

USA Chamber awards small businesses

SUCCESS: More than 20 honored during recent reception.

STAFF REPORTS

The Niagara USA Chamber recognized its annual Small Business Day Award winners during the M&T Bank Small Business Day Reception on Thursday at the Niagara Falls Country Club. The Chamber's annual event honors small business excellence throughout Niagara County.

Awards recognizing excellence were presented to small businesses and entrepreneurs as recommended by various area business associations throughout Niagara County. Small Business Person of the Year awards were presented to:

- Michael Murphy, Murphy's Café from the Downtown Niagara Falls Business Association
- Jeffrey Seekins from the Lockport Business Association
- Doug Collins, Main Automotive, from the Main Street Business and Professional Association
- Frank Butwey, Budwey's Supermarkets from the Newfane Business Association
- Imad Issa, Andy's Quick Stop from the Niagara Street Area Business and Professional Association
- Patricia Stolzberg from the Olcott Beach Community Association
- Roxanne C. Albond-Buchner, Opportunities Unlimited of Niagara, from the Town of Niagara Business and Professional Association
- Dan Beck, Beck & Sons LLC, from the Wheatfield Business Association
- Small Business of the Year Awards will be presented to:
 - Lewiston Village Pub & Restaurant from the Lewiston Business Advisory Board
 - Murphy's Café from the Downtown Niagara Falls Business Association
 - Cornerstone Community Federal Credit Union from the Lockport Business Association
 - Rhoney Funeral Home from the Main Street Business and Professional Association
 - Helmiller Greenhouses from the Newfane Business Association
 - DiMino's Lewiston Market from the Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce
- M.J. Colucci & Son from the Niagara Street Business Association
- Niagara Sports Arena from the Olcott Beach Community Association
- Tim Horton's Niagara Falls from the Town of Niagara Business and Professional Association
- Sanborn Market Place (Frank's Market) from the Sanborn Advisory Board
- Ransomville Bus Lines, Inc. from Ransomville Business and Professional Association
- Heritage Auto Service & Repair from the Youngstown Business & Professional Association
- Imperial Fence from the Wheatfield Business Association

presented the Apex Award to Robert Cefalu Jr. and Andrew S. Kurcsics of Partners Packaging, Inc. of North Tonawanda; and the Chamber presented its Rising Star Award to Shawn Weber and David Giustiana of the Wine on Third.

"While it is certainly no easy task to run a small business in upstate New York, our honorees have been able to excel and provide valuable services to the greater Niagara region," said Deanna Alterio Brennen, president and CEO of the Niagara USA Chamber. "We are honored to work with each of these business people and thank them for their hard work and dedication to the business community."

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