

Chamber of Commerce 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Citizen of the Year Award Banquet - 2011

The Grand Island Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone who attended the 45th annual Citizen of the Year Award Banquet held on April 28 at the Holiday Inn Resort & Conference Center. Over 220 people joined the chamber in honoring the 2010 award winners.

Thank you to the Holiday Inn Chef Jon Warner, and General Manager Michele Hudson for an outstanding dinner with impeccable service and for Theresa Costello's assistance with all of the details that went into planning the Citizen of the Year awards event. All of their hard work made for a memorable evening for all of our Award Recipients.

Others who contributed to this wonderful night were: Rev. Carla Kline of Island Presbyterian Church for the invocation; Charles N. DeGlopper VFW Post 9249 Color Guard for the presentation of colors; Carolyn Lokken, choir director & the Madricals choir; Youth Ambassadors Kathleen Rustowicz & Sydney Dudish for selling tickets for the Chamber Scholarship Raffle

Thank you to our award recipients: Business of the Year - Island Deli & Meat Market, Business Person - Thomas Kanaley, Organization - St. Stephen's Parish Players, Civic - Dr. Sherry Bradford, Community - Patricia Shaw and Educator - Lynn Ortiz, for their dedication to making Grand Island a better place to live. It was our privilege to honor you for your contributions to the Grand Island community.

A heartfelt thank you to the Citizen of the Year Committee, without their hard work and dedication we would not have had such a great event; Jim Sharpe, Dolly D'Orazio, Joe Phillipphone, Joanne Kud, Phil Buchanan, Sybil Kennedy & Administrative Director Carolyn Konopski.

**A very special thank you to our Sponsors whose contributions made this evening possible.**

Thank You!

Beverly Kinney, Event Chair and Liz Wilbert Vice- Chair