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INDIVIDUAL HONOREE**

Romy Toussaint

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



"The contributions of **Church & Dwight** are setting a great example for other corporations who we hope will join with local and larger scale efforts for environmental conservation. C&D management are showing their true colors!

Mike came to us at the time we needed him most. Widely respected for his stewardship work throughout the state, he brought FoHVOS to a new level of preservation. He's inspired us all through dedication and deep environmental understanding. Native plants rule! Invasives no longer have run of the house!

Romy expands the outdoor mindset in a beautiful way. She brings people into the natural environment to find a fuller expression of their true nature with nature. She honors the journey to bring change and serenity.

Carol Kleis

FoHVOS Past President & Board Member



A woman with short, wavy blonde hair is smiling broadly, showing her teeth. She is wearing a pink patterned top. The background is a lush green field of tall, thin plants with clusters of small pink flowers. Several yellow and black butterflies are seen flying and resting on the flowers. A white speech bubble is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing a testimonial.

“**Romy** is transformative – she is a magician for the soul...and a best friend! I will do handstands and cartwheels with her always!”

Betsy Bell

A monarch butterfly with orange and black wings is perched on a white aster flower. The background is a lush green field of similar flowers.

“**Romy** you have proven you are the
“Energy Queen” of the natural world.
Thank you for connecting the energy of
nature to so many!”

Judith Karp
FoHVOS Vice President



"**Romy** has changed the way I look at the world and live my life, especially in decision making. Romy taught me this: Ask yourself: Is it a full body, YES? If it is, you know what to do."

Leslie Hollander

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"**Romy** is a master teacher, simply the best I've ever had in 30 years of practice, but it is the way she knows how to touch the deepest parts of your soul that is the magic and beauty of my dear friend"

Colleen Woods



"I am forever grateful for all you've done to further the FoHVOS mission. My Captain, My Yogi, and Dr. Death -- You know who you are!"

Lisa Wolff

FoHVOS Executive Director



“**Romy** is my inspiration to continually be a better person. She has helped me to always be curious, approach life with an attitude of 'how much fun can I have' and learn to acknowledge my full body yes!”

Stephanie Wakeman

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“Whether it's quiet time on the mat or stair-climbing silliness, our time together [with **Romy** is always special.”

Carrie Bouton



“Who else would go running with a friend in frigid temps - to the point where your water bottles freeze? Who else would introduce you to crystal bowl healing? Who else opens her home and her heart as often? There is only one.....**Romy.**”

Fiona Herr

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“**Romy** has been a savior for me during difficult losses with Covid with her Body Thrive year long immersion class, weekly yoga classes, weekend visit at Chautauqua, hikes at Tyler State Park, Hopewell retreat, and many loving and helpful texts and phone conversations. I am forever grateful for her and how she has healed, inspired, and strengthened me and so many others. She's also the most fun person I know!”

Sandra Nicholson

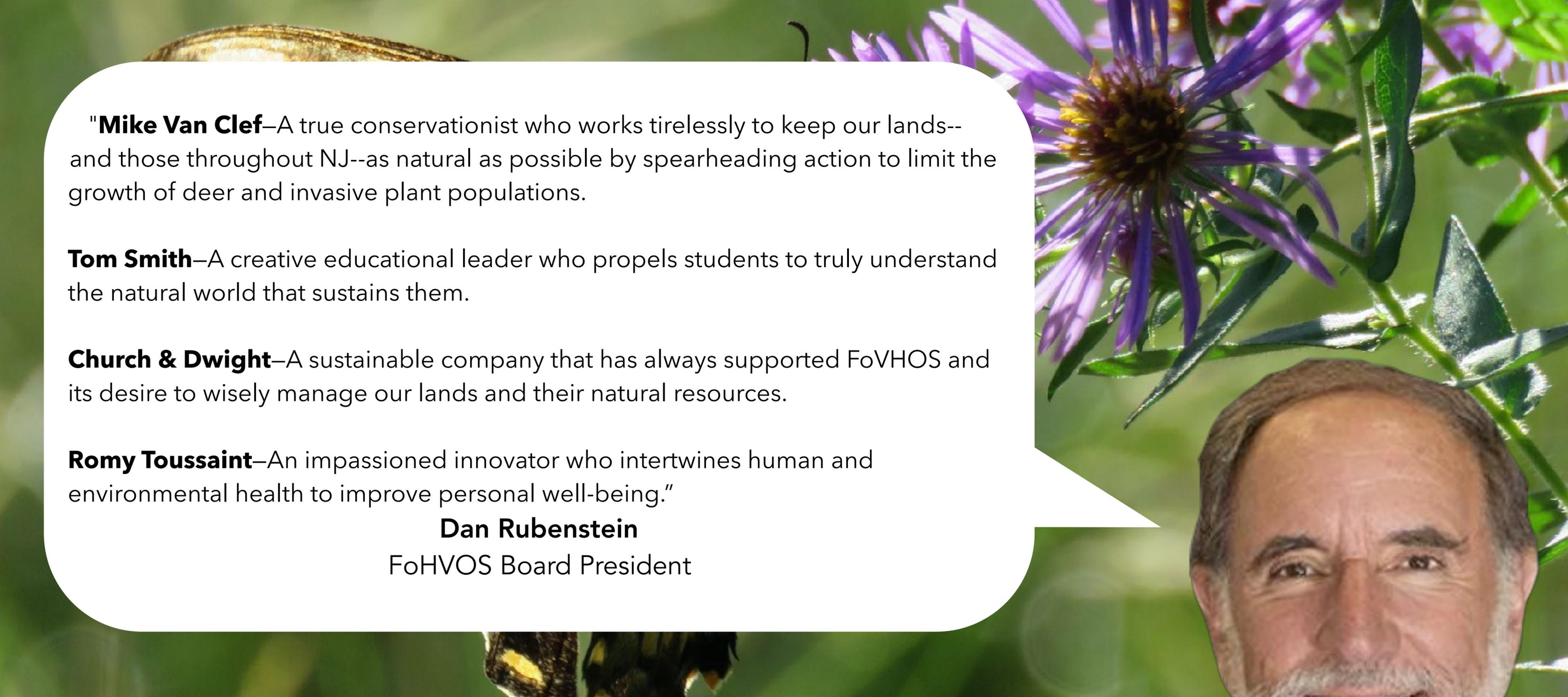


"I swing on vines in the forest with whooping with glee, jump into lakes, and do tree pose in a tree all because of **Romy's** powerful influence! Romy breaks down my internal barriers."

Geraldine Pierre

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"**Mike Van Clef**—A true conservationist who works tirelessly to keep our lands--and those throughout NJ--as natural as possible by spearheading action to limit the growth of deer and invasive plant populations.

Tom Smith—A creative educational leader who propels students to truly understand the natural world that sustains them.

Church & Dwight—A sustainable company that has always supported FoVHOS and its desire to wisely manage our lands and their natural resources.

Romy Toussaint—An impassioned innovator who intertwines human and environmental health to improve personal well-being."

Dan Rubenstein
FoHVOS Board President



"**Mike** has developed an important practical link between FoHVOS preserves and deep ecological issues of our time, especially the need to stop the spread of forest and field invasives. The Strike Team rules!

The environmental leadership and financial help by **Church & Dwight** has made a real difference to FoHVOS projects. They are early movers in the coming broader green movement to sustainability.

Romy's creative approach to forest kinesthetics matters to FoHVOS because it promotes a deeper appreciation of land preservation. The woods and fields of FoHVOS resonate with her positive energy!"

Rex Parker

Hopewell Township Environmental Commission

