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Qualicum Beach Chamber of Commerce Announces Community Awards Finalists and Recipients

The Qualicum Beach Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the results of its 2017 Community Awards presented at a special event held on **Wednesday, February 21st, 2018** at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre.

Each year the Chamber honors individuals and businesses for their contribution to the community and excellence in business. This celebration follows a nomination period during which Qualicum Beach residents and visitors are encouraged to nominate those they consider deserving of recognition.

Networking began at 5:30 with guests enjoying beverages and perusing the showcase display tables. Extreme Eatz supplied an excellent gourmet meal that highlighted prawn cocktail appetizers, stuffed pork loin, and was completed with a delicious assortment of desserts.

Dave Graham from 88.5 The Beach was the night's emcee and hosted a lively evening full of celebration and acknowledgement. This year's awards evening was a very special occasion where our full attention was on nominees, and the businesses that help to contribute our unique and vibrant community.

The short-listed nominees and recipients for the 2017 Qualicum Beach Community Awards are:

Business of the Year

*Sponsored by the **Career Centre***

Captivating Details
The Qualicum Toy Shop

Recipient of the 2017 Business of the Year is **Bodysculptors Fitness**

Volunteer of the Year

*Sponsored by **Society of Organized Services***

Tom Davies
Butch Gayton

Recipient of the 2017 Volunteer of the Year is **John McLenahan**

Outstanding Customer Service

*Sponsored by **Pharmasave #182***

Mid-Isle Veterinary Hospital
Pharmasave Photography Department

Recipient of the 2017 Excellent Customer Service Award is **Ken Bowerman (QF)**

New Business of the Year

Sponsored by Katherine Wilk - Royal LePage - Parksville Qualicum Beach Realty

Purple Essentials
LoveShack Libations

Recipient of the 2017 New Business of the Year is **Oceanside Art Studio**

Newsmaker of the Year

Sponsored by Parksville Qualicum Beach News

Quality Foods founders John Briuolo and Ken Schley sell their interest in business that grew to 13 stores and 1000+ employees in 35 years
Chesapeake Shores returns for second year of filming

Recipient of the 2017 Newsmaker of the Year is **Lynne Noble guides her senior women's curling team to the BC Championship and bronze medal at nationals!**

Citizen of the Year

Sponsored by Qualicum Foods

Judy Southern

Recipient of the 2017 Citizen of the Year is **Mary Brouillette**

Young Entrepreneur

Sponsored by Coastal Community Credit Union

Mandolyn Jonasson – Island SodaWorks Bistro
Jenny Hughes – Oceanside Art Studio

Recipient of the 2017 Young Entrepreneur of the Year is **Rebekah Anne – Bekah-Anne Accessories**

Also presented was the **Community Futures Central Island Lifetime Achievement Award** to this year's recipient **Brent Johnson**.

The Qualicum Beach Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the volunteers who helped to make this evening a success and the support of our generous sponsors: Parksville Qualicum Beach News, Society of Organized Services, Katherine Wilk from Royal LePage - Parksville Qualicum Beach Realty, Qualicum Foods, Pharmasave #182 Qualicum Beach, the Career Centre, Coastal Community Credit Union, and Community Futures Central Island.