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Greater Akron Chamber's Small Business Council
Honors Winners and Elects Board

The Small Business Council of the Greater Akron Chamber held its annual awards luncheon on June 6 at Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls. The event was sponsored by Apple Growth Partners. The Chamber and guests celebrated the accomplishments of the following local business leaders selected as the 2008 Excellence In Business award winners:

Judy Akins, Cambridge Home Health Care
John Summerville, Regency, Inc.
Paul T. Schumacher, Schumacher Homes, Inc.
Paul N. Thomarios, The Apostolos Group, Inc.

The Small Business Council also elected its Board of Directors for the 2008-2009 year. Tia Ramlow, GreatWork! Employment Services was elected Chair, and John Shulan of Shulan's Fairlawn Jewelers, Inc., was elected Vice Chair. The following outgoing board members were recognized:

Linda Bryant, Ad Direct Inc.
Charlie Conner, Alcon Tool Co.
Nanci Dodgson, CFBank
Jim Emore, The University of Akron
Tom Geopfert, Jr., The Geopfert Company, Inc.
Tom Kelley, Armbruster, Kelley, Kot, Horneck & Baker
Mike Ligas, Sr., Merlin Manufacturing Inc.
William Lowery, Metalico Annaco
Suzanne Rickards, Herman Machine
Tim Towell, Dave Towell Cadillac-Saab

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Rick Archer, Apple Growth Partners
Don Baker, Baker Media Group
Elizabeth Bartz, State and Federal Communications
Bill Bennett, Bennett Construction Management, Inc.
Parker Berry, SeibertKeck Insurance Agency Inc.
Gary Bologna, Bologna Insurance Agency Inc.
Stephen Burt, CFBank
Liz Curry, Chicago Title Insurance Company
Jeffrey Fickes, Roetzel & Andress LPA
David Firestine, Witschey, Witschey & Firestine Co., LPA
Brad Hansen, Hudson Extrusions, Inc.
Dave Janosek, CBIZ Mayer Hoffman McCann
Bruce Jentner, Jentner Financial Group
PM Jones, Western Reserve Bank
John Joyce, Red Incorporated
Dennis Kleidon, Kleidon & Associates
Daniel Leslie, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network/ Leslie Financial Group
Jeff Lubash, Affiliated Services Group, Ltd.
Jay Mellon, AtNetPlus Inc.
Adam Miller, FirstMerit Bank
Jill Morrow, Speelman Electric Inc.
Nevin Nussbaum, Cohen & Company
Don Padgett III, World Golf Championship-Bridgestone Invitational
Tia Ramlow (Chair), GreatWork! Employment Services
Holly Rhoads, The Ruby Group
John Shulan (Vice Chair), Shulan's Fairlawn Jewelers, Inc.
Theodore Stathopoulos, Stathos Construction Co.
Dave Supelak, Schlabig & Associates
John Trecaso, Wachovia Securities LLC
Tom White, Tire Source

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and prosperity for the people of the Greater Akron Region.***