

Milton residents will choose the 2002 Citizen of the Year

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Laura McKee

Laura McKee was a member of the Jaycees for 13 years and the president of the Great Lakes Region branch for a year. When enrollment was down, she helped bring it back up through recruitment and the start up of various projects.

She recently moved on to the Milton Optimist Club.

Ms McKee's involvement with the Jaycees led her to serve on various local committees, including the Canada Day committee, of which she has been co-chair for the past five years, and the Santa Claus Parade Committee.

"Our house becomes the Santa Claus headquarters in November. It's getting bigger every year. It becomes more of a challenge as the town grows," Ms McKee said.

Ms McKee has lived in Milton for the past 14 years.

The two recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award will also be presented April 12, as well as the winners in various business categories, chosen by the Milton Chamber of Commerce.

The Milton Community Awards was started in 1972 by the Royal Canadian Legion. In 1981 the Milton Chamber of Commerce took it over, and expanded the focus to include recognition of businesses.

Citizens send in nominations for the various categories, and a committee from the Chamber of Commerce decides on the top nominees. For the Citizen of the Year Award, Milton residents are then invited to select the winner.

"We decided the community should make the decision. It's proven to be a good thing — the community is very participatory," said Sandy Martin, executive director of the Milton Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets for the gala ceremony cost \$65. Call the Milton Chamber of Commerce at (905) 878-0581 for more information or to order tickets.

Other 2002 Community Award winners chosen by Chamber

The nominees for the other categories of the 2002 Community Awards are as follows.

For Business of the Year with 25 employees or less, the nominees are M. Putzer Hornby Nursery, Prothane Limited and Taylor Nursery/Lawton Landscaping.

The nominees for Business of the Year with 26 employees and

over are Milton Mall and Prosperity One Community Banking and Financial Services.

Those nominated for Business Woman of the Year are: Dr. Marion King, a family physician, Cindy Lunau, of Loon-Woods and Tracy Repchuk of Bravo Software Group.

Those nominated for Businessman of the Year are Jeff

Bergsma of Bergsma Home Decor and Diego Sdao of Time Hortons.

The winners of the Lifetime Achievement Award, already announced, are Joyce Hayward and Harry Snock.

The winning award nominees will be announced at Granite Ridge Golf Club April 12.

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