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Celebrate Success Business Awards Successful!

"We Tip our Hats to Your Success" proved to be a fitting theme for the recent Celebrate Success Business Awards event held recently to recognize the achievements of the local business community. St. Mary's Cultural Centre was packed with people looking forward to a fine meal and the announcements of the 2010 Award recipients.

From the staff perspective, it was a pleasure to contact businesses to tell them they had been nominated in one or more of the Award categories. Most were pleasantly surprised and gratified to be recognized in such a way.

Reading the nomination forms submitted by the nominators and the kits completed by the businesses was interesting. Many of the businesses nominated have staff who have been with the business for several years. Many businesses nominated have been operating for decades. In fact, the businesses nominated for the Wall of Success Award have logged an accumulated total of more than 800 years of doing business in Yorkton!



Sherry MacDonald and Cassidy Westberg were great ribbon curlers!

With over 100 nominations received, the Judging Panel spent two very long evenings selecting the Finalists in each category. This was no easy task as the businesses that were nominated all deserve recognition. The task of selecting the recipient(s)



Annette German, Amie Zamonsky and Dolores Harris created centerpieces.

of the various awards was even more difficult. Thanks are extended to the judges for accepting this challenge and for giving all the nominations serious consideration.

The Awards evening itself was very grand and had the air of celebration. This was due to the efforts of the Chamber's Marketing committee - Dolores Harris, Lori Walsh, Amie Zamonsky, Cassidy Westberg, Annette German, Sherry MacDonald and Juanita Polegi. This group of highly creative and organized people also had a lot of fun planning the event. Rob Bear joined the committee near the end of the planning but also had input into the event.

Upon the arrival of the Finalists at the hall, Access Communications conducted interviews with each of them and CTV provided professional footage of each of the Finalists as they were introduced for the various Awards. Lori Walsh and Lawrence Wegner were excellent MCs. Their sense of humour and commitment to keeping the program on schedule was appreciated by all. Shannon Deveau took photos of the Award recipients and sponsors.

Congratulations to all the nominees, the finalists and the Award recipients! We'll do it all again in 2012!



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The Community Merit Award recipients were Football Night in Saskatchewan, Habitat for Humanity - Yorkton and the Soup Haven Lunch Program. Accepting the awards were from L to R: Roby Sharpe, FNS; Andrew Rae, HHY; and Kathy Connors, SHLP. Presenting the Awards on behalf of SaskTel was Shelly Dobrowolski.



Bernie Gramyk (bg Denture Clinic) accepted the Property Restoration Award from Mayor James Wilson.



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Ron Boychuk with BMO Bank of Montreal presented the Business Expansion Award to Jason Leclerc of the Painted Hand Casino.



Murray Black of Sask Power presented Barb Khadiken of Terry Ortynsky's Royal Ford with the Business of the Year Award.



Kevin Lukey of Cornerstone Credit Union presented Gene Krepakavich of the Yorkton Co-operative Association with the Community Involvement Award.



Kim Ulmer of RBC Financial Group presented Kathy Novak of Christie's Funeral Home and Crematorium with the Customer Service Award.



Joel Martinuk of Key Chevrolet Cadillac Ltd. presented Brent German of LDM Foods with the New Business Venture Award.



Greg Donnelly of Yorkton Geothermal accepted the Young Entrepreneur Award from Jonas Haywood of TD Canada Trust.



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Gerry Smysnuik of Parker Quine LLP presented the Wall of Success Award to Rick Leland of Stamatinos Leland Campbell LLP.



Laurie Kais of Federowich Construction accepted the Wall of Success Award from Gerry Smysnuik of Parker Quine LLP.

Weber Construction was also a recipient of the Wall of Success Award but was unable to attend the event.



A new award, Work & Family Balance, presented by Richard Okrainec of the Parkland Mall to Kevin Lukey of Cornerstone Credit Union.

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