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### **Ole Award Winners Exemplify Confidence and Investment in Batavia**

*Batavia Chamber of Commerce announces Ole honorees, to be given at the Inspire 2019 event on Thursday, Jan. 24*

**Batavia, Ill. – January 14, 2019** – Seven Batavia businesses will be honored as 2018 Ole Award winners on Thursday, Jan. 24 at the Batavia Chamber of Commerce Inspire 2019 event. One other business will receive a Restoration and Beautification Award.

The Ole honorees and the appropriate category for their award are:

- Remodeling – Industrial: wedi Corporation, 1160 Pierson Drive
- Remodeling – Commercial: Sierra Trading Post, 1980 W. Fabyan Parkway
- Remodeling – Commercial: Aldi Store, 451 N. Randall Road
- Remodeling – Commercial: Denny’s Restaurant, 521 N. Randall Road
- Remodeling – Commercial: Burrito Parrilla, 76 S. Randall Road
- Remodeling – Commercial: Crabby Boil, 220 N. Randall Road
- Remodeling – Commercial: Pal Joey’s Restaurant, 2030 Main Street

Acquaviva Batavia, 35 N. Water St., will receive a Restoration and Beautification Award for their extensive redecorating of an existing restaurant space.

Because this remodel did not fit into the Ole Award criteria, the committee choosing the award winners awarded a special Restoration and Beautification Award. Committee chairperson Catherine Fitch, the marketing and special events coordinator for the Batavia Chamber, said Acquaviva’s remodel is inspiring as well.

“We love seeing the addition of new retailers and restaurants in our town,” Fitch explained. “Acquaviva has taken a longtime restaurant space in our community and made it their own. Between the interior renovations and the exterior, including their beautiful signage, we felt they were a perfect candidate for our Restoration and Beautification Award.”

The public is invited to attend Inspire 2019 and honor the current generation of hard-working Batavia business owners.

Inspire 2019: A Celebration of Those Who Inspire Us! takes place on Thursday, Jan. 24, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Nagel Emporium at Marmion’s Abbey Farms, 2855 Hart Road in Aurora. The awards

presentation of the Citizen of the Year, Georgene Kauth O'Dwyer; Spirit of Batavia, Batavia United Way; Ole Award winners, and the Ambassador of the Year will follow a social reception.

In lieu of a silent auction, a live auction of six carefully-curated packages will take place. A playing card raffle features an array of entertainment and dining options.

The various auction packages will appeal to both businesses and individuals. A family bundle includes genealogy research, Quarry Beach passes for four, Kane County Cougars/Comfort Inn & Suites deal, family photos and more. With the home improvement lot, the winning bidder receives a variety of products and services valued at approximately \$3,000. If exercise and eating better is part of your 2019 resolution, bid on the healthy living package.

Does your business need help? One of three business-focused packages could be the answer. An advertising/marketing package, a business services package, and a sponsorship bundle will all go under the hammer.

General admission tickets for Batavia Chamber members cost \$40, with non-member admission at \$50. Reserved tables of ten are available. Please purchase tickets by Monday, Jan. 21. Online purchasing is available at [bataviachamber.org](http://bataviachamber.org), or call the Chamber office at (630) 879-7134. The price includes heavy appetizers and a champagne toast. A cash bar is available, and cocktail or business attire is suggested.

For more information about the event or the awards, please call Holly Deitchman, president and CEO of the Batavia Chamber of Commerce, or Catherine Fitch, marketing and special events coordinator, at (630) 879-7134.

*About the Ole Awards:*

The Ole Award is an award started in 1976 by a group of people who had a love and passion for their community and wanted to promote the city of Batavia. The Ole Awards are given to businesses for a significant improvement and investment either for new construction or for remodel in Batavia. Winners of this award are ones whose investment enhances the city's economic and aesthetic futures, and provides interest and excitement for the entire community through investing dollars in their properties and buildings. The Ole Award derives its name from a traditional Swedish name, Ole, to honor the hard-working Swedish settlers that were among the first to call Batavia home.

*About Batavia Chamber of Commerce:*

A local business-centered organization, the Batavia Chamber of Commerce sponsors or is involved with several annual Batavia events; including the Annual Mayor's Breakfast, Citizen of the Year/Ole Awards Event, Chamber Legislative Breakfast and much more. The president and CEO is Holly Deitchman. Membership and information about upcoming Chamber and community events are available online at [bataviachamber.org](http://bataviachamber.org) or by calling (630) 879-7134.