



# Seminole County Regional Chamber hands out awards

LAKE MARY – The Seminole County Regional Chamber of Commerce honored member-businesses and individual members at the Chamber's annual Chamber Choice Awards ceremony held recently.

Award recipients, chosen by members, must demonstrate eligibility established by criteria for each category awarded.

Awards were presented to individual members and businesses in 13 categories. Individual winners and their categories included: Sidney Miller—Business Leader of the Year; Bob Stewart—Ambassador of the Year; Bob Lutz—Chamber Member of the Year; Susan Roberts—Education Champion of the Year-Individual; and Randy Berridge—Economic Developer of the Year-Individual.

Business award recipients included: Progress Energy — Education Champion of the Year- Company; The Sharing Center — Community Champion of the Year; EVOK Advertising, Inc — Emerging Business of the Year; Burke, Hogue & Mills Associates — Innovative Business of the Year; City of Altamonte Springs—Economic Developer of the Year-Company; FAST-SIGNS Casselberry & Sanford — Business of the Year-Small; Citizens Bank of Florida — Business of the Year-Midsize; and EMBARQ — Business of the Year-Large.

Each year Chamber members vote for member-peers deserving of recognition in set categories. A selection committee then whittles the nominee pool to three per category. Potential winners are chosen from the pool.

This year, 39 businesses and individual nominees made-up the final cut with 13 chosen to receive awards.

The awards ceremony and dinner-dance was held at the

Orlando Marriott Lake Mary. Emcee for the event was Randy Morris, former Seminole County Commissioner. A pre-event reception was held at Fishbones restaurant. Event sponsors included Central Florida Regional Hospital, FBI-Florida Business Interiors, Greenberg Traurig and BlueCross BlueShield of Florida.

## Individual Award Winners:

- Business Leader of the Year: Sidney Miller, Florida Business Interiors, Lake Mary;
- Ambassador of the Year: Bob Stewart, Abbott Printing, Maitland;
- Chamber Member of the Year: Bob Lutz, Bob Lutz & Associates, Longwood;
- Education Champion of the Year — Individual: Susan Roberts, Susan's Treasure Chest, Sanford;
- Economic Developer of the Year — Individual: Randy Berridge, Florida High Tech Corridor Council, Heathrow.

## Business Award Winners:

- Education Champion of the Year — Company: Progress Energy, Lake Mary;
- Community Champion of the Year, The Sharing Center, Longwood;
- Emerging Business of the Year: EVOK Advertising Inc., Lake Mary;
- Innovative Business of the Year: Burke, Hogue & Mills Associates, Lake Mary;
- Economic Developer of the Year — Company: City of Altamonte Springs, Altamonte Springs;
- Business of the Year — Small: FASTSIGNS Casselberry & Sanford/Lake Mary, Casselberry;
- Business of the Year — Midsize, Citizens Bank of Florida, Oviedo;
- Business of the Year — Large, EMBARQ, Altamonte Springs.

