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SCVB To Announce Winners of Annual National Tourism Week Awards

The Sarasota Convention and Visitors Bureau (SCVB) will announce the recipients of the 2011 National Tourism Week Awards at a ceremony breakfast held at Ed Smith Stadium, 8:00am, May 12, 2011. All nominees (listed below) in each of the below categories were nominated by their peers with the winner being voted on by a selection panel comprised of members in the hospitality industry. All nominees will be honored and recognized at this event.

The full list of nominees follows:

Guest Service Excellence Award: Management:

Ann Lindo, Hyatt Siesta Key
Scott Gentile, Ritz Carlton of Sarasota
Evan Araujo, Marina Jack Restaurant
Martha Wells, Mote Aquarium
Melon Dash, Miracle Swimming/Conquer Fear
Jan Hamel Solomon, Key Sailing
Jennifer Holt, G.WIZ Science Museum
Pablo Rojas, Holiday Inn Lido Beach
Jen Bartolone, Hilton Resort, Longboat Key
Shauna Ruby, McKibbin Hotel Management
Dena James, Lakewood Ranch Communities
Mark Becker, Hyatt Regency, Sarasota
Teresa Blanco, Timberwoods Vacation Rentals
Deborah Petty Cole, Best Western Ambassador Suites
Diane Davidson, Longboat Key Club Resort & Spa
Rhonda Holiday, Longboat Key Club Resort & Spa
David Pierce, Venice Chamber of Commerce
Rich Cunningham, Siesta Sands

Guest Service Excellence Award-Front Line: Dining

Tiffany Smoot, Marina Jack Restaurant
Sal Picerno, TooJays Gourmet Deli

Guest Services Excellence Award-Front Line: Lodging

Christopher Parks, Ritz Carlton, Sarasota
Bryan Bartholomew, Hyatt, Siesta Key
Hans Hansen, Ritz Carlton, Sarasota
Aimee Holmes, Hyatt Siesta Key
Courtney Cook, Tropical Breeze Resort

Briann Daw, Hilton Resort, Longboat Key
Linda Watson, Longboat Key Club Resort & Spa
Barbara Michel, Longboat Key Club Resort & Spa

Guest Services Excellence Award-Front Line: Destination/Visitor Services

Trelawny Ferraro, G.WIZ Science Museum
Marsha Roberts, Lakewood Ranch Communities
Greg Spring, Lakewood Ranch Communities
Debbie Rausch, Lakewood Ranch Communities
Danielle Pardue, Lakewood Ranch Communities
Sheri Douglas, Lakewood Ranch Communities
Carol Edwards, Lakewood Ranch Communities
Lisa Palmen, Lakewood Ranch Communities
Kay Simpson, Lakewood Ranch Communities

Guest Service Excellence Award-Back of the House-Lodging

Cesar Ruiz, Ritz Carlton, Sarasota
Jose Baez, Tropical Breeze Resort
Patrick Swift, Hyatt Place, Sarasota
Maria Guzman & Cheylan Pineda, Hyatt Place, Sarasota
Rick Messina, Hyatt Siesta Key

Guest Service Excellence Award -Back of the House- Dining

Refugio Gomez, Marina Jack Restaurant

Guest Service Excellence Award-Back of the House- Destination/Visitor Services

Sherri Spanos, Lakewood Ranch Communities

Guest Service Excellence Award- Volunteer:

Aimee Holmes, Hyatt Siesta Key
Paige Hartman, The Inn on Siesta Key
Beth Mayberry, North Port Fine Bait & Tackle
Roberta Schaumleffel, The John & Mable Ringling Museum of Art
Steve & Sharon Dickman, Mote Aquarium
Frankie Abbruzzino, Telephonics Medical Consulting

A press announcement with the names of the recipients will be issued immediately following the Thursday morning event.

The Sarasota Convention & Visitors Bureau leads and supports the tourism industry in Sarasota County by providing the highest quality, and most innovative, marketing programs and promotions to ensure the continued growth of tourism and travel from visitors around the world. It is the mission of the SCVB to make Sarasota County the must experience destination on Florida's Gulf Coast.

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