Krane honoured for mentoring, community service

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Lianne Krane didn't have to say a word as she approached the stage as ATHENA North Halton's 2007 recipient Thursday night. Her teary eyes said it all.

The well-liked Milton resident and businesswoman was obviously overwhelmed by the honour announced during a gala evening at Granite Ridge Golf Club.

But in the eloquent style for which she is known, Krane delivered a confident and classy acceptance speech, first congratulating her four co-nominees, Martha Gleeson and Carol McDonald of Milton, and Jane Diamanti and Caroline Harris of Halton Hills.

She said she was "proud to be among them."

She went on to speak of her love of Milton and her desire to be involved in community life.

"I just think Milton is a great town.

I truly am honoured and I appreciate the kind words. I'm going to keep going."

Owner and operator of several Subway stores in Milton, Krane was chosen as the best fit for the ATHENA Leadership Model by the award program's Selection Committee. The model centres around a philosophy

that advocates leadership from the head and heart.

A big focus of the award is ment or ing women. Krane was noted for mentoring her many young employees, bringing out their best abilities and encouraging them to reach their potential.

Also through her restaurants, Krane donates food to causes including vari-



Martha Gleeson

Carol McDonald

ous clean-up days and the Terry Fox Run.

She is said to balance business and family and was president of the Sam

Sherratt Parent Council for a year.

But perhaps her most notable community contribution has been with the Milton Junior Chamber (the Jaycees), of which she was president in 2000 and

"The Jaycees have given me a lot of good training, or believe me, I wouldn't even be standing up here," she said.

Krane thanked her husband, Jamie, who is also known for his work with the Milton Jaycees and numerous other volunteer organizations.

"My husband is my guiding light and my strength. We try to make Milton a better place," she said.

In wrapping up, she gave some words of advice.

"Whatever you want to do, just go for it. That's the way I've always lived live"

ATHENA North Halton Committee member Anne Eadie, who announced the recipient, called Krane "one of the quiet ones" in describing Krane's preference to work behind the scenes instead of in the limelight.

Krane is the third recipient of the ATHENA North Halton award.

The gala evening was supported by numerous sponsors including the Canadian Champion, Milton Toyota, TV Cogeco and Home Hardware.

And the event served as a fundraiser for Girls Inc., which provides girls aged 5 to 18 years one-to-one mentoring and group programming aimed at inspiring them to be strong, smart and bold.

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CONGRATULATIONS: 2007 ATHENA recipient Lianne Krane gets a kiss on the cheek from committee member Anne Eadie.



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