

The VOICE of Business

2016's Celebrate Success Business Awards Gala

2016's Celebrate Success Business Awards Gala was a highly successful, sold-out event! Over 105 nominations were received for the various categories. From these, the Judging Panel narrowed the field down to 47 finalists. The Judging Panel was also charged with the task of selecting the Small and Large Businesses of the Year.

Chamber Directors Mike Popowich and Gillian Potter served as the evening's MCs. They were well prepared, ensuring the evening progressed in a timely manner. In honour of Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday that day, Gillian proposed a toast to Her Royal Highness. We learned that when toasting royalty, there is no clinking of glasses. Fortunately, with so many award

presentations that evening, there were many opportunities to "clink" and celebrate.

The Yorkton Chamber was pleased that Steve McLellan, CEO Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce was able to attend the Awards Gala. In his comments, Steve congratulated all the businesses for their efforts in making Saskatchewan stronger. He also mentioned how wonderful it was to see so many young business people in the room.

Representing the judges, Ray Bailey, indicated the judges were impressed by the nominated businesses. He said that as there were so many deserving nominees, the selection process was a very



As the Finalists arrived at Celebrate, they were interviewed by Chamber Director Mike Stackhouse and filmed by Access Communications. Evan Ortynsky (L) from Key Chevrolet Cadillac Buick GMC answers one of Mike's questions about the impact being nominated for an Award has on his business.

difficult one. He encouraged the business community to accept the invitation to serve on future Judging Panels as it is such an interesting, though challenging, task. Ray concluded his remarks by saying the nominees and Finalists that they have reason to be proud of themselves.

Following the Judges' comments, the presentations of the Awards began! The Chamber thanks all who contributed to the success of the Awards Gala. Celebrate Success will be back in 2018.



Taylor Lang (L) on behalf of N.L. Construction accepts the Education and Training Award sponsored by Parkland College from College President Dwayne Reeve. Business partner Dustin Nehring is to Dwayne's right.

Congratulations!

- To **Potzus Paving & Road Maintenance** on 50 years in business
- To **SveinCo Developments** on 10 years in business
- To **Yorkton Dodge** on 10 years in business
- To **Skinner Garden Classics** on 25 years in business
- **CrossFit FUNCTION** on 5 years in business
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Cindy Thurston of CIBC presented the Diversity Leadership Award to TA Foods. Accepting the award were Mike and Lana Popowich.



Kevin Lukey of Cornerstone Credit Union presented Terry Ortynsky's Royal Ford with the Community Involvement Award.



The Business Growth and Expansion Award was presented to Marty Sveinbjornson of SveinCo Developments by Ron Boychuk of BMO Bank of Montreal.



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Les Arnelien of the TD Bank presented Taryn Romanowich, owner of CrossFIT Function with the Young Entrepreneur Award.



The Property Restoration Award was sponsored by City of Yorkton. Corey Werner of CORE Real Estate and wife Jeannie accepted the award from Mayor Bob Maloney.

**Upcoming Dates
to Remember**

ABEX Nominations are now open. Visit saskchamber.ca to learn more. Deadline for submissions is **June 15**.

May 9 - 14
Yorkton Spring Yard Waste Clean Up

May 27 - 29
Yorkton Film Festival

July 6 - 9
Yorkton Summer Fair

Sept 15
Chamber Business Lunch

Oct 5
Chamber Business Dinner.
Guest Speaker TBA



Leone and Greg Ottenbreit, representing Brayden Ottenbreit Close Cuts for Cancer, accepted a Community Merit Award from Leanne Woodhouse. Brian Kuspira of the Yorkton Curling Club accepted the Community Merit Award on behalf of the Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling. The Yorkton Lions Club was also a recipient of the Community Merit Award. The Award is sponsored by SaskTel and MySask 411 Direct West.



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Pumphouse Athletic Club was the recipient of the New Business Venture Award sponsored by Key Auto Group. Alicia Simoneau accepted the Award from Evan Otrynsky.



Dennis Dyck accepted the Small Business of the Year Award, also sponsored by EMW Industrial, for 98.5 the Rock.



Receiving the Large Business of the Year Award, sponsored by EMW Industrial, was Yorkton Plumbing and Heating. Accepting the Award was Justin Yawney.



Phoebe Decelles of Under the Covers accepted the Customer Service Award sponsored by RBC Royal Bank from Gillian Potter.

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