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~ PRESS RELEASE ~ Chamber Announces Nominees

The Huntsville/Lake of Bays Chamber of Commerce is thrilled at the number of nominations received for the 6th Annual Bell Huntsville/Lake of Bays Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards. “The response has been overwhelming; I’m so impressed with the business community and customers who support each other. The willingness to recognize those who excel in areas such as customer service, community pride and economic enhancement is exactly what the awards are all about.” stated Tim Cantelon, Chamber President, commenting on the 112 nominations received for the Sixth Annual Bell Huntsville/Lake of Bays Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards.

Mr. Cantelon stated, now that the nominations have closed, the selection committee can begin the judging process. An independent judging panel comprised of local business people will complete the judging of the nominees in each award category. No member of the judging panel shall have a direct familial or financial involvement in any of the finalists selected. The judging panel will complete its deliberation and select an award recipient in each category. Due diligence may include an interview and/or site visit. The decisions of the judges are final and will be communicated to the General Manager of the Huntsville/Lake of Bays Chamber of Commerce for purposes of finalizing award arrangements only.

The Business Excellence Awards is a program created to recognize business individuals and companies who have set standards and demonstrated achievements that have contributed to the prosperity and business development in Huntsville and Lake of Bays.

“The selection committee’s decision will remain confidential, until the evening of Thursday, March 26th for the Bell Huntsville/Lake of Bays Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards Gala at the Algonquin Theatre, where the award recipients of each category will be announced,” stated Kelly Haywood, Chamber general manager.

All nominees in the six other award categories will automatically become the nominees for the Best in Business award and the recipient will be chosen by the panel of judges, stated Haywood.

A Gala ticket can be purchased by contacting the Algonquin Theatre Box Office at 705-789-4975 or online at www.algonquintheatre.ca. Tickets are \$45.00 plus g.s.t. and include the TVCogeco Red Carpet Reception, 3 Guys and a Stove Cocktail Party in Partners Hall, Awards Gala hosted by James Carroll & Grant Nickalls and featuring entertainment from ‘That Canadian Guy’ comedian Glen Foster. Glen Foster has been a headliner on the Canadian comedy circuit for over fifteen years. His unique blend of clever, observational

humour, and his ability to entertain a wide variety of audiences have also made him a favorite at company parties, sales conferences, golf tournaments and other corporate functions. Glen recently starred in his own Comedy Network Special, “That Canadian Guy”, and has appeared on numerous other television shows. A former advertising ‘creative guy’, Glen typifies the middle-ages, middle-class, middle management guy who’s struggling desperately to keep pace with an ever-changing world. Glen’s act is not just a string of one-lines, but an intricate, interwoven pattern of humorous and often thought-provoking ideas and observations. He’s topical, political, and occasionally even ‘politically incorrect.’ Most of all though, he’s just very, very funny. To learn more about Glen, visit www.thatcanadianguy.com.

Nominations for 2009 Business Excellence Awards

Accessibility Award

1. Best Western Muskoka Inn
2. Family Place Restaurant & Pizza
3. Moose Delaney's Sports Grill
4. Muskoka Bear Wear

Business Leader of the Year

1. Dr. Anissa Boosamra - Able Chiropractic & Massage Therapy Centre
2. Chris Mathon - Apple Auto Glass
3. Bob Woodall - Bob the Plumber
4. Megan McLeod - Chestnut Park Real Estate Limited, Brokerage
5. Joseph Klein - Deerhurst Resort
6. Gus VanBaarsel - Hilltop Signs
7. Kelly Holinshead - kelly holinshead - The Shutterbug Gallery
8. Ed Joiner - Muskoka Rent All
9. Ron Murdoch - North Art Supplies
10. Randy Robinson - Robinson's Independent Grocer
11. Shawn Pudsey - Shawn Pudsey, Lawyer
12. Bruce Fitter - South Mary Lake Contracting
13. Dale Tebby - Tebby Air Conditioning
14. Doug Sullivan - The New Bickley Ford

Community Organization of the Year

1. Animal Shelter of Huntsville
2. Kirk Evans Memorial Foundation
3. Muskoka Cycling Club
4. Rocky Island Swim Club
5. Rotary Club of Huntsville
6. Royal Canadian Legion Branch 232
7. YWCA Muskoka

Company of the Year

1. Aben Graphics Ltd.
2. BarK Native Plant Nursery
3. Big Daddy's Fresh Meats
4. Clarke's Auto
5. Coldwell Banker Thompson Real Estate, Brokerage
6. Cottage Country Flowers
7. Delta Grandview Resort
8. Dr. Drew Markham Dentistry
9. Dreams Becoming Reality
10. Fowler Construction Company Limited
11. Huntsville Window and Door
12. Huntsville's Hometown I.D.A. Drugstore
13. Hutcheson Sand & Gravel
14. iSun.tan
15. Jason Armstrong's Huntsville Honda
16. Lovegrove Construction & Design
17. Maplewood Chiropractic
18. Motivations Fitness

19. Muskoka Animal Hospital
20. Muskoka Computes
21. Muskoka on the Rocks
22. Portage Promotionals
23. RBC Royal Bank
24. Ripples Web Design
25. Staged by Design
26. Staples – Huntsville
27. TD Canada Trust
28. That Little Place By The Lights
29. The Finds
30. The Great Vine
31. The Peerless Group
32. Urban Rustic Living
33. Veranda
34. Wayne's Auto Supply
35. Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers
36. Westside Fish & Chips Family Restaurant / Westside Variety
37. Wilson's The Paint Store
38. Zellers

New Business of the Year

1. 4 Muskoka Kids
2. Algonquin Highlands Trail Riding
3. Around the Lakes Property Management
4. Gemini Day Spa
5. Rubberlubbers The Stamping Emporium
6. Smooth Sailing Enterprise
7. The Cranberry Kids Gift Co. Ltd.
8. The Moose Café
9. The Springhill Fresh Water Co.

Tourism Business of the Year

1. Algonquin Outfitters
2. Blackburn's Steakhouse
3. Huntsville Festival of the Arts
4. HV Hidden Valley Resort
5. Nor'Loch Lodge Resort
6. Sequel Lifestyle Hotels & Resorts

Best in Business

All Nominees!



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