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Last Friday, September 7th, was the Watertown Area Boxing Club's "Dinner with a Champion" event, the 10th annual Carmen Basilio Quest for Champions, at the Italian-American Civic Association (I.A.C.A) location. This year, the event organizer Johnny Pepe was joined by special guest Hall of Famer & Former Lightweight Champion of the world: Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini.

At the dinner, Dr. Baird received recognition on behalf of North Country Orthopaedic Group from the Watertown Area Boxing Club.

Dr. Baird, along with Samaritan resident physician Dr. Eunice Jacobs (pictured), coordinate to provide physician coverage for bouts of boxing, continuing Dr. David Van Eenenaam's legacy.

The dinner was followed the next evening by the fighting portion of Carmen Basilio Quest for Champions at Immaculate Heart Central in Watertown, NY. The nine bouts consisted of fighters from the Watertown area, central and western New York, and Canada. Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini was in attendance and enjoyed the event. Click here for Watertown Daily Times' article about the event: [Tenth anniversary of Basilio bouts features star power, new venue in IHC, Chris Fitz Gerald, 9/9/18](#)