

Chamber Seeks Award-Winners

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The Kodiak Chamber of Commerce wants your help in selecting the outstanding businesses and members of 2008. The chamber has four awards that it will present at its annual dinner next month. They are the Business of the Year, Cornerstone Award, Member of the Year, and Community Volunteer.

The chamber is also seeking candidates for its board of directors. There is a trio of seats open for three year terms. Nominating forms are available at the chamber office, and must be submitted by the close of business on Wednesday.

The election results and the award winners will be announced at the chamber's annual dinner on February 21st, at the Golden Anchor on base.

The Business of the Year award goes to the member that best promotes the objectives of the chamber of commerce. For example, the business that undertakes the promotion of a new product, service or program that promotes the economic well-being of the community. Last year the award was won by Mike Terry of Classic Cakes Bakery.

The Cornerstone award goes to the chamber member that takes the time and energy to develop or pursue a project for the betterment of the community for all Kodiak residents. Last year Peter Malley won the award for the Wounded Warrior Project, which brought U.S. soldiers, maimed in the war on terror, to Kodiak for a once-in-a-lifetime fishing adventure.

The Member of the Year award will be given to the person who has shown unflinching commitment to promoting the chamber of commerce and its programs. Jack Johnson of the Best Western Kodiak Inn received the award last year.

The fourth award goes to the Community Volunteer of the Year. It goes to the member that works for the good of the entire community through participation in various non-profit volunteer organizations. Last year, Darlene Turner was the winner, for her work with

Habitat for Humanity, Teen Court, the Kodiak Rotary and Soroptimist International.

The deadline for submitting names is at the close of business on Monday, February 9th. Nominations can be brought to the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce office in the ferry terminal building downtown.