

Lund gets posthumous Chamber award

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Group's late president named Citizen of Year; Schmit Bros. also honored

It was a bittersweet celebration when the Saukville Chamber of Commerce held its awards banquet Wednesday, June 19, at Fire Ridge Golf Club, 2241 Hwy. W, Town of Grafton.

Russ Lund, the late president of the Chamber, was named Citizen of the Year.

Lund, 68, died last Aug. 3 of acute myelogenous leukemia.



He helped draft the Chamber's bylaws and governing rules, spearheaded the push to secure office space for the organization, created a new logo and stepped in as interim director when the business organization's previous executive director resigned.

Lund owned and operated the Saukville-based Cornerstone Professional Services, a professional training company for 10 years.

He previously worked for Wisconsin Bell-Ameritech for 25 years and for Strategic Business Services.

Lund was also an adjunct professor at Moraine Park Technical College and Lakeland College.

Schmit Bros. Auto was named Business of the Year.

The dealership, which celebrated its 100th anniversary last September, has been selling cars at its Highway 33 location since 1976.

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Owners Mike and Jim Schmit have been very supportive of community causes, including providing vehicles for local parades and making donations to area food pantries and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

Gerald Guldan was also acknowledged for his 50 years operating Jerry's Barber Shop at 24 E. Green Bay Ave.

Guldan was the subject of a feature story in the Feb. 28 Ozaukee Press.

The Saukville Lions Club was named Organization of the Year. The club was chartered in 1998 and has grown to more than 30 members.

The sponsor of many fund-raising celebrations, the club donates 70% of event proceeds to community programs.

Sharon Kirsch, chief of the Saukville Fire Department's emergency medical services, was presented the Government Achievement Award.

Kirsch is an emergency medical technician and handles scheduling and record keeping for the division. She has been with the fire department for 26 years and logs hundreds of on-call hours each month.

The Chamber also recognized scholarship winner Hannah Albers, a Port Washington High School graduate who will study business and dance at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities this fall.

The 48th annual awards ceremony followed the Chamber's nine-hole golf outing, also at Fire Ridge.

The day's top foursome was the Edward Jones team, which included Joe Romas, Tom Didier, Andrew Noegel and Tony Matera.

ACCEPTING HONORS AT the recent Saukville Chamber of Commerce awards banquet were (front row, from left) Gerald Guldan of Jerry's Barber Shop, Sharon Kirsch of the Saukville Fire Department, (back row) scholarship winner Hannah Albers, Mike Schmit of Schmit Bros. Auto, Jen Haas of the Saukville Lions Club, Jim Schmit of Schmit Bros. Auto and Shirley Lund who accepted the Citizen of the Year Award for her late husband Russ. Photo by Sam Arendt

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