

Compare & Save Supermarkets wins award for family business

By Seth Daniel

When Al Calvo worked as an engineer for more than 30 years, his work troubles were things he could leave at the office and then recharge at home with his family.

Fast forward to his retirement, and his successful venture into leading the Chelsea-based family-run Compare & Save Supermarkets, and it's a whole different story about work life and home life - where in a family business such as his - the two often mix and mingle.

"Family businesses have a unique set of issues and problems," said Calvo this week. "It's not like any other business. I was an engineer for 35 years before I retired and got involved in this business full time. I see the differences and can really respect them. If you work for someone else, you leave the problems at work. If you work with family, you bring business issues home and discuss them at the dinner table. That can be tricky."

Calvo and his wife, Betty, run their Chelsea and Lynn supermarket chain with their daughter, Vivian Iannotti, and her husband Marc Iannotti. As a resource to help with the family business, they have been part of the Northeastern University Center for Family Business - which offers advice, workshops and seminars to area families running businesses.

In fact, they have become as valuable to the institute as the institute has become valuable to them. Last month, they were surprised to learn at the 9th Annual Family Business Awards that they had won the Family Business of the Year for a medium sized company (25 to 100 employees).

Calvo said it was a big sur-



Betty and Al Calvo at their Chelsea Bellingham Square store this week, on the heels of winning the Family Business of the Year Award (medium size game) from the Northeastern University Center for Family Business.

prise.

"We knew we were nominated, but it was really a pleasant surprise when they announced we had won," he said.

Calvo said the family has learned a great deal from the working groups, especially from Tom Piantedosi of Piantedosi Baking Company in Malden - a multi-generational family business.

"It's been a very good program for us because I'm always needing input," he said. "For example, Tom Piantedosi is very helpful in our group and a wealth of knowledge. It's very good to have that resource at your disposal. When a problem comes up, you can pick up the phone and consult. It's not what you learn in business school. It's very different."

The Center is run by Ted Clark, who is also a professor at Northeastern University.

Calvo said they have learned that conflict can be solvable in family businesses, and have learned the tools to make sure such issues don't

come up.

"The goodness of a family business is the passion they bring," Calvo said. "That positive passion is not felt in other businesses. The other side are the issues of decision making. Sometimes business decisions go against the family interest or values and that can be difficult. What do you do? Do you put your family first or your business first? Ted Clark believes these are solvable issues. If the family is in line with the business values, it should be fine. The case in point is what happened last year with Demoulas. That family conflict about brought the company down. Fortunately, it worked out, but at a very, very high cost."

The Calvo and Iannotti families have run the business in Chelsea for 18 years, with the Dominguez family as partners, but not active in the business. Their store in Lynn has been open for 10 years. The Center for Family Business gives three awards away every year for business. This is the first time that Compare has won.



At the June 11 Awards ceremony, (L-R) Peter Howe (NECN Business Editor and MC for the event), Alberto and Betty Calvo / Vivian and Marc Iannotti (Stop and Compare Supermarkets), and Ted Clark, director, Northeastern University Center for Family Business and Executive Professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

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rector and a CRWES Board Member, has worked with Cunningham over the years in Emergency Planning Programs, which have been recognized by State and Federal officials.

He recalled that the Chelsea Jewish community named Cunningham as the first 'Mensch of the Year'.

Ellen Howe, current Board president, praised Cunningham's efforts to provide programs and services to thousands of elders, persons with disabilities, and their families. Howe indicated that the Board of Directors voted not to replace Cunningham, but rather to merge with Mystic Valley Elder Services.

"In this day and age of consolidations of hospitals, banks, pharmacies, and retail

stores, it makes sense for us to join forces with a larger entity," said Carol Tye, clerk of the Corporation.

"Some of the advantages will be the ability to link up with additional health care programs and hospitals, to draw upon larger funding opportunities, and to establish overall efficiencies in the programs." Charles Chapman, Treasurer of the Board, stated, "Hillary Clinton said that it takes a village to raise a child, but it takes an agency to replace Jim Cunningham."

Cunningham was honored with a luncheon and retirement party at the Wyndham Hotel in Chelsea on Tuesday, June 30. The Board presented him with a Chelsea Clock as a token of its gratitude.



Retiring CRW Elder Services CEO Jim Cunningham addresses the crowd at his retirement party on Tuesday, June 30, in the Wyndham Hotel. The first elder home care service in the state, Cunningham has led the critical organization for 39 years.

POLICE Log

Sunday, 6/14

Edwin Ibanez, 27, 589 Broadway, Chelsea, was arrested for warrants.

Monday, 6/15

Ronny Lee Morales, 25, 6 Rhodes Ave., Lynn, was arrested for unarmed robbery and assault and battery.

Katie Clements, 29, 32 Whitman St., Somerville, was arrested for unarmed robbery.

Kamaya Farikafi, 19, 780 Albany St., Boston, was arrested for warrants.

Manuel Escobar, 45, 294 Washington Ave., Chelsea, was arrested for operation of motor vehicle unlicensed, red light violation.

Charles McCarthy, 20, 34 Ashland St., Taunton, was arrested on warrants.

Raul Figueroa, 29, 14 Marie Apt. #2, Dorchester, was arrested on a warrant.

Abel Reis, 52, 204 Washington Ave., Chelsea, was arrested for breaking and entering daytime for felony, malicious destruction of property, larceny of motor vehicle, extortion by threat of injury.

Vincent Patracia, 46, 4 Atherton Ct., Lynnfield, was arrested for firearm kidnapping.

Jackson Perez, 24, 91 Chestnut St., Lynn, was arrested for firearm kidnapping.

Edward Ramos, 33, 314 Beach St., Revere, was arrested for firearm kidnapping.

Tuesday, 6/16

Wayne Lark, 58, 10 Magnolia St., Dorchester, was arrested for carrying a dangerous weapon, possessing Class B drug, possessing to distribute Class B drug.

Thursday, 6/18

Meghan Mastrangelo, 33, 106 Mountain Ave., Revere, was arrested on warrants.

Oscar Justiniano, 22, 121 Hawthorne St., Chelsea, was arrested for distribute Class B drug, possessing to distribute Class B drug.

Dana Judge, 45, 95 Barker St., North Andover, was arrested for possessing Class B drug.

Jason Amaral, 28, 11 Pelham Terrace, Arlington, was arrested on a warrant.

Robert Soroka, 41, 5 Admirals Way, Chelsea, was arrested on a warrant.

Jose Rivera, 29, 25 Trotter Ct., Boston, was arrested on warrants.

Friday, 6/19

Xavier Lara, 24, 30B Beverly St., Revere, was arrested for possessing to distribute Class E Drug, possessing Class B drug.

Saturday, 6/20

Erik Ortiz, 30, 201 Essex St., Lynn, was arrested for shoplifting.

Sunday, June 21

Ramon Valdez, 31, of 43 Eleanor Street, Chelsea, was arrested for trespassing.

Eliseo Guerra, 26, of 30 Hawthorne Street, Chelsea, was arrested for malicious destruction of property over \$250.

Lisa Ortie, 37, of 27 Lynn Street, Chelsea, was arrested for outstanding warrant of larceny over \$250.

Monday, June 22

Hector M. Lopez, 36, of 68 Williams Street, Chelsea, was arrested for misdemeanor warrant default and felony warrant default.

Luis Lopreto, 29, of 69 Shurtleff Street, Chelsea, was arrested for unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.

Jolene Garrity, 32, homeless, was arrested for misdemeanor warrant default.

Michael G. Dewhurst, 40, of 41 Vokes Terrace, Lynnfield, was arrested for outstanding warrant for larceny over \$250 and receiving stolen vehicle.

Tuesday, June 23

Samuel Dos Santos, 22, of 38 Enon Street, Beverly, was arrested for unlicensed operation of motor vehicle and unregistered motor vehicle.

Anthony A. Sacco, 29, of 30 W. Broad Avenue, South Boston, was arrested for parole violation.

Heather Ann Gormley, 38, of 96 Holyoke, Lynn, was arrested for outstanding warrant for prostitution.

Christopher Steriti, 29, of 269 Border Street, East Boston, was arrested for possession of Class A drug.

Wednesday, June 24

Jessica Taormina, 28, of 4 Trase Street, Gloucester, was arrested for outstanding warrant for possession of Class B drug and outstanding warrant for conspiracy to violate CSA.

Thursday, June 25

Simon Sandoval, 54, of 84 Shawmut Street, Chelsea, was arrested for unlicensed operation or motor vehicle,

negligent operation of motor vehicle, failing to slow at intersection and speeding.

Basil A. Tedesco, 55, of 6 Everett Street, East Boston, was arrested for possession of Class A drug, possession of Class C drug and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Heriberto Lebron, 64, of 165 Hawthorne Street, Chelsea, was arrested for two counts of possession of Class A drug, drug violation near school/park and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Charmaine Perkins, 48, of 54 Cottage Street, Chelsea, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Lynne F. Walsh, 54, of 132 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Michael Concepcion, 22, of 55 Grove Street, Chelsea, was arrested for probation warrant.

Emmitt Simpkins, 20, of 86 Norfolk Street, Boston, was arrested for two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, threat to commit a crime and disorderly conduct.

Friday, June 26

Domenic M. Strazzulla, 53, of 10 Forsyth Street, Chelsea, was arrested for outstanding warrant for larceny, two counts of assault and battery on a police officer, and two counts of witness intimidation.

Pereira Hedilberto Sosa, 38, of 37 Bloomingdale Street, Chelsea, was arrested for outstanding warrant for trespassing, outstanding warrant for being disorderly and outstanding warrant for assault and battery.

Merritt B. Moraski III, 52, of 48 Blossom Street, Chelsea, was arrested for two counts of assault and battery, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and strangulation or suffocation on person.

Dennis J. Sentner, 62, of 105 Franklin Avenue, Revere, was arrested for outstanding warrant for a bomb threat.

Oliver A. Arevalo, 31, of 58 County Road, Chelsea, was arrested for outstanding warrant for unlicensed operation of motor vehicle and unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.

Andrew J. Babigumira, 30, of 62 Garden Circle, Waltham, was arrested for outstanding warrant for trespassing.

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the water."

The Council would also have to endorse the plan, and a tentative date for the Economic Development Board is scheduled for July 23.

DePriest said a hotel developer has already expressed interest in obtaining a portion of that waterfront site to build another hotel. Word on the street is that the developer is Colwen Hotels, which has already built several hotels in Chelsea, but that could not yet

be confirmed.

Another one acre site on the waterfront parcel, DePriest said, would be reserved for some sort of park or activation zone.

"We would really like residents to gain some sort of access to the waterfront, whether it's a park or a building or something like that," he said. "We don't really have that access to the water now."

On the state front, the DPA process is still ongoing and is

separate from the City's land swap plan.

The state is expected to issue a draft report on the DPA removal in October or November. That will result in a 30-day comment period, and then a Draft Final Report in December, with another 30-day comment period.

An overall Harbor Plan would likely come 12 to 18 months afterward.

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of the Judean S & A Club in Chelsea before heading off to World War I.

Tragically, he was the first Jewish boy from Chelsea killed in the big war.

The Judean Club organizer, Jack Kriteiman, started a movement throughout Chelsea to get a memorial to his friend, Address, at the junction of Everett Avenue, Walnut Street and Third Street.

Kriteiman petitioned the Board of Alderman for the change. At the time, former Alderman Samuel Falkof was running for office in what was Ward 2 and he promised to donate his entire salary, if elected, to build the memorial and the appropriate fencing.

The club members reportedly began a campaign, which culminated on Sept. 23, 1920, when they held a carnival at the Chelsea Theatre to raise money. Falkof was also elected, with the help of the Judean Club,

and therefore donated his salary to the effort.

In the end, they were very successful, and were able to dedicate the memorial on Oct. 31, 1920.

More than 10,000 people showed up at the dedication, with Falkof placing a bronze monument to all those from Chelsea who died in World War I at the base of Address Square.

Guests of honor at the ceremony were Major-General David Shank, Judge David Lourie, Mayor Melvin B. Breath, ex-Rep. Maurice Caro, Alderman Sam Falkof and Jacob Hamberg.

Mrs. Henry F. Hanff, a Gold Star mother of World War I, unveiled the monument.

Monument committee members were Kriteiman, Barney Bookstein, Nathan Shapiro, Murray Quint, Jacob Tuton, Harry and Julius Averdun, David Hoffman, William Hoffman, Jacob and Benjamin Baer,

Max Siders, Harry Sugarman, Abraham Salvansky, Morris Lichenstein, Samuel and Louis Kriteiman, Israel Landi, Edward Silberstein, David Price, Samuel Low, Benjamin Guttenberg, Max Baker, Morris Slotnick, Hyman Silverman, Benjamin Yabovitz, and Louis Alstadter.

Time has certainly moved on.

Nowadays, Max Address Square, of course, is right squarely where the onramp is located for the Mystic/Tobin Bridge on Everett Avenue.

It's long, long gone.

We wonder if those 10,000 saddened souls gathered to remember their friend, the first Jewish boy from Chelsea killed in World War I, could have ever imagined a towering bridge carrying an interstate highway would trump their efforts for a soldier who had died in combat?