
Chamber recognizes winners of all kinds

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I would like to thank everyone who attended the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce annual installation and awards banquet on Saturday night at Heron Creek Golf & Country Club. We had more than 100 people in attendance, and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to network in a social gathering. The chamber was able to recognize volunteers who have helped over the past year through their involvement on various chamber committees.

The chamber would like recognize and thank the following individuals who have served and finished their terms as members of the board of directors for the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce:

- Janet Bresky — Edward Jones Investments/Janet Bresky and Rob Nelson office
- Steve Sachkar — North Port Sun newspaper
- Kris Bilodeau — SunTrust Bank

The chamber would like to welcome the following individuals who have agreed to serve as members of the chamber's board:

- David Auxier — State of Florida College
- David Carter — Sarasota Memorial ER and Health Care Center in North Port
- Jason Sepanski — Florida Commercial Source

The chamber would like recognize and thank the following individuals who served as board officers over the last year:

- President — Mimi Steger, North Port Taekwondo
- Immediate past president — Janet Bresky, Edward Jones Investments, Bresky and Nelson office
- Incoming president — Bill Werdell, Calusa National Bank
- Treasurer — Beth Mayberry, Fine Bait & Tackle
- Secretary — Jennifer Byrd, Kinetico Water Systems of SWFL

The chamber would like to congratulate and welcome the 2010-11 board officers:

- President — Bill Werdell
- Immediate past president — Mimi Steger
- Incoming president — Jennifer Byrd
- Treasurer — Deanna Sanchez, North Port Medical Specialists
- Secretary — Kim Quigley, BB&T Bank

The chamber also announced the winners of the 2010 Business of the Year Awards. More than 31 businesses were nominated. The winners are:

- Small Business of the Year — Patriot Self Storage
- Medium Business of the Year — Kinetico Water Systems of SWFL
- Large Business of the Year — Security Alarm Corporation
- Not-for-Profit Business of the Year — Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota County.

I would like to congratulate all of the nominees and winners for their involvement and participation in the competition. Everyone is a winner in the eyes of the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce for the great work each of you do on a daily basis for our community.

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