

# Tualatin Chamber 'Mardi Gras' Excellence in Business Awards Banquet

BY ANNELEAH JAXEN, CEO, TUALATIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

On Friday, March 10, 2023, The Tualatin Chamber of Commerce held the *Excellence in Business Awards Banquet* to honor our business leaders for 2022 at the Tualatin Country Club. Mardi Gras was the theme in colors of Purple, Green, and Yellow, and we had so much fun!

The menu was traditional New Orleans fare: Vegetarian Gumbo, Bourbon chicken, Beef tenderloin, Red Beans and Rice, and dessert was Baby King Cakes by **Nothing Bundt Cakes** and sugar cookies in the shape of a mask, which were sponsored by **A&I Distributors**. The signature drink was the famous New Orleans Hurricane, sponsored by **Republic Services**. The wine was provided by **Noble House and Natalie's Estate Winery**. The Wine Glass sponsor was **Homestreet Bank**, and Table Sponsor was **Tualatin Liquor**. Décor was everywhere with Balloons, Beads, and Feathers, sponsored by **Unitus Community Credit Union**, and **Cobalt Consulting** sponsored the Entertainment of DJ and dancing. Our presenting sponsor was **NW Cannabis Company**, and our Gold sponsors were **NW Natural** and **Musimack Marketing**. We even had purple, green, and yellow popcorn by **Miss**

**Hannah's Gourmet Popcorn**, who donated the popcorn in-kind! **Nothing Bundt Cakes** and **Tualatin Liquor** also donated in-kind!

success. As usual, the **Tualatin Country Club** was stunning in its beauty and service!



Tualatin Chamber CEO Anneleah Jaxen presents Susan Noack with the Chamber Champion award for distinguished service. Attendees of the chamber's Excellence in Business awards banquet erupted in applause and a standing ovation upon presentation of the award.

So many businesses and volunteers came together to contribute to the festivities and the silent auction to make this event a great

The **NEW BUSINESS OF THE YEAR** went to Bart Dickson, President of Cobalt Consulting Group. Robert Kellogg presented the award, and Cobalt's representative, Suzie Weaver, accepted the award in Bart's absence.

The winners of **CHAMBER VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR** were the twin powerhouse volunteers **Annie Gersch** of **Tualatin Auto Body** and **Daniel Lacy** of **Dr. CarCast**, and **OregonTollingUpdates.com**. Susan Noack, Chair of the Business Advocacy Council, presented the pair with their awards. Bryan Carney of Tualatin Auto Body accepted Annie's award in her absence.

**SPIRIT OF TUALATIN** awards went to **Jane Larsen** of **Jane, Ink** for the Spirit of Tualatin, Individual, and **Nathan Holden** of **NV Photography** won for Spirit of Tualatin Business. The awards were presented by Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager for the City of Tualatin.

**BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR** went to **Wendy Anderson** of **Columbia Bank**. Wendy's award was presented by Tualatin Chamber of Commerce Board member Darrell Nelson of NW Natural.

The **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** was presented by **Tualatin Chamber of Commerce Board President, Skip Stanaway** to Dual winners **Dave and Janet Dalton** of **Dalton's NW Catering** and **Dave and Alex Carney** of **Tualatin Auto Body**. Bryan Carney accepted the Award in his parent's absence.

The **CHAMBER CHAMPION AWARD** for distinguished service was awarded to **Susan Noack** of **Meals on Wheels People**, Past Chair of the Tualatin Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Current Chair of the Chamber's Business Advocacy Council, and current event coordinator of the Chamber signature events. Susan's award was presented by Anneleah Jaxen, the CEO of the Tualatin Chamber of Commerce, and was met with roaring applause and a standing ovation.

We are so happy to congratulate our nominees, our winners, and all of those who joined us to celebrate! "Laissez les bon temps rouler," A Mardi Gras saying translated: Let the good times roll!



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## EXCELLENCE in BUSINESS AWARDS CELEBRATION



<p><b>New Business of the Year</b>  <b>Bart Dickson, Cobalt Consulting Group</b>                  Presenter: Robert Kellogg                  Accepting for Bart: Suzie Weaver</p>	<p><b>Volunteer of the Year</b>  <b>Daniel Lacy, DR CarCast</b>  <b>Annie Gersch, Tualatin Auto Body</b>                  Accepting for Annie: Bryan Carney</p>	<p><b>Chamber Champion for Distinguished Service</b>  <b>Susan Noack - Meals on Wheels People</b>                  Chamber Board Past Chair, Chair of the BAC and                  Chamber Event Coordinator - Presenter CEO Anneleah Jaxen</p>	<p><b>Lifetime Achievement Award</b>  <b>Dave &amp; Janet Dalton - Dalton's NW Catering</b>  <b>Alex &amp; Dave Carney - Tualatin Auto Body</b>                  Accepted by Bryan Carney, Presenter Board Chair Skip Stanaway</p>
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