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SILO WIRELESS INC.

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Chamber recognizes business excellence

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Community booster Jean Anderson was presented with an outstanding achievement award by the Brantford Regional Chamber of Commerce on Thursday night.

Anderson received the David Baxter Memorial Award, which goes to a member of the community who has made this city a better place to work, live, play and conduct business, at the chamber's annual business excellence awards dinner at the Best Western Brant Park Inn.

"Tonight's recipient has touched the lives of many people in our community," said Paul Williamson in a news release, citing Anderson's motto of "too much rest is rust."

Anderson, a retired nurse, is a former Expositor Citizen of the Year and has sat on and chaired numerous committees in the city, including the Brant Community Foundation, Board of Referees of the Employment Insurance Commission, Brantford General Hospital board of governors, Brant County Board of Education, Brantford police services board and the Physician Recruitment Committee, which she also helped found.

Anderson is also the director of the Arnold Anderson Sport Fund, named for her late husband, which helps more

than 2,200 children participate in local sports.

The night also focused on the business nominees announced earlier this year for the chamber's annual awards.

The Company of the Year, given to a firm that sees exceptional business achievements and high standards of employee and customer relations, was awarded to ACIC Fine Chemicals.

The Entrepreneur Award, based on a business taking a financial risk and reaching exceptional business achievements, was won by Andreas Wiatowski of Silo Wireless.

The Bell Community Builder Award, honouring a firm that contributes and sees a great social return on its investment, was given to RBC Royal Bank.

ACIC, which built its Canadian headquarters in Brantford 10 years ago, makes and distributes pharmaceutical ingredients and offers development and clinical services in the industry. The business has grown dramatically in the last few years and expects to double its revenues by 2016. ACIC supports many local charitable groups and annually helps plant trees.

Other companies nominated for Company of the Year were the Hampton Inn and Suites and Hartmann Canada. The five-year-old Hampton Inn, offering an indoor saltwater pool, con-

ference space and 84 guest rooms, continues to grow and is usually sold out. Hartmann makes the only retail fibre egg cartons on the market, shipping all over North America. Last year it added seven automated guided vehicles that control its warehouse and shipping facility, creating 30 new jobs.

Wiatowski founded Silo Wireless eight years ago to provide affordable Internet access to rural communities. Silo has grown to 23 full-time employees and offers telephone, cloud backup and antivirus solutions to traditionally under-served areas. Silo has been ranked 81st on a list of Canada's fastest growing companies by Profit 500. It served the community by gathering thousands of pounds of food bank donations and helping charitable organizations get connected for reduced rates.

The other nominees for Entrepreneur of the Year were Danny Campbell of Campbell Amusements, the travelling carnival and midway, and Bertha Pauwels of Pauwels Travel, a full-service agency that gives back to the community in a variety of ways.

RBC Royal Bank has been in the community for more than 100 years and has garnered a reputation as one of the country's largest corporate donors. Locally, it supports the Glenhyrst Art Gallery, the United Way, St. Leonard's Community Services and various water projects. It has also sponsored a Sunshine Dream Lift for Kids.



Jean Anderson received the David Baxter Memorial Award for Outstanding Achievement at the annual business awards gala at the Chamber of Commerce Brant-Brantford on Thursday at the Best Western Brant Park Inn. With her is Terry Bateson of Millards Chartered Professional Accountants.

Other nominees for the Bell Community Builder award were Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Grand Erie, which links the community's most vulnerable youth to older mentors and offers many programs for children, and the Brant-

ford Regional Real Estate Association, which has established several fundraisers for the

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