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VENICE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 32ND ANNUAL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Venice Area Chamber announced the 2011 Business of the Year Award Winners at their annual luncheon held on May 25th at the Plantation Golf & Country Club. Based on an intensive review of company policies, customer service, business plan and community involvement, the Chamber's panel of judges deemed the following companies winners of the yearly competition.

Non Profit/Not For Profit

The Center of Hope

Small Business

Rocky's Drywall, Inc.

Medium Business

Puttin' on the Ritz...Island Style

Large Business

Keeton's Office Supply Co., Inc.

Young Professional Business

Infinite Legacy



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From a field of 64 nominees for the 2011 Business of the Year Awards, the top five businesses have been named: Rocky's Drywall, Inc., Puttin' on the Ritz...Island Style, Keeton's Office Supply Co., Inc., Infinite Legacy, and The Center of Hope. These five VACC members have stood out among the crowd in their superior customer service, dedication to the community, and vision for the future. The winning companies, as well as all of the 2011 nominees, were honored on May 25th at the Business of the Year Awards Luncheon held at the Plantation Golf & Country Club. Over 200 area business leaders attended the luncheon which featured keynote speaker Dr. Christopher Cortman, Psychologist & Author of "Your Mind – An Owner's Manual for a Better Life."

The Chamber would also like to thank Karen Huebner Education & Business Development Committee Chairman, Colette Russell, Vice Chairman, Sub-Committee Chairman Elizabeth Crapet, Committee Members: Evan Duke, Barbara King, Karen Huebner, Melanie Odom, Sandi Raasch, Anne Skinner, and Leslie Yard, and judges: Evan Duke, Melanie Odom, Marie Rust, Jess Fronckowiak, Tonya Sauppe, Brent Pinkerton, Kevin Cox, Kathy Margraf, Mindy Piper, Barbara King, Pat Boruff, Judy Keeler, Colette Russell, Steve Griese, and Kay Kropac.

Additionally, the Chamber thanks event sponsors: TIB Bank, HarborChase of Venice, Cavanaugh & Co., LLP, Gulf Coast the Foundation of Community, and State College of Florida.



Left to right: Adam Carter, Mary Elizabeth Petty, Maddy Wehrley, Sally Muzzonigro, Julie Bibbee, Robin Perkins, Jim Coe, Tracey and Clarence Rockymore.



2011 BOYA Winners:

Large - Keeton's Office Supply Co., Inc., Medium - Puttin' on the Ritz...Island Style Small Business - Rocky's Drywall, Inc., Young Professional - Infinite Legacy, and Non-Profit - The Center for Hope.