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Mission Chamber announces nominees for 2018 **Business Excellence Awards**

The polls have closed and the nominations for the 2018 Business Excellence Awards have been counted. Over 95 nominations were received for this years' seven awards categories that include the Power Of Small, The Big Bang, Local Focus, Educational Leader, Community Builder, Media & Communication and Customer First Award.

Changes to the Business Excellence Awards program continue as the Chamber aims to better align the awards to ensure consistency, transparency and better representation of the business community. This years' nominees who receive multiple nominations will be asked to accept the one category that best represents their business.

In total, 53 local businesses have been recognized and will be invited to accept their nomination at the 2018 Business Excellence Nominees Celebration on October 18th, 2018, where nominees are treated to a social evening out featuring guest speaker Scott Armstrong.

Judging and community voting for the final award winners will run from October 1-31st. After the judging and community vote closes, the top nominees in each category will be announced with the final award winners to be announced at the Business Excellence Awards Gala on January 18th, 2019.

"It is exciting to see many local businesses being recognized and many in multiple categories. It strengthens the argument that we do have some amazing, hardworking businesses in this community that help to shape our local economy." Says Andrea Walker, Chamber President. "It's encouraging this year to see many first time nominees or new businesses being recognized. This event will be one you won't want to miss," adds Walker.

And the Nominees are......

Arch-Way Dance

Beautiful U Boutique

Belles Sports

Bridgeview Dental

Cherry Lane Scrapbook Shoppe

Community Futures North Fraser

Downey Transmission

Emma's Acres

English Tarts

Evoke Wellness Centre

Flow Yoga & Fitness

Fraser Valley Building Supplies Fraser Valley Mountain Bike Association

Galley Girls Coffee House Ltd

Game Changers Buy And Sell

Heritage Park Pharmacy

Hottiesfoods Emporio

Inspire Me Fitness

i-Open Technologies

Jackass Towing

Envision Financial

Mission City Farmers Market

Mission Hospital Auxiliary: The Cottage

Thrift Store

Mission Literacy in Motion

Mission Minor Baseball Association

Mission Raceway Park

Mission Soccer Club

Mountain Healing Homes

Nobel BC

Nutek Signs

Oxygen Yoga

Panago Pizza

Perfect Piece Optical Boutique

Prospera Credit Union

Reds Grill

Riverside College

Save n Shop Food Stores

Spark Art Collective

SRCTec - Sumas Regional Consortium

for High Tech

STS Guiding Services

Storage For Your Life Swing Optical

Symons Tire & Automotive Centre

The Clarke Theatre

The Stage

Tikal Construction

Ultra Fuels

Urban Valley Transport

Vancity Credit Union Mission Community

Branch

VIP Soap Products

What's On! Mission Magazine

Wonder Woman Society

Nominees are recognized in one of the seven categories listed below.

THE BIG BANG AWARD - An established business that continues to have a strong presence by developing or creating new business programs, platforms and opportunities while continuing to be a contributor to the local community.

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Nominees Recognition Event October 18th, 2018

Location: The Clarke Foundation Theatre

33700 Prentis Avenue, Mission

Date: Thursday, Oct. 18th, 2018

Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Price: FREE Contact: 604-826-6914

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POWER OF SMALL - An emerging or existing innovative small business that exemplifies entrepreneurial spirit and vision with new products, services or process

LOCAL FOCUS - A business with significant local focus in their enterprise; be it through manufacturing product locally, or retailing/utilizing products and/or services produced locally and community involvement

CUSTOMER FIRST - A business that demonstrates special consideration for their customers; ongoing employee training and a high level of understanding and commitment to service excellence. The hallmark of this award is to offer a friendly, honest, innovative, approachable customer service on a consistent basis

COMMUNITY BUILDER - A nonprofit, club or organization that is active in the local community by making a positive difference, involving active collaboration and engagement with others beyond who they serve.

EDUCATIONAL LEADER AWARD - The University of the Fraser Valley presents this award in recognition of a business or leader who exemplifies educational leadership, encouraging employees to participate in ongoing lifetime learning.

MARKETING & COMMUNICATION AWARD – A business or organization who are innovative in their approach to marketing and promoting their product or service effectively utilizing media and communications on all levels to grow and enhance their business.

Nominees Recognition Event

Come meet your nominees for the 2018 Business Excellence Awards! Celebrate the amazing businesses we have that contribute to our thriving community.

SAVE THE DATE: January 18th

Location: Best Western Plus, Mission Date: Friday, January 18th, 2019

Time: 6:00pm Bring a friend at member rates! Mark your calendars for the Business

Excellence Awards Gala to congratulate your finalists and winners in each category

Chamber Dinner with the District of Mission

Join us at our second Chamber Dinner of the year with guest speaker Clare Seeley, Tourism Manager from the District of Mission!

After that beautiful summer it is time to break out the business cards and attend the September Chamber Dinner. Learn more about the tourism initiatives taking place in your home, enjoy an amazing dinner, and meet some new faces in your business community.



Clare Seeley, Tourism Manager

Join us for Chamber Dinner with District of Mission on Sept. 20th!

Location: Mission Golf & Country Club,

7983 Nelson Street

Date: Thursday, Sept. 20th, 2018

Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm Price: \$30 Members /

\$40 Non-Members

Bring a non-member friend for member pricing! Book your spot today online

www.missionchamber.bc.ca or by calling 604-826-6914

All Candidates Meeting

On Wednesday, October 10, the Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce and Fraser Valley Real Estate Board are hosting an All Candidates Forum at the Clarke Theatre.

This is an opportunity for the public to meet all candidates face to face, and hear their vision for our community. Mayoral candidates will have additional time to inform

you on how they intend to lead the new council and Mission for the next four years.

Come meet those who seek to represent you and know before you vote.

Presented by the Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Fraser Valley Real Estate Board.

All Candidates Meeting Oct. 10th

Location: Clarke Theatre

33700 Prentis Ave, Mission

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 10th, 2018

Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm Price: Free Community Event

For more information, visit

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Melissa Abbot, Stacey Smith and Tianna Armstrong (left to right) of Bridgeview Dental Health Clinic on Hurd Street accept 2017 Mission Regional Chamber Business Excellence 'Educational Leader' Award sponsored by University of the Fraser Valley.

Bridgeview dentists, staff value education, enjoy lifetime learning: Every smile tells a story, love to be part of yours

by Rick Rake CLICK MEDIA WORKS

Continuing education is vital for staff at Bridgeview Dental Health Clinic in Mission. Educational opportunities are abundant, from monthly 'lunch and learns' involving a guest speaker or special online courses shared by colleagues, said Bridgeview office manager, Tianna Armstrong.

"For those getting education in their field, we adapt work schedules to accommodate them." she said.

"We also have a program to help staff fund continuing education. The dentists here – owners Dr. Chung Lui and Dr. Gurpreet Surdhar and associate Dr. Soroush Liaghat – really value education, especially when it has an impact on work life."

For its focus on educational leadership and

encouraging employees to participate in ongoing lifetime learning, Bridgeview Dental Health Clinic is the recipient of the 2017 Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence 'Educational Leader' award.

"It was our first year with the Mission Chamber and we were honoured to receive the award. We weren't expecting it," said Armstrong who added that the Chamber networking is great. The business connections help support the successful Bridgeview patient referral rewards program.

"Our dentists and staff are here to provide you with endless reasons to smile. We believe every smile tells a story and we would love to be part of yours," said Armstrong.

"We strive to provide our patients the very best in modern dental techniques and we ensure each patient feels relaxed and welcomed." Bridgeview Dental at #2 – 32243 Hurd Street began operating in Mission in 1950 with Dr. Don Stratton at the helm. A medical practice with 11 doctors is upstairs. Bridgeview downstairs has a staff of 12 now.

Dr. Lui teaches at the University of B.C. and as part of their summer fellowship, UBC students in their third and fourth year, with patient permission, get to do some basic dentistry in a clinical environment.

"We are proud at Bridgeview Dental to be helping and investing in the next generation with training and education," said Armstrong.

To learn more about Bridgeview Dental, click on www.bridgeviewdental.ca or call 604-826-6100.

Chamber Events

June 2018-2019

52 weeks of Chamber History

Join the Mission Chamber for our weekly Chamber history minute! Watch amazing videos and special guests discuss all the ways Chamber has impacted the Community for over 125 years. Videos are posted on our social media page and archived on our website! Check it out today!

Sept 14th

Tee Up for NIGHT GOLF

Place: Cedar Ridge Golf Course &

Driving Range 9500 Clay St, Mission

Time: 5:30pm-11:30pm
Price: \$95.00 for members
\$105.00 for non-members

PROMOTION: Register a foursome and save \$5 per person!

Join the Mission Chamber of Commerce for our 3rd Annual 9-hole Night Golf tournament! This is not your traditional golf tournament, the lights are out, the glow is on, bright and creative costumes are encouraged!

Sept 26

Lunch & Learn Workshop

Place: Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce Boardroom

34033 Lougheed Hwy, Mission Time: 11:30am-1:30pm Price: FREE for Members

Presented by RBC, Lunch & Learn Workshops focus on small business tools on the last Wednesday of each month. This month, the topic is Business Insurance and covers the differences of Overhead Expense Insurance, Key Person Insurance, and Life/Disability Insurance. Learn how you can protect your assets from the

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The Chambers Plan is one of the many benefit providers at the Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce. There are also travel programs, fuel savings, realtor offers, and so much more. The Chamber represents Advocacy, Benefits, and Connections in our Mission Community, supporting the backbone of business success.

Contact Kara Pavitt at the Chamber to learn more.

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"Membership has its benefits!"



Kristin Parsons



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