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HSACC 2008 HARBOR HEROES EVENT CELEBRATES LOCAL CHAMPIONS

Wednesday, October 15 marked the 2008 Harbor Heroes awards ceremony and dinner, a program started many years ago by the Harbor Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, designed to praise local heroes showing exemplary service and dedication to the community and the HSACC.

Entertainment for the event was provided by the Vivace School of Music and Arts while Gary Morse of Insurance by Burley lead the reception as master of ceremonies. The event was held at the newly renovated Birchwood Farms Golf & Country Club in Harbor Springs. This year's awards recipients follow a long line of outstanding Harbor Springs area citizens who act as role models because of their tireless and humble dedication to improving the quality of life in our community.

The event marked a positive note during a time when the HSACC has been repeatedly faced with unique and controversial issues. "These issues that have faced our organization recently, these issues have given us a grand opportunity to retool", stated Board President Jody Ewbank. "This change is imperative so that we may better serve our community and our members. We are positioning ourselves with stronger committees, mandating that we understand our responsibilities as a Board, and it is my hope that events such as Harbor Heroes will plant the seed, and will motivate others to get involved with the community and the Chamber".

Ewbank further noted that the awards ceremony is a formal way to thank Board and committee members as well as volunteers for their dedication and hard work throughout the year.

This year's recipients are noted below.

Preston Feather Architectural Heritage Award, Harbor Springs Area Historical Society (for the restoration of City Hall)

Preston Feather Architectural Residential Award, Tom and Mindy Mooradian

Preston Feather Architectural Beautification Award, Stafford's Pier Restaurant

Preston Feather Architectural Design Award, Little Traverse Bay Humane Society Leadership Little Traverse Alumni Mentor Award, Sara E. Smith

Ambassador's Award, Marge Owen President's Business Award, First Community Bank

President's Individual Award, Art Tebo Chamber

Volunteer of the Year Award, Donna Weber

Community Service Award, John and Mary Fischer

Outstanding Public Service Award, Fred Geuder

Outstanding Citizen Award, Bill Dohm

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Award recipients were nominated by members of the community and then selected by a nominating committee appointed by the HSACC Board of Directors.

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