

Lodging Association Holds Annual Awards Banquet

The Lodging Association of The Florida Keys and Key West held its Annual Awards Banquet last month. The event took place in the ballroom at The Doubletree Grand Key Resort in Key West. The lavish cocktail party was held to honor excellence in the Lodging industry in the past year. In light of the economic challenges facing many community not-for-profit organizations, this year the Board of Directors opted again to present more modest awards to the evening's honorees and make a donation to the charity of each winner's choosing. This year, donations will be made to Alzheimer's Association - South East Florida Chapter, American Cancer Society - Monroe County Chapter, Florida Keys

Children's Shelter, Florida Keys Outreach Coalition - Woman's Program, Florida Keys SPCA,

Employee of the Year Awards recognize an employee who exemplifies the qualities



Marathon Wild Bird Center, Samuel's House and the Transplant Foundation of Miami, The Turtle Hospital and The Good Health Clinic.

and dedication to service that we would like to see all employees have. The employees are the strength of our industry. They are on the

front lines every day taking care of our guests and our business. The Key West Employee of the Year is Manny Sanchez (presented posthumously) of the Casa Marina Resort, and the Upper Keys Employee of the Year is Shelby Valles of Holiday Isle. General Manager of the Year Awards recognize one of our members who has demonstrated exceptional qualities in overseeing his or her property, who has inspired the staff to high levels of guest service and who has always managed to maintain the composure and grace that are the hallmark of a first class GM. The recipient should exhibit a commitment to volunteerism within our Association and our community. Continued on page 23..

Centennial Bank Recognizes Achievements



Jennifer Miller, Jennifer Hawkins, Stephanie Scuderi and Teresa Condas of the Key Largo Branch proudly display their award.

The employees of Centennial Bank's Southwest Florida region recently gathered to celebrate the end of a successful year, and the welcome a new year with enthusiasm and momentum.

In addition to dinner and dancing to Freddie Bey, the celebration included recognition of certain employees for their outstanding achievement and contribution to the overall success of Centennial Bank in 2010.

In the Upper Keys, the Key Largo branch received the "Most Enthusiastic Branch in Building Customer Relationships" award and Vince Hall of the Key Largo branch received Most Enthusiastic Employee.

"In the last three years, the Key Largo branch has gelled as a team, gained focus and direction and secured a growing presence in the Upper Keys community," said Teresa Condas, President Centennial Bank Florida Region. "While all of our branches excelled in 2010, our Key Largo branch, and Vince in particular,

maintained a razor-sharp focus on growing relationships with our customers and expanding our presence in the Upper Keys community."

Todd German earned the Officer of the Year award for his substantial impact on the development of business throughout Monroe County, particularly within the Key West and Lower Keys market.

"From driving a UHaul to driving a bank acquisition, no job is too small or too big for Todd German," said Condas. "Todd's leadership is characterized by his willingness to jump in a do whatever is necessary, the professionalism with which Todd represents the bank, and his role in the significant growth of our Key West market in 2010."

April Serpa in Key West Roosevelt branch was recognized for the most Star Teller awards. And Cintia Companioni in the Marathon Midtown branch was also recognized for processing the most transactions in 2010. For more information, please visit my100bank.com.

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