

Past Year's Award Recipients

Director's Award

To be eligible a Chamber Member must 1) Support in action and word of the Chamber's mission statement, 2) Contributions to the success of the Chamber which exceeds normal expectations, 3) Presence and participation in Chamber events and activities, 4) Financial support of programs and activities organized by Chamber, 5) Community and charitable involvement, and 6) Proponent for business growth and development.

2000 - Tom O'Connell
2001 - Sharon Taylor
2002 - Rick Legere
2003 - Cynthia Sellers
2004 - Dan Stanton
2005 - Loraine Johnston
2006 - Ginny Ossanna
2007 - Liz Money
2008 - David Clark
2009 - Tom Hansen
2010 - Alta Monroe
2011 - JoAnn Evans
2012 - Courtney Hayden

2013 - Darrell Mangham
2014 - Guy Blatnik
2015 - Bob Friedman
2016 - Diane O'Leary
2017 - Jim Enholm
2018 - Barry Patel
2019 - Mickey Furcron
2020 - AEP Texas
2021 - Daniel Bryant
2022 - Jacqui Dempsey
2023 - Stefani Harrison
2024 - Lonnie Gillihan

Community Partner Award

Awarded to a Chamber member business, that by action, makes significant contributions to support the mission of our Chamber, our program of work and our community.

2010 - SPI Convention Centre
2011 - Brownsville/SPI International Airport
2012 - Sea Ranch Restaurant
2013 - Toucan Graphics
2014 - Point Isabel Independent School District
2015 - Hilton Garden Inn
2016 - Shallow Sport Boats
2017 - Blue Marlin Supermarket

2018 - Louie's Backyard
2019 - Padre Island Brewing Co.
2020 - Max Nichols
2021 - Jake's Restaurant
2022 - Valley International Airport
2023 - Holiday Inn Resort
2024 - Karla's Katering

Ambassadors' Award

To be considered an individual must 1) Be a Chamber member in good standing, 2) By word and action promote the benefits of Chamber membership throughout our business community, 3) Possess a positive and energetic attitude, 4) Be a proponent for business growth and development, 5) Be successful in identifying and recruiting new Chamber members and assist in member retention and efforts, and 6) Frequently attend Chamber meetings and events.

2009 - Candace Gray
2010 - Bob Fudge
2011 - Jim Harvill
2012 - Bobby Vanzant
2013 - Anne Weiss
2014 - Victor Baldovinos
2015 - Cristin Howard
2016 - Judith Beat

2017 - Lesa Labar
2018 - Karla Scimeca
2019 – Elaine English
2020 – Bryan Ray
2021 – Lonnie Gillihan
2022 – Lisa Graves
2023 – Wendy Knight
2024 – Jim Enholm

Kukui Award

Presented to an individual who leads by example and has provided support which has contributed to the success of the Chamber and our Business Community.

2004 - Dianna L. Harvill
2004 - Shelton Coleman
2005 - Mary Ann Tous
2006 - Russell Judah
2007 - Liz Money
2008 - Alita Bagley
2009 - Bobby Vanzant
2009 - Betty Vanzant
2010 - Guy Blatnik
2011 - Tim O'Leary
2012 - Alma McLeroy
2013 - Sue Singer
2014 - Javier CH Garza

2014 - Joy Hartung
2015 - Jody Hughes
2016 - Chad Hart
2016 - Karla Scimeca
2017 - Charles Rogan
2017 - Victor Barrera
2018 - Mark Haggenmiller
2019 – Jeri Garrett
2020 – Donald and Sylvia Wernecke
2021 – Eva Jean Dalton
2022 – Sherry Pindard
2023 – Lisa Smith
2024 – Rene Valdez

Outstanding New Business Member

In 2019 the Leadership Awards Committee added a new award to recognize NEW business members who fully embrace and utilize the many opportunities our Chamber provides to its members.

2019 – Porky's Pit
2020 – Surf's Up, Inc.
2021 – Padre Island Cleaners
2022 – Exceptional Emergency Center

2023 – SPI Wine Bar
2024 – Laguna Madre Laser Works
2024 – SeaSide Sammies