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Awards of Excellence – And the Nominees are...

Roll out the red carpet, dress in your grandest bib and tucker and help to celebrate the fabulous individuals, businesses, organizations and youth that make Centre Wellington such a GRAND place to live, work and play. This year's Awards of Excellence theme is – "*Centre Wellington – Celebrates in GRAND Style!*" The dress code is business attire or whatever Grand means to you!

The Centre Wellington Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the return of OLG as our Title sponsor. The support OLG provides to the Chamber and other organizations in our community throughout the year makes a difference. Our Diamond, Emerald, Ruby, Sapphire and Pearl sponsors demonstrate strong acceptance of this event by the business community. The on-going support of longtime local media sponsors The Wellington Advertiser, The Fergus-Elora News Express, TV Cogeco is appreciated. This year the Chamber is pleased to welcome The Grand 92.9 FM.

Based on attendee feedback, there are a number of changes to note this year. The gala will be held on Thursday, May 16th, 2013 and will be at the Fergus Grand Theatre on St. Andrew Street West in Fergus. There will be a reception area in front of the theatre to create a truly grand experience. Hors D'Oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be available from 6:30- 8 pm when the awards program will begin inside the Theatre.

The purpose of the event is to recognize businesses, groups and individuals who contribute to making Centre Wellington a great place to live, work and play. Dozens of nominations were submitted by a large number of people!

Congratulations to this year's Nominees: Aboriginal Heritage Festival, Anna Drimmie (Lucy's Boutique), Barbara Lustgarten-Evoy, Bears Cheerleading, Bert's Service Centre, Bruce & Joan Hawkins (Curl for a Cause), Centre Wellington Ball Hockey, Curves (Fergus), Elora Fergus Studio Tour, Elora Home Hardware, Fergus Educational Services, Fergus Horticultural Society, Groves Hospital Foundation, Jason Basaur, John Benham, Kitras Art Glass, May-Bridge Harrows, One Axe Pursuits, Oppose Belwood Wind Farm Association, Performance Studios, Professional Nails, RBC Royal Bank, Rectify Electric, Rienk & Roberta Vlietstra, Rotary Club of Fergus Elora, Sharpe Farm Supplies Ltd., Stephanie Toohill, Susan Harrop, The Bar Store, The Grand 92.9 FM, Tivoli Films, WR Designs - The Flower Co., Wrighthaven Homes Limited, Zehrs.

Awards of Excellence Adjudication Chair Karen Welch says "Thank you to the community members and nominees who showed fabulous support in nominating such excellent businesses, organizations and individuals. Your efforts and time taken to complete forms, letters and/or photos within Chamber timelines is greatly appreciated. We also extend a heartfelt thanks to our community panel of adjudicators who will now face the daunting task of selecting the winners from this array of nominees. There will be passionate debate in many of the categories!"

Seating will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. If you are planning on coming with a group and want to sit together – please **book your space early!** Tickets for the event are \$40 each, including HST and available at the Chamber office 400 Tower Street, Fergus or by calling 519-843-5140 with your Visa or MasterCard.

For more information contact the Chamber at 519-843-5140 or www.cwchamber.ca.