



Left to right (front to back row): Tim Hagarty, Janis Parker, Lisa and Bill Kerr, Wendy Laurantaye and Gary Swagerman, Darren Lum, John Teljeur, Wayde Greer and Charlie Teljeur. Missing: Win Yeung Chinese Restaurant, West Guilford Shopping Centre and 241 Pizza.

John Teljeur named Highlander of the Year

Annual Chamber awards gala honours local businesses and non-profits

By Mark Arike

Some 10 awards were distributed to individuals, business owners and not-for-profit organizations in the Highlands, at the sixth annual Business & Community Achievement Awards Gala held on Jan 28 at the Pinestone Resort.

The annual event, which is hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, saw over 160 guests attend. The Chamber offers member-based services and currently has 340 members.

Prior to the handing out of the clear, glass

awards – created by Artech Studios – those in attendance were treated to some comic relief from Mike Jaycock. The master of ceremonies, who is a regular Canoe FM personality, poked fun at many of those in the room, including local politicians. Guests also indulged in a buffet dinner, provided by the Pinestone Resort.

The winners of the night were selected through an online poll in which each Chamber member received one vote. Anyone in the community could nominate a Chamber or non-Chamber member for an award.

And the winners are...

- Business Achievement Award** — West Guilford Shopping Centre
- Customer First Award** — Win Yeung Chinese Restaurant
- Entrepreneur of the Year** — Charlie Teljeur & Wayde Greer – Highways to Fairways
- Tourism & Hospitality** — Bonnie View Inn
- Innovation & Creativity** — Bent Nose Media – Highways to Fairways
- Not-for-Profit of the Year** — SIRCH Community Services
- New Business** — 241 Pizza
- Skilled Trades & Industry** — Darren Lum
- Highlander of the Year** — John Teljeur
- Warden's Award of the Year** — Bill Kerr – Haliburton County Volunteer Dental Outreach



Pictured: Back: Darren Lum, John Teljeur, Wayde Greer and Charlie Teljeur (Highways to Fairways)

Front: Tim Hagerty (Bonnie View Inn), Janis Parker, Lisa Kerr and Dr. Bill Kerr (Volunteer Dental Outreach Centre), Wendy Ladurantaye and Garry Swagerman (SIRCH Community Services)

Not Present: Timir and Kayle Patel (241 Pizza), Alvy Tsang and Alex Cao (Win Yeung Chinese Restaurant), Bill and Edna Burden (West Guilford Shopping Centre) Photo by : Tim Tofflemire