

2018 Grand Prairie Community Awards

Hosted by the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce

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The Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce is privileged to honor outstanding Chamber and Community Volunteers each year. It is time once again, to recognize those individuals who model the successes we desire to achieve.

Please take a moment and think about who has served our community and our Chamber well and to act upon your desire to recognize them and hold them up as the guiding stars they are. We encourage you to be involved in the process to honor highly visible volunteers, as well as our unsung heroes in the community. Any community member may make a nomination.

Award categories include: Chamber Volunteer of the Year, Chamber Member of the Year, Chamber Business of the Year, Small Business of the Year, Corporation of the Year, Public Service Award, Man of the Year Award, Woman of the Year Award, Citizen of the Year, Non-Profit of the Year Award.

If you are unsure if a company is a member, please visit our website directory at www.GrandPrairieChamber.org/Directory, for the most up-to-date listing.

Please take a moment to complete the attached nomination forms so that we may recognize EVERY nominee that we receive at the Community Awards Ceremony.

***Return completed form to 900 Conover Dr., Grand Prairie TX 75051 or email
Michelle@GrandPrairieChamber.org***

AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Celebrate the community spirit of Grand Prairie by recognizing the Outstanding Contributions of its Citizens and Businesses

_____ **Citizen of the Year** (A Grand Prairie resident who has made a significant contribution during the year to the quality of life and the economy within the Grand Prairie community.)

_____ **Public Service Award** (Someone who works in the Grand Prairie community or in a government position, who during the year and through their commitment to the Grand Prairie community and its economy has exemplified public service work.)

_____ **Corporation of the Year** (A Corporation in Grand Prairie which exemplifies professionalism and commitment to the Grand Prairie community and its economy.)

_____ **Small Business of the Year** (A small business in Grand Prairie which exemplifies professionalism and commitment to the Grand Prairie community and its economy.)

_____ **** Member of the Year** (A Grand Prairie Chamber Member who best exemplifies commitment to the Grand Prairie Chamber through participation, motivation, mentoring and financial contribution.)

_____ **** Volunteer of the Year** (A Grand Prairie Chamber Member who has demonstrated selfless dedication and commitment in support of a Chamber committee by serving as a committee member.)

_____ **** Non-Profit of the Year** (A Grand Prairie Non-Profit who has impacted the community.)

_____ **** Grand Prairie Chamber Business of the Year** (A company that is a Member of the Grand Prairie Chamber that has brought a positive benefit to the community. The company can include new businesses and entrepreneurs.)

_____ **Woman of the Year** (A woman who has demonstrated the support of the goals of professional women and provides selfless assistance on their behalf; demonstrates excellence in business of her profession; provides valuable service to business, her profession, and to the Grand Prairie community; exhibits initiative and creativity enhancing the effectiveness of business or her profession and the stability and improvement of the community.)

_____ **Man of the Year** (A man who demonstrates support of the goals of professional men and provides selfless assistance on their behalf; demonstrates excellence in business or his profession; provides valuable service to business, his profession, and to the Grand Prairie community; exhibits initiative and creativity enhancing the effectiveness of business or his profession and the stability and improvement of the community.)

** Requires a Chamber membership.

All other nominees are sought from the entire community. The Winners will be selected by the Grand Prairie Chamber's Board of Directors and past recipients through a secret ballot.

**The nominee's will be honored at the Awards Banquet, on Thursday,
January 31st, 2019 at the Asia Times Square Ballroom**

PAST AWARDS WINNERS

Citizen of the Year: A Grand Prairie resident who has made a significant contribution during the year to the quality of life and the economy within the Grand Prairie community.

2017 – Rodney Debaun, 2016 – Ron Jensen, 2015 – Dr. Susan Hull, 2014 – Beverly Grogan, 2013 – Kim Thorne, 2012 – Jerry Marsalis, 2011 - Mark Hepworth, 2010 - Lila Thorn, 2009 - Jeff Copeland, 2008 - Marcy England, 2007 - Jeanine Walker, 2006 - Calvin Brundrett, 2005 - Ruthe Jackson, 2004 - Wayne Hanks, 2003 - Angela Giessner, 2002 - RaDonna Hessel, 2001 - Teri Jackson, 2000 - John Wright, '99 - Deby Brubaker, '98 - Gay Burch, '97 - Cal Brundrett, '96 - Jim Swafford, '95 - Magueritte Patton, '94 - Quality of Life Foundation, '93 - Charles England, '92 - William Moser, '91 - Pat Watson Capps, '90 - Wayne Hanks, '89 - Stan Graff, '88 - Jo Campbell, '87 - Buddy White, '86 - Mildred Walker, '85 - Sallye Moore, '84 - Fritz Heinke, '83 - Hobbs Williams, '82 - Harry King, '81 - O.V. Cartwright, '80 - Reg Crump, '79 - Bill Arnold, '78 - John Thorne, '77 - Johnny Jinks, '76 - Marshall Warder

Public Service Award: Someone who works in the Grand Prairie community or in a government position, who during the year and through their commitment to the Grand Prairie community and its economy has exemplified public service work.

2017 – Winston Minix, 2016 – Detective Heath Wester, 2015 – Rodney Anderson, 2014 – Bob Fitch, 2013 – Janelle Bicknell, 2012 – Tammy Chan, 2011 - Bill Moser, 2010 - Kirk England, 2009 – Bill Thorn, 2008 – Rick Herold, 2007 - Chris Chopin. 2006 - Mark Calvert, 2005 - Glen Hill, 2004 – Ron Jensen, 2003 – Richard Fregoe, 2002 – Congressman Martin Frost, 2001 – Ruthe Jackson, 2000 - Don Wilson, '99 - Tommy Williams, '98 - Jerry Corley, '97 - Johnnie Stanton, '96 - Polly Thorne Flory, '95 - Resource Officers, Grand Prairie Police Department, '94 - Jana Amil, '93 - Capt. Rick Miller, '92 - Bo Craft, '91 - Chris Semos, '90 - Dr. Marvin Crawford, '89 - Kathy Ritterhouse, '88 - Jim Matthews, '87 - Ed Crane, '86 - Bill Crabtree, '85 - Cameron Gray, '84 - Rev. Ernest Duncan, '83 - Sallye Moore, '82 - Ann King, '81 - Rev. Robert Young, '80 - Melba Flag, '79 - Pat Wright, '78 - Wendel Hulsey, '77 - Johnny Jinks, '76 - Kenneth Burr, '75 - Bill Arnold, '74 - Carol Childress, '73 - Myron Guther, '72 - Louise Gilbreath, '71 - Doug Driggers, '70 - Bobby Langford, '69 - E.L. Boze, '68 - David Daniels, '67 - Fred Conover, '66 - David Daniels, '65 - John Wright, '64 - Jim Webster, '63 - Clifford Johnson, '62 - George Poff, '61 - H.H. Chambers

Grand Prairie Chamber Business of the Year: A company that is a member of the Grand Prairie chamber that has brought a positive benefit to the community. The company can include new businesses and entrepreneurs.

2017 – Viet TV, 2016 – Roma's Italian Bistro, 2015 – Mixed Up Burgers, 2014 – United Realty & Associates, 2013 – Asia Times Square/Hong Kong Market, 2012 – Trader's Village, 2011 - Texas Trust Credit Union, 2010 - Chick-fil-A at Carrier Towne Crossing, 2009 – Grand Bank, 2008 – Grand Prairie Airhogs, 2007 - The Thompson Group/Classic Chevrolet, 2006 - Medical Center of Arlington, 2005 -Texas Roadhouse, 2004 – CPC Travel, 2003 – Classic Attractions, 2002 – Crossroads Chiropractic

New Business: 2001 – Fontana Italian Restaurant

Entrepreneurs: 2001– Ellie Moser, 2000 - Marcie Delgado, '99 - Carolyn Ellis & Chris Fox, '98 - Doranna Corley, '97 - Jeannie Simpson Bier, '96 - Joni Ford, '95 - Michael Hasty, '94 - M & M Sports, '93 - Mildred Walker, '92 - Jerry & Donna Koepke, '91 -Ray Robbins

Corporation of the Year: A Corporation in Grand Prairie which exemplifies professionalism and commitment to the Grand Prairie community and its economy.

2017 – Canales Furniture, 2016 – Ripley's Entertainment, 2015 – The Thompson Group/Classic Chevrolet, 2014 – Lockheed Martin, 2013 – Grand Bank of Texas, 2012 – American Eurocopter, 2011 – Hong Kong Marketplace, 2010 - Traders Village, 2009 – Vought – Now, Triumph Aerostructures – Vought Aircraft Division, 2008 – Texas Trust Credit Union, 2007 - Control Products, 2006 – Texas Roadhouse, 2005 - Grand Prairie Disposal, 2004 – Mesa National, 2003 – NextStage at Grand Prairie, 2002 – Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control, 2001 – Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie, 2000 - Grand Prairie State Bank, '99 - Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie, '98 - Dallas Fort Worth Medical Center, '97 - Control Products, '96 - Lockheed Martin Vought Systems, '95 - Grand Prairie Ford, '94 - TU Electric, '93 - Vought Aircraft Company (Northrop Grumman), '92 - Dallas Fort Worth Medical Center, '91 - Aerospactiale (American Eurocopter)

Small Business of the Year: A small business in Grand Prairie which exemplifies professionalism and commitment to the Grand Prairie community and its economy.

2017 – Outlaw’s BBQ, 2016 – Longhorn Harley Davidson, 2015 - Roma’s Italian Bistro, 2014 – Mixed Up Burgers, 2013 – Carlos & Carla, 2012 – JMH Printing Co., 2011 - Barbara’s Cake & Cookie Boutique, 2010 - JMH Printing Co., 2009 - Arnold Bros Dry Cleaning & Laundry, 2008 – Eddlemon’s BBQ & Catering, 2007 - Douglas Bryan Photography, 2006 - Janelle Bicknell D.D.S., 2005 - Thorne, Skinner, Thorne, 2004 - Giessner Insurance Agency, 2003 – Gail Wills, CPA, 2002 – BonAir, 2001 - 303 Animal Clinic, 2000 - Arnold Brothers Dry Cleaning, ’99 - C & H Products, ’98 - Creative Benefit Services, ’97 - M & M Sports & Trophies, ’96 - ADventures, ’95 - Deb’s Baskets & Stuff, ’94 - All Pro Realtors, ’93 - Doug Bryan Photography, ’92 - Flowers By Linda, ’91 - Jackson Vending

Member of the Year: A Grand Prairie Chamber member who best exemplifies commitment to the Grand Prairie Chamber through participation, motivation, mentoring and financial contribution.

2017 – Sam’s Club, 2016 – Asia Times Square, 2015 – Chris Brickman, 2014 – Victor’s Event Room, 2013 – Kevin Krajewski, 2012 – Herb Rolph, The Thompson Group/Classic Chevrolet, 2011 – Robin Harris, 2010 - Matthew Loh, 2009 – Don Goldsmith, 2008 – Richard Whitman, 2007 - Buddy Bridges, 2006 - Darin Wilson, 2005 - Gail Wills, 2004 – Greg Giessner, 2003 – Jeanine Walker, 2002 – Lisa Arnold, 2001 – Allan Hughes, 2000 - Greg Giessner, ’99 - Jayne Christian, ’98 - Don Wilson, ’97 - Jim Blackmore, ’96 - Steve Adams, ’95 - Pat Gouldy, ’94 - MO Day, ’93 - Jerry Larmay, ’92 - A. Darlene Lee, ’91 - Marty Bragwynee, ’90 - Dan Eddy, ’89 - Lee King, ’88 - Brent Johnson, ’87 - Camilla King, ’86 - Ed Crane, ’85 - Keith Cruthers, ’84 - Ernie Herron, ’83 - Pat Watson-Capps, ’82 - Drexell Toombs, ’81 - Charles Grimes, ’80 - Tag Taggart, ’79 -Wayne Hanks, ’78 - Ruth & Harry King, ’77 - Mark Adams, ’76 - Jim Swafford, ’75 - W.E. Humber, ’74 - Reg Crump, ’73 -Emmadean Berry, ’72 - Tom Bracken, ’71 - Roger Kerbow, ’70 - Jim Swafford, ’69 - Women’s Division, ’68 - Bob Edwards, ’67 - Clifford Johnson, ’66 - Bill Baker, ’65 - Chuck Waldo, ’64 - Doyle McKinney, ’63 - Norman Tharp, ’62 - Fred Axt, ’61 - A.F. Vickers

Volunteer of the Year: A Grand Prairie Chamber member who has demonstrated unselfish dedication and commitment in support of a Chamber committee by serving as a committee member.

2017 – Alex Godina, 2016 – Rachel Rotella, 2015 – Tracy Aldridge, 2014 – Max Coleman, 2013 – Herb Rolph, 2012 – Deborah Hepworth, 2011 - Matt Delaney, 2010 - Dave Burke, 2009 - Richard Whitman, 2008 – Prudence Mathis, 2007 - Ruthe Jackson, 2006 - Carol Parker, 2005 - Melinda Polley, 2004 – Lisa Arnold, 2003 – Sandi Morrison & Lila Thorn, 2002 – Jeanine Walker, 2001 – Dr. Betsy Taylor, 2000 - Stuart McCallum, ’99 - Don Brubaker, ’98 - Kathy Hasty, ’97 - Terry Cook, ’96 - Buddy Bridges, ’95 - Zan Durkin, ’94 - Sally Thorne, ’93 - Sonny Dutton, ’92 - Pricilla Hughley, ’91 - Veronica Hopkins

Woman of the Year: A woman who has demonstrated the support of the goals of professional women and provides unselfish assistance on their behalf; demonstrates excellence in business of her profession; provides valuable service to business, her profession, and to the Grand Prairie community; exhibits initiative and creativity enhancing the effectiveness of business or her profession and the stability and improvement of the community.

2017 – Patricia Redfearn, 2016 – Van Della Menifee, 2015 – Janelle Bicknell, 2014 – Diane Winn, 2013 – Deborah Hepworth, 2012 – Jorja Clemson, 2011 - Darcy Harris, 2010 - Gail Wills, 2009 – Lynn McGinley, 2008 – Dr. Susan Simpson, 2007 – Janice England, 2006 - Jody Thorne Morris, 2005 - Jeanine Walker, 2004 – Lila Thorn, 2003 – RaDonna Hessel, 2002 – Angela Sutton Giessner, 2001 – Deby Brubaker, 2000 – Donna Easterling, ’99 – Jo Campbell, ’98 – Jayne Christian, ’97 – Carolyn Wicker, ’96 – Sally Bond, ’95 – Brenda Reuland, ’94 - Teri Jackson, ’93 - Ruthe Jackson, ’92 - Jerry Larmay, ’91 -Mildred Walker, ’90 - Barbara Sargent, ’89 - Sandi Morrison, ’88 - Jeanne Hulsey, ’87 - Judy Fly, ’86 - Pat Watson-Capps, ’85 - Mary McCoy

Man of the Year: A man who demonstrates support of the goals of professional men and provides unselfish assistance on their behalf; demonstrates excellence in business or his profession; provides valuable service to business, his profession, and to the Grand Prairie community; exhibits initiative and creativity enhancing the effectiveness of business or his profession and the stability and improvement of the community.

2017 – Matthew Loh, 2016 – Chief Robert Fite, 2015 – Matthew Loh, 2014 – Rick Herold, 2013 – Richard Whitman, 2012 – Chief Steve Dye, 2011 - Jeff Copeland, 2010 - Bill Thorn, 2009 – Dave Burke, 2008 – Tom Hart, 2007 – Ron Jensen, 2006 - Glen Hill, 2005 - Greg Giessner, 2004 – Buddy Bridges, 2003 – Don Stanfield, 2002 – Mayor Charles England, 2001 – Don Wilson, 2000 - Allan Hughes, ’99 - Steve Adams, ’98 - Jim Swafford, ’97 - Buddy White, ’96 - Bill Moser, ’95 - Bob Phillips, ’94 - MO Day, ’93 - Dan Eddy, ’92 - Wayne Hanks, ’91 - Irving “Tag” Taggart