



The 2016 BACC Award Winners. In front, from left: Young Entrepreneurs Mentor Pat Mitten; Barrington High School Business Incubator Teacher Hagop Soulakian; Small Business of the Year Recipient Douglas McAllister of Douglas Automotive; New Business of the Year Recipient Tom Hirschberg of GYMGUYZ; Community Partner of the Year Recipient Brad Stetson of Barrington Bank & Trust Co., N.A.; and Young Entrepreneur Recipient Mike Brusa. In back, from left: Young Entrepreneur Recipients Xris Apostolopoulos, Kat Mena, Laura Mena, and Andrea Potgeiter; Rookie of the Year Recipient Amber Luczak of Edward Jones; BACC Volunteer of the Year Recipient Suzanne Luby of @properties-The Luby Group. (Photo: Linda Barrett)

Reaching for the Gold

BACC ANNOUNCES ITS 2016 AWARDS AND NEW LEADERS

ON THURSDAY, JAN. 21, the Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) announced the 2016 business awards at its Annual Dinner and Scholarship Fundraiser at the Stonegate Conference and Banquet Centre. The evening was a celebration of Chamber accomplishments and people. It attracted nearly 200 local business, community, and governmental leaders. The event also raised funds for the Chamber's annual scholarships.

The Olympic theme featuring black and gold was used throughout the event with each table representing a different country. Butler-passed hor d'oeuvres were presented during networking time before dinner. Three delicious buffet stations were offered for dining. A silent auction was held, and the live auction was moderated by BACC board member Steve Cook.

"Tonight we gather to honor our membership, recognize our BACC leaders, salute our BACC volunteers and enjoy some 'Olympic quality' networking," said the new 2016 BACC Chairwoman of the Board Patty Jacobsen, of Jensen Jacobsen & Associates, Inc. "Our "Reach for the Gold" theme tonight is appropriate, as we are in a room full of business, community, and governmental champions." Jacobsen then announced the 2016 BACC award winners.


THE 2016 BACC LEADERSHIP

Earlier in the evening the 2016 Board of Directors was inducted. "Each year our Board sets the tone and direction for the Chamber and business community," said BACC President/CEO Suzanne Corr. "We are fortunate to have leaders representing a cross section of industry to guide and inspire us each year."

The BACC Executive Committee members include Chairwoman Patricia Jacobsen, CLU, Jensen Jacobsen & Associates, Inc.; First Vice-Chair Liz Luby, @properties|The Luby Group; Second Vice-Chair Tom Cramer, Wintrust Mortgage; Treasurer, Edmund Tobias, D.D.S., Tobias Family Dentistry; and Past Chairwoman Lisa Caputo, Morgan Stanley-The Schirmann Group.

The 2016 BACC Directors include: Andrea Herran, Focus HR Consulting; Barry Schimmel, Microshare Intl. LLC; Charlotte Neault, Barrington Bank & Trust Co., N.A.; Dennis Kelly, FGMK Insurance Agency, Inc.; Doug McAllister, Douglas Automotive Inc.; Dr. Reinhold Llerena, AMITA Health Medical Group; Heidi Seagren, Jameson Sotheby's International Realty; Jennifer Prell, Paxem/Elderwerks; Joseph Connelly, BMO Harris Bank; Keith Hanson, Hanson Law Group LLP; Liz Donofrio, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital; Paul Horcher, Refined Construction, Inc.; Scott Ray, Daily Herald Media Group/Town Square Publications; Steve Cook, Quintessential Media Group; and Tom Strenk, Crystal Clean Building Solutions.

The BACC Advisory Board Members are: Jeff Arnett of Barrington 220; Gene Dawson of BACOG (Barrington Area Council of Governments); Detlev Pansch of Barrington Area Library; and Joyce Palmquist of BACOA (Barrington Area Council on Aging).

Premier Sponsors for the 2016 annual gala were Barrington Bank & Trust, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, and BMO Harris Bank. 1818 Fine Men's Salon was the entertainment sponsor, and Jensen Jacobsen & Associates the Silver Desert Sponsor. 



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LEFT: Entertainment was provided by 4 Strings Attached, a nonprofit organization from McHenry. The musicians' director is Martin Lopez. Visit them online at www.4stringsattached.org.



RIGHT: Brad Stetson inducts the 2016 BACC Board of Directors.



Suzanne Corr and her daughter, Shannon Corr (Photo: Linda Barrett)



QB's Steve Cook served as auctioneer.



Brad Stetson with Dave and Patty Jacobsen (Photo: Linda Barrett)