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LEAVENWORTH MAIN STREET MEMBERS & FRIENDS, PAST & PRESENT, GATHER TO CELEBRATE 15 YEARS OF SUCCESS & RECOGNIZE BUSINESSES FOR THEIR DEDICATION

22 awards of excellence were presented Wednesday evening during Leavenworth Main Street's annual meeting. Sherry DeMaranville was awarded the "Volunteer of the Year" award for her outstanding service to the organization. "Sherry not only serves on the board and as a past treasurer, each year during festival she offers her employees up to man our beer tent(s), no easy task. She serves on our organization committee, has one of her employees chairing the Veteran's Day Reception and is a tremendous volunteer whenever we need her", states Wendy Scheidt, Executive Director. During our annual meeting, each standing committee recognizes significant accomplishments from member businesses, activities & events that happened throughout 2009. "It was a great year and our program is right on track, states Steve Lambeth, outgoing LMS president. We attend a great deal of quality training offered through the Main Street Program and the committee I chair, economic restructuring, gave out 10 awards, 7 of which were for existing businesses that are growing & expanding within their existing locations or purchasing more buildings downtown for expansion." Those receiving ERC awards were Dave Hart/Hart's Paint & Decorating; Jackie Basilotta/Bisque It!; Marty Pope & Marc Cipriano/Reunions; Dr. Joe Jones/Jones Chiropractic; Patrick & Jennifer Paden/No Name Bar; RD & Anna Johnson/High Noon Saloon and Christine Pugh/Scrivner's Creative Center. These proprietors also renovated their buildings and are all local owners. Other recipients of awards given by ERC were Jeanie Hazels/Bay State Lofts & David Thompson & Meredith Timmons/505 Cherokee. These projects added 4 additional residential units downtown.

Mayor Davis Moulden was awarded the "Outstanding Downtown Commitment" award from ERC for going above & beyond in rescuing & renovating buildings downtown. "Currently 2 buildings are undergoing renovation and will house 2 retail tenants & offer upper story residential living. A much better solution than demolition. Property & sales taxes increase while the buildings will add value to our historic downtown. Davis has rescued at least 6 buildings that were abandoned and/or ready to collapse," states Lambeth.

Jeanie Hazels, chair of the design committee handed out 4 awards. Austin & Ashley Fruechting/Leavenworth Floral; Dr. Joe Jones/Jones Chiropractic & Lu & Tracy Knueven/Artistic Works by Lu were given awards for façade & interior renovations. Leavenworth Main Street was recognized for outstanding interior & exterior renovations, including a new awning & signage at 416 Cherokee.

The promotions committee, headed by Debbie Lambeth, recognized the PAIR DAY promotion as outstanding, I Spy 50's/Dancin' in the Streets/Barb & Bob Spear & The Cherokee Block Party as the outstanding event of 2009/Shannon Herring & friends. In addition, outstanding promotional development was awarded to the Haymarket Flea Market which was the catalyst for the awesome Haymarket Square Pavilion at 7th & Cherokee that the City of Leavenworth completed in July of 2009.

Organization/Membership recognized outgoing board president, Steve Lambeth & credited him as the "Outstanding Downtown Promoter". "It's an honor to have been president of this fantastic organization for 2 years. It's not easy, but very satisfying and one that I enjoyed tremendously. Downtown Leavenworth is definitely headed in the right direction and rest assured, I'll still be around talking to everyone & active in LMS", states Lambeth. Sherri Stich was recognized for dedicated board service from 2005-2009 & Marguerite Strange was recognized for her "Outstanding Commitment to the Organization & Membership". Marguerite has been a part of the LMS program since inception in 1995, a strong supporter and volunteer. "Marguerite gets things done and she's always a willing volunteer – a tremendous asset to LMS", states Scheidt.

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