

McFarland Chamber of Commerce 28th Annual Meeting

The 28th Annual Meeting of the McFarland Chamber of Commerce took place on Monday, January 26th at The Beach House Restaurant in McFarland.

The evening began at 5:30 p.m. with a social until the meeting was called to order by Chamber President Steve Jansen, around 6:00 p.m. The Beach House Restaurant, Scott Brown, chamber members who donated items for the auction, and all in attendance were thanked for their participation in this year's Annual Dinner and Auction.

President Jansen recapped highlights from 2008, including the first full year at the Chamber's new location in the American Family Insurance office on Larson Beach Road, and successful annual events made possible by active chamber volunteers and board members. These events included the Citizen of the Year Dinner Banquet, FIRECRACKER 5000 5K Fun Run/Walk (which funds MCOB Backpacks for Kids, Childhood Developmental Screening Days with the McFarland School District and the annual McFarland Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, awarded to a graduating McFarland High School student), the McFarland Chamber of Commerce/Youth Football Raffle and Christmas in the Village.

The 2008 McFarland Chamber of Commerce Board Members were recognized for their service: Steve Jansen (Days Inn), April Stankiewicz (Encore Apparel), Paul Perkins (Group Health Cooperative of South Central Wisconsin), Tara Nass (Anytime Fitness), Cole Younger (Younger Enterprise Systems, LLC), Joe Harrington (Icon Real Estate Group, LLC), Jeff Mahoney (McFarland School District), Vince Hartmann (McFarland State Bank), Brian Doolan (Back in Motion Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine, Inc.) and Ryan Smith (1st Choice Mortgage).

Certificates "In recognition of service on the Board of Directors for the McFarland Chamber of Commerce" were presented to Cole Younger, Brian Doolan and Ryan Smith who completed their terms on December 31, 2008.

Certificates "In recognition of outstanding service on the Citizen of the Year Committee for the McFarland Chamber of Commerce" were presented to Jeff Engelkes (American Family Insurance), Mary Frahm (Restaino & Associates Realtors) and Toni Stolarik (Page Production). A Certificate "In recognition of service in 2008, to the McFarland Chamber of Commerce" was presented to Stacy Bauer (Country Inn & Suites) for volunteer assistance with multiple chamber events and activities.

Certificates were presented to April Stankiewicz for Outstanding Service as a McFarland Chamber Board Member for 2008 and Joe Harrington for Outstanding Service as a McFarland Chamber Board Member for 2004 through 2008. Vince Hartmann was presented with a certificate in recognition for his outstanding service to the chamber as a Past Chamber President in 2005, founding the FIRECRACKER 5000 5K Fun Run/Walk in 2005, and serving as a Chamber Board member since 2004.

New members of the 2009 Board of Directors for the McFarland Chamber were introduced including Stacy Bauer (Country Inn & Suites), Dan Pietrzykowski (Grant Signs), Pauline Boness (Village of McFarland), Toni Stolarik (Page Production), Michelle Gille (First Weber Group), and Chamber President for 2009-2010, Jim Hartman (State Farm Insurance). Vince Hartmann presented a certificate to Steve Jansen in recognition of his outstanding service as Chamber President for 2007 and 2008.

President Jansen concluded the meeting and his term as Chamber President with the reminder that the Chamber counts on member participation for the success of the organization. Chamber Membership provides a great way to meet and work with the business community, and brings recognition to your business through participation and sponsorship of events and activities.

Following dinner, Scott Brown, *McFarland School District Superintendent*, lead the 4th Annual Auction, helping raise approximately \$1000.00 for the Chamber. The following businesses generously donated items for the auction: AMTELCO, AmericInn Lodge & Suites, Anytime Fitness, Associated Insurance Agency, Inc., Country Inn & Suites, Culver's in McFarland, Days Inn, The Diamond Boutique, Ken's Automotive, McFarland Hometown Pharmacy, McFarland Liquor, McFarland School District (Spartan Headquarters & McFarland Community Pool), Steve Swanson & McFarland State Bank, The McFarland Thistle, Stoughton Hospital, Stoughton Opera House and Terminal Drive CITGO Gas Station.