

## Annual Awards Given To Pilots of the Year

The air up there in the clouds is very pure and fine, bracing and delicious. And why shouldn't it be? —it is the same the angels breathe."

Mark Twain's words from *Roughing It* resonate deep in the hearts of pilots, especially our Angel Flight pilots whose love for flying is surpassed only by love for their fellow man.

This year, as in years past, we seek to recognize our volunteers' outstanding service through Angel Flight awards, presented at the annual banquet. This year's event was on April 16, and, like last year, was held at the elegant Founder's Inn in Virginia Beach.

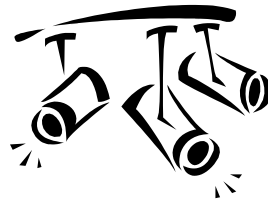
The Pilot of the Year for each state in our 10-state region was honored. The five in attendance received plaques acknowledging their "unselfish giving of time and resources to help those in need." Those unable to attend will receive their plaques by mail.

**The Mid-Atlantic Pilot of the Year** went to Neil Kaye of Wilmington, Del.

**Pilots of the Year** in their respective states are as follows:

- **Delaware**—Len Thomas & Brett Lunger
- **Ohio**—Hank Olden
- **North Carolina**—Alan Copeland
- **Michigan**—Brian Meehan
- **West Virginia**—Cleveland Benedict
- **Tennessee**—Victor (Jim) Osborne
- **Kentucky**—Steve Koch
- **Maryland**—Michael Jones
- **Pennsylvania**—John Clough
- **Virginia**—David Abrahamson & Richard Love

### SPOTLIGHT ON DR. KAYE



Neil Kaye is a forensic psychiatrist and Angel Flight pilot who flew 34 flights in 2004 in his helicopter, a Robinson 44 four-seater. Kaye and his wife Susan, a pathologist, live in Wilmington, Del., and own a second home on the remote island of Tangier, Va.

Kaye, 47, has been flying for four years and signed on with Angel Flight last June. "I started flying mostly Tangier people," the New York native says. "Tangier is an ideal spot for my chopper. I try to take as many flights as I can."

He is an assistant professor of psychiatry and human behavior, and an assistant professor of family practice at the Thomas Jefferson University College of Medicine.

Special favorites are helicopters, birds, food and wine. His chopper is named "Egret."

"Flying for Angel Flight is extremely rewarding," he says. I have learned much from my passengers...I believe it has made me a better doctor. I always consider it a privilege to be allowed into their [patients'] lives and to fly them.

"I try to do whatever I can to make the flight more comfortable, but the person is always so grateful that they never ask for anything. It puts my life in perspective."

Check out Dr. Kaye's website: [www.courtpsychiatrist.com](http://www.courtpsychiatrist.com)



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**Congratulations to our volunteers for their Angelic service!**