

MONTHLY FEATURE



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10th Annual Diamond Anniversary People's Choice Business Awards – Wednesday, February 25, 2009

On Wednesday, February 25, 2009, the Kanata Chamber of Commerce People's Choice Business Awards was held at Brookstreet in front of a sell-out crowd of over 300 business leaders, family members and friends to celebrate business excellence of local businesses and individuals that have contributed to the continued growth and success of our community.

The residents of Kanata, Goulbourn & West Carleton nominated 300 businesses, organizations and individuals. The voice of the people was heard loud and clear this year, receiving a record number of votes of just over 8200 by the deadline of February 17th. Each nominee is a winner in their own right as they play an integral role in the ongoing success of our local business communities. The Kanata Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate all nominees, finalists and winners of the 10th Annual People's Choice Business Awards. Your ongoing efforts and contributions to our business community are much appreciated!

The Chamber of Commerce would like to especially thank the professional staff of Brookstreet for making the evening so enjoyable. Your attention to detail and the added extras made the event that much more special. Thank you also to Mastermind Events who donated the breathtaking chair and table coverings which truly made the event an elegant affair!



10th ANNUAL PEOPLE'S CHOICE BUSINESS AWARDS FINALISTS & WINNERS

COMMUNITY SUPPORT /NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR:

- Kanata: Finalists: Kanata Food Cupboard, Kanata Soccer Club, Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre
 Winner: Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre
- Goulbourn: Finalists: Crossing Bridge Residents Association, Friends of Hospice, Main Street Community Services
 Winner: Friends of Hospice
- West Carleton: Finalists: Corkery Community Association, West Carleton Amateur Sports Club, West Carleton Skating Club
 Winner: West Carleton Skating Club

TOURISM BUSINESS OF THE YEAR:

- Kanata: Finalists: Brookstreet, Holiday Inn Select Hotel & Suites, Scotiabank Place
 Winner: Brookstreet
- Goulbourn: Finalists: Canadian Golf & Country Club, Richmond Fair, Saunders Farm
 Winner: Richmond Fair
- West Carleton: Finalists: Carp Fair, Diefenbunker, Canada's Cold War Museum, Greensmere Golf & Country Club
 Winner: Carp Fair

NEW BUSINESS OF THE YEAR:

- Kanata: Finalists: Kanata Dental Hygiene, La Cucina Ristorante, Moxie's Classic Grill
 Winner: Kanata Dental Hygiene
- Goulbourn: Finalists: Here We Play Again, Karma Hair Studio, Wild Wood Steak Chophouse and Bar
 Winner: Wild Wood Steak Chophouse and Bar
- West Carleton: Winner: Yoga & Tea Studio

RETAILER OF THE YEAR:

- Kanata: Finalists: Belly Laughs, Tag Along Toys, Wine Garden Warehouse Winery
 Winner: Wine Garden Warehouse Winery
- Goulbourn: Finalists: Brown's Your Independent Grocer, Here We Grow Again, Wine Villa
 Winner: Here We Grow Again
- West Carleton: Finalists: Al's Corner Store, George's Marine & Sports, Heart of the Valley Gifts
 Winner: George's Marine & Sports

SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR:

- Kanata: Finalists: Black Belt Excellence Martial Arts Academy, Blue Bamboo Yoga, Fast Forward French
 Winner: Blue Bamboo Yoga
- Goulbourn: Finalists: Adam Kittle Enterprises, Spotlight Hair Studio & Spa, Sue's Hair Advantage
 Winner: Spotlight Hair Studio & Spa
- West Carleton: Finalists: Duntech Automotive, Heart and Soul Café, Savvy Company
 Winner: Savvy Company

RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR:

- Kanata: Finalists: Baton Rouge, Phu-Yen Restaurant, The Glen Scottish Restaurant
 Winner: The Glen Scottish Restaurant
- Goulbourn: Finalists: Louisianne's, Napoli's Café & Grill, Poco Pazzo
 Winner: Poco Pazzo
- West Carleton: Finalists: Heart and Soul Café, The Cheshire Cat, The Swan at Carp
 Winner: The Cheshire Cat

LARGE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR:

- Kanata: Finalists: Home Instead Senior Care, Jask Salon & Day Spa, The Spa Day Retreat
 Winner: Jask Salon & Day Spa
- Goulbourn: Finalists: Karma Hair Studio, Mahogany Salon and Spa, Stittsville Trailers
 Winner: Mahogany Salon and Spa
- West Carleton: Finalists: Dunrobin Village Meats & Grocery, Goulbourn Sanitation, The Artistic Group
 Winner: Dunrobin Village Meats & Grocery

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD:

- Kanata: Finalists: Tom Flood (Hulse, Playfair & McGarry), Shelly Courneya (Kanata), Cyril Leeder (Ottawa Senators Hockey Club)
 Winner: Shelly Courneya (Kanata)
- Goulbourn: Finalists: Shad Qadri (City of Ottawa), Bassel and Milad Khalil (Napoli's Café), John Curry (Stittsville News)
 Winner: John Curry (Stittsville News)
- West Carleton: Finalists: Gordon McCord (Carp Agricultural Society), Joyce Trafford (Carp Agricultural Society), John Sweetnam (CDS Movers)
 Winner: Joyce Trafford (Carp Agricultural Society)



Emcee Angie Poirier from A-Ottawa

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A special thank you to Angie Poirier from A-Ottawa who did such an outstanding job as our Emcee for the evening. Thank you also to the businesses who generously donated raffle prizes (La Mode Fine Jewellers, Brookstreet, Holiday Inn Select Hotel & Suites, The SPA Day Retreat, Heart of the Valley Gifts, Jask Salon & Day Spa and Sarah's Swiss Spa. Congratulations to June Brown who won the Grand Prize of a pair of Diamond Earrings valued at \$2600 courtesy of La Mode Fine Jewellers.



Cynthia Wing, The Finance Team holding a Top Secret Raffle Ticket in hopes to win the Diamond Earrings displayed by Mike Lilly of La Mode Fine Jewellers



Jask Salon & Day Spa winners of Large Business of the Year Kanata with Event Sponsor Jim Wiltse from Investors Group Financial Services (far right)



Citizen of the Year Winners (left to right): Kanata Winner - Shelly Courneya, Goulbourn Winner - John Curry, Stittsville News and West Carleton Winner - Joyce Trafford, Carp Agricultural Society



Kim and Eric McKeown of Capital Hearing Clinic and New Business of the Year Kanata winner Elaine Russell of Kanata Dental Hygiene