a Women's Auxiliary for wives, mothers, sisters and daughters, as well as a Rear Echelon for other family members and friends who wished to associate with the group.

The club, comprised largely of World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War veterans, began to decline as its members aged. Membership dues increasingly paid for military funerals and assistance to those who were hospitalized. In 2004, the club initiated the sale of its property. At the time of its closing, it numbered 42 members. They were consoled by the creation of this scholarship, a permanent legacy of the club's vibrant 58-year existence and an ongoing source of financial support for Lithuanian students.

For more information, please contact:  
**Greater Worcester Community Foundation**  
370 Main Street, Suite 650 • Worcester, MA 01608  
508-755-0980 • [scholar@greaterworchester.org](mailto:scholar@greaterworchester.org)