

The Qualicum Beach Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the finalists for its annual Community Awards to be presented at a special gala event to be held on Wednesday, February 21st at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre. Each year the Chamber honours individuals and businesses for their contribution to the community following a nomination period during which residents and visitors are encouraged to nominate those they consider deserving of recognition.

We have had a tremendous response again this year with many deserving people and businesses being nominated for seven different categories. Sadly, with all those nominees, there can only be three finalists.

The nominees for this year's Qualicum Beach Community Awards are:

Business of the Year
Sponsored by The Career Centre

Captivating Details
Bodysculptors Fitness
The Qualicum Toy Shop

Citizen of the Year
Sponsored by Qualicum Foods

Judy Southern
Mary Brouillette

Volunteer of the Year
Sponsored by Society of Organized Services

John McLenahan
Tom Davies
Butch Gayton

New Business of the Year
Sponsored by Katherine Wilk - Royal LePage - Parksville Qualicum Beach Realty

Purple Essentials
Oceanside Art Studio
LoveShack Libations

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 1,000+ employees in 35 years.
- * Chesapeake Shores returns for second year of filming.
- * Lynne Noble guides her senior women's curling rink to the BC championship and a bronze medal at nationals.

Outstanding Customer Service
Sponsored by Pharmasave #182

Mid-Isle Veterinary Hospital
Ken Bowerman (Quality Foods)
Pharmasave Photography Department

Young Entrepreneur
Sponsored by Coastal Community Credit Union

Rebekah Anne - Bekah-Anne Accessories
Mandolyn Johanssen - Island SodaWorks Bistro
Jenny Hughes - Oceanside Art Studio

We are very pleased to announce that the recipient of this years **Lifetime Achievement Award sponsored by Community Futures Central Island is Brent Johnson**. The Lifetime Achievement award strives to recognize an individual in our community that has, among other things: helped foster business growth, shown a strong commitment to the community, has a history of volunteerism, demonstrates success and excellence, and serves as a role model.

Tickets for the dinner and awards presentation are \$40 and will be on sale beginning February 1.
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