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Claire Receives 2005 Jarvis Farley Award at Academy

WASHINGTON, D.C. – **Donna R. Claire**, a member of the American Academy of Actuaries, received the 2005 Jarvis Farley Service Award at its annual meeting, October 10-11 in Washington, D.C. The outgoing Academy president, Robert E. Wilcox, presented the award to Claire.

In accepting the award, Claire said that volunteering for the Academy has led to many friendships through the years... “My time spent volunteering with the Academy was more than paid back by the great friends I made and the chance to make a difference,” Claire said.

Claire, an actuary who practices in the life insurance field, has been an active volunteer at the Academy since 1990, serving on more than 50 committees, task forces and work groups. She is the immediate past vice president of the Life Practice Council at the Academy. She is a fellow of the Society of Actuaries, fellow of the Life Management Institute, chartered life underwriter, and a chartered financial consultant. In an interview with Bloomberg Radio earlier this year, Claire told listeners she never doubted that she would do well in actuarial work because she was at the top of her class in high school mathematics. The radio program was dedicated to a discussion among professional women about remarks by Harvard president Larry Summers, who questioned whether gender was the reason why women are not as well represented as men in mathematics and the sciences. Claire is the third woman to receive this award.

Claire resides in Fort Salonga, NY, with her husband Martin, who is also an actuary. She owns her own actuarial consulting company, Claire Thinking, Inc.

The award was established in 1991 in honor of Jarvis Farley, one of the Academy’s charter members. Farley was a highly respected figure in the actuarial profession, who gave tirelessly to the Academy. The Academy presents the award to an individual who continues Farley’s spirit of volunteer service to the actuarial profession.

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