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Awards of Excellence – And the Nominees are...

On Thursday, April 28th, 2011 OLG, our returning Title sponsor, is pleased to present the Centre Wellington Chamber of Commerce Awards of Excellence. This is a celebration of community and business excellence and the entire community is invited to the gala event. This year the theme is 'Centre Wellington – It's a GRAND Cabaret!'. In keeping with a tradition started a few years ago, our guests are encouraged to dress in business attire or the theme of the evening – so dress in your finest!

This year the Nominees are Jim Bell, Bentley House Tea and Catering, Centre Wellington Food Bank, Community Resource Centre of North and Centre Wellington, Deb Dalziel, Ted Ecclestone, Edge Realty Solutions, Noel Edison, Elora Gorge Animal Hospital, Elora Rocks, Empty Bowls & Glasses Project, Fergus Custom Upholstery & Design, Fraberts Fresh Food, Glomar Technologies Inc., Louise Goldsmith, Grand River Running, Groves Memorial Community Hospital, Sarah Hennekens, James Fryett Architect Inc., James Keating Construction, Fred Morris – Vision Financial, Pine Needle Crafts, Resa Lent, Derek Linwood, Palmer's Woodworking, Planet CPU, Robert "Bob" Reynolds, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 275 Fergus, Second Time 'Round, Dr. Robert Alan Simpson, Deryk Smith, Klaas Swaving Ltd., Uptown Café, Tony & Gertie Vervoort & Family, Wellington County Museum & Archives. Note that some nominees were nominated by more than one person and a nominee may have been nominated for more than one category. That speaks to the qualities they possess for the particular category they have been nominated in. Also Long Service Awards will be presented to: 25 Years - Second Chance Employment Counselling (Wellington) Inc., Belwood Super Snax, Cousins & Johnson Inc., Elora Arts Council, J. Ferguson Antiques, Fergus Truck Show, Grand River Plumbing Ltd., Materials Placement Ltd., Royalthane Inc., Rural Route Appraisals, Tufco Flooring of Ontario, 40 Years - C&W Enterprises, Fergus Medical Centre and The Village Inn.

Karen Welch, Adjudication Chair for the Awards of Excellence says "Many thanks to our community members for your support in nominating such excellent nominees. Your efforts and time taken to recognize our outstanding community businesses and citizens through completing forms, letters and/or photos within Chamber timelines is greatly appreciated. Thanks as well to our community panel of adjudicators who will now have the challenging task of selecting the winners from this superb collection of nominees."

The support of our Title and Diamond sponsors is amazing. They see the value in recognizing the businesses, individuals and groups for the excellent work they do within Centre Wellington to make it a great place to live, work and play. Thank you to: OLG, Township of Centre Wellington, A.O. Smith, Tracy Group Benefits, Ecclestone Financial Group, RBC Royal Bank, Collins Barrow, Bell, TD Canada Trust, Wellington-Waterloo Community Futures Development Corporation, Grand River Agricultural Society, Graham A. Giddy Funeral Homes and Wightman Telecom. We have sponsorship opportunities to fit every budget, if you are interested in being part of this community event please contact the Chamber office or visit our website at www.cwchamber.ca

Tickets for the event are now on sale. They are \$75 each, plus HST and available at the Chamber office 400 Tower Street, Fergus or by calling 519-843-5140 with your Visa or MasterCard.