



K-W Oktoberfest Rogers Women of the Year Recognizes Outstanding Achievements in Waterloo Region

(Kitchener-Waterloo, Canada – October 4, 2011) – K-W Oktoberfest Rogers Women of the Year takes time out to recognize and pay tribute to outstanding women in the community.

This year, the awards ceremony will take place on Tuesday, October 11th starting at 7:30 pm. It will take place at the Waterloo Inn & Conference Centre, Waterloo; with special guest speaker Andrea Clegg, heart transplant recipient, and MC's Susan Cook-Scheerer, Co-host of daytime on Rogers TV and Tara Connors, mornings on CHYM 96.7.

Here is a list of the women from across the Region who have been nominated in each of the eight categories:

Arts & Culture (sponsored by CHYM 96.7/570 News/KIX 106.7 FM) recognizes women for enriching the culture of our community through creation or promotion of the arts on a volunteer or professional basis.

Allene Chomyn
Deborah Currie
Diane Eastham

Carrie Humphries
Kimberly Kay
Sarrah Scott

Community Service (sponsored by M&T Printing) recognizes women for generously volunteering time to programs and services that make our community a better place.

Dee Brun
Trish Crompton
Kelly Meissner

Caroline Oliver
Tracey Weiler

Entrepreneur (sponsored by Wilfrid Laurier School of Business & Economics) recognizes women for initiating and/or administering an enterprise or business.

Chrissie Boon
Natalie MacNeil
Diane Matyas
Lisa Morell Kelly

Julia Rosien
Theresa Schumilas
Yvonne Zensner

Health & Wellness (sponsored by World Gym) recognizes women for promoting and helping others achieve and promote mental, physical or spiritual well-being in her career or community involvement.

Dr. Heidi Ahonen

Mandy Bujold

Sandra Compton

Trish Cooley

Leslie Gordon Christie

Lucy Graves

Toby Jenkins

Susan Lewis

Amanda Lynn Mayhew-Hare

Serina Sousa

Lifetime Achievement (60 or over) (sponsored by Hacienda Sarria) recognizes women for being active in the community by sharing her heart, her time and her life experience.

Lorraine Berge

Jackie Hayes

Eileen Rooke

Lorna van Mossel

Professional (sponsored by Rogers) recognizes women for dedicating themselves to the pursuit of excellence in her chosen career.

Sharon Bellows

Jennifer Hesson

Heidi Holmes

Lynne Short

Sports & Recreation (sponsored by Rogers TV) recognizes women for actively participating, coaching or volunteering in sports or recreation.

Paula Feddema

Tia MacDonald

Renata Sauder

Natalie Stevanus

Carolyn Vanden Hoek

Katarina Zgraja

Young Adult (14 to 25) (sponsored by Rogers TV) recognizes young women for leading by example and being a role model to her peers.

Erin Epp

Ellen Fowler

Emma Rae Glofcheski

Anne Marie Hayman

Madison Kuepfer

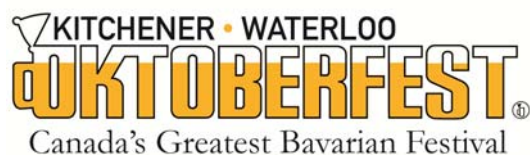
Kelly Lovell

Victoria Melik

Lauren Sproule

Residents of the Region were encouraged to nominate their choice for K-W Oktoberfest Rogers Women of the Year and are invited to enjoy this evening with these distinguished women. Tickets are limited and are available at Hans Haus, 519-570-4267 x233 or online at www.oktoberfest.ca.

Rogers TV, Cable 20, will televise the awards ceremony Sunday, October 16 at 5 PM. Please visit www.rogerstv.com for additional broadcast times.



About Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest

Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest is a not-for-profit Bavarian festival founded in 1969 by a group of volunteers committed to contributing to the social and economic vitality of Kitchener-Waterloo, Canada twin cities with German heritage. Canada's Greatest Bavarian Festival celebrates German heritage, food, music and festivities and is supported by more than 50 not-for-profit organizations. The festival is operated by eight year-round full-time staff, over 495 volunteers and 1,300 community and service club volunteers that stage the nine-day festival each October promoting a unique German cultural experience. As well as the economic boost the festival gives the local economy during the international festival, over \$1.5 million is raised each year by the not-for-profit organizations associated with Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest, one of the top three most recognized event brands in Canada.

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