

Coveted Alpenman Trophies awarded at the 2009 Community and Business Awards



The 2009 Smithers District Chamber of Commerce "Community and Business Awards" evening was a huge success, thanks to the management and staff of our hosts, Smithers Lumber Yard; the hard work and dedication of the Chamber's Board of Directors; the Awards committee task force (including Dave McKenzie, Scott Olesiuk, Tenley Dahlie, George Whitehead, Susan Bundock and Heather Gallagher); and the tremendous support you provided in your generous contributions to the live and silent auction. Special thanks go to our MC Jim Butler; Twigz Floral Design for the wonderful floral arrangements; Scott Atchinson for his musical entertainment; the Creative Roots dancers for their dance routine "Taking Care of Business"; the Kinsmen for manning the bar; Community Futures Nadina, for their partnership, and the amazing caterers: Janet and Christine of Two-Sisters Catering; Meg Hobson of Fervere Bakery; the Alpenhorn Pub & Bistro; the Grendel Group and Blue Fin Sushi Bar. Thanks also to Ed Hildenbrand for supplying his Chicken Creek Coffee and the Sausage Factory and Steakhouse on Main for their appetizer trays.

According to all reports, everyone in attendance enjoyed the vast variety of appetizers displayed and served by our five caterers as well as the efforts of Smithers Lumber Yard in showcasing their facility and the construction industry. It was also a pleasure to welcome during the evening our Member of Parliament, Nathan Cullen; MLA Doug Donaldson, Mayor Cress Farrow and Councillors - Jo Ann Groves, Frank Wray, Norm Adomeit and Mark Bandstra.

Congratulations as well to the three finalists in all categories for being so highly regarded by the people in our community.

And.... the Finalists, who took home home the coveted Alpenman Trophy, are.....

Business of the Year - Hy-Tech Drilling

Business Person of the Year - Fred Reitsma of the Sausage Factory

Customer Service Excellence - Tie: Richard Dominic of Bulkley Valley Wholesale and George Whitehead of the Scotiabank

Family Friendly Business - Oscar's Source for Sports

Home Based Business of the Year - Outback Promotions (Lee Storie)

Environmental Business of the Year - Smithers Feed Store

Citizen/Volunteer of the Year - Carl Eddy

Young Entrepreneur of the Year - Chris Morsund of Chatters Pizzeria and Bistro

The Town of Smithers also presented an Award of Excellence in recognition of newly completed building projects that demonstrate a commitment to improving our community. Mayor Cress Farrow was

in attendance to present the residential award to Ken and Theresa White for their extensive interior and exterior renovations at 3959 Broadway Avenue. The home, which was originally made up of three buildings, kept the same small building footprint and the improvements were consistent with its heritage roots. General Contractor: Ravenwood Prod'ns Inc (Bill Smith)

Mayor Farrow also presented the commercial award to CIBC. CIBC's building at 3836 Fourth Avenue is an outstanding example of a development that successfully incorporates elements of the Smithers Alpine Theme Design Guidelines while at the same time enhancing the street and downtown as a whole. General Contractor: Vandergaag Construction. Other projects short listed in the commercial category included 1122 Main Street (home of Valhalla Pure), 1164 Main (home of Community Futures), 3724 First Ave (home of Nexus Games), 3763 (COB Bike Shop), and 4268 Highway 16 (Aspen Restaurant).

Following is a list of the evening's contributors:

Live Auction Acknowledgements:

Hawkair - trip for 2 to Vancouver

Kal Tire - Gift Certificate towards winter tires

Rayz Board Shop, Glacier Toyota and Hudson Bay Mountain - Ski Weekend including Toyota transportation to the mountain, overnight mountain stay and four lift tickets.

Central Mountain Air - trip for 2 to Kelowna

Rayz Board Shop and Glacier Toyota - half-day wakeboard boat rental

Silent and Bucket Draw Supporters:

A & W Restaurant

ACME Labs

All Seasons Automotive

Alpine Plant World

Apex Cleaning

Aqua North

Aspen Motor Inn

Astral Media

BC Web

Blue Fin Sushi

Boston Pizza

Bulkley Valley Credit Union

Bulkley Valley Eye Care

Bulkley Valley Home Centre

Bulkley Valley Insurance

Bulkley Valley Printers

Bulkley Valley Regional Pool

Bulkley Valley Wholesale

Canada Safeway

Canadian Freightways

Canadian Tire

Capri Restaurant

Central Mountain Air (live auction)

Chatters Pizzeria and Bistro

Chicken Creek Coffee

Coast Mountain GM

C.O.B. Bike Shop

Edmison Mehr Chartered Accountants

Evergreen Industrial

Fitness Northwest

Forth Avenue Hair Design

Four Dimensions Computer Centre

Frontier Chrysler

Glacier Toyota (live auction)

Glacier View Nursery & Garden Centre

Harley Davidson Smithers

Hawkair Aviation (live auction)

Heartstrings Home Décor

Hetherington & Hooper

Hoskins Ford Sales

Hudson Bay Lodge

Hudson Bay Mountain

Java's Restaurant

Kal Tire (live auction)

Kondolas Furniture & Appliances

La Petite Maison décor & design inc.

Louise's Kitchen

McBike and Sport

Hy—Tech Drilling Ltd.

Luftikus Restaurant & Bistro

Main Current Rafting

Mainerz Street Wear

Mark's Work Wearhouse

McDonald's Restaurant

Nexus Games

Pharmasave

Quality Furnishings
Outback Promotions
Randy's Image Design
Rayz Board Shop (live auction)
Re/Max Bulkley Valley
Rescan Enviromental
Royal Bank
Sandman Hotels, Inns & Suites
Schimmel's Bakery
Scotiabank
Sears
Shoppers Drug Mart
Smithers Feed Store
Smithers Home Hardware
Smithers Sausage Factory
Smokescreen Graphics
SpeeDee Interior Stationery
Steakhouse on Main
Studio G
Tales 'N Ales U-Brew
Tatlow Tire
The Peak
Valhalla Pure Outfitters
Vandergaag & Bakker
Webflyz
Western Financial Group
Windsor Plywood
Zoya Khomyak Massage