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Niagara Celebrates 2014 Women in Business Award Recipients

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(Niagara) – The Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce’s Women In Niagara (WIN) council is pleased to announce the recipients for the 14th Annual Women In Business Awards, held at White Oaks Conference Resort and Spa on Friday, June 13. The luncheon, sponsored by PenFinancial Credit Union, celebrated the achievements of women whose business and community contributions have made a significant difference in the Niagara region.

“The Women in Business Awards gives us the opportunity to celebrate the amazing business talent that we have here in the Niagara region,” says Ruth Unrau, Chair of WIN. “This event recognizes and showcases the dynamic businesswomen that have made a difference in their line of work, and contributed to Niagara’s growth and prosperity. It is also an opportunity to encourage and inspire more women to seek leadership roles in the regions business and community organizations”

With well-known Niagara personality Juliet Dunn of J.A.D.E hosting the luncheon, the event was an entertaining afternoon of awards and celebration of Niagara’s most enterprising women. Winners of this year’s awards were selected from a list of 20 finalists from across Niagara. The winners, by category, were:

Emerging Business Award:

(sponsored by Canadian Tire Financial Services)
Tamara Jensen, El Gastrónomo Vagabundo

Community Spirit Award:

(sponsored by PenFinancial Credit Union)
Elisabeth Zimmermann, YWCA Niagara

Business Leadership Award:

(sponsored by Niagara College)
Leanne Standryk, Lancaster, Brooks & Welch LLP

Excellence in Science, Innovation & Technology Award

(sponsored by Hotel Dieu Shaver Foundation)
Dr. Debra Inglis, Cool Climate Oenology & Viticulture Institute

The afternoon closed with the presentation of the **Lifetime Achievement Award** *(sponsored by the Verge Insurance Group)* to **Sheryl Wherry, Vice President Corporate Governance at Meridian Credit Union** – who was recognized for her extraordinary business success in Niagara and her community leadership over the course of her career.

The Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce and the Women in Niagara Council would like to congratulate all of the finalists and award winners at the 2014 Women in Business Achievement Awards. The Chamber and WIN would also like to extend its gratitude to all of the sponsors of the event who contributed to the afternoon’s tremendous success.

Women In Niagara is a business council of the Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce, with a mission of fostering the growth and success of women in business in Niagara. The Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce is the champion for the Niagara business community. With over 1,500 members representing more than 45,000 employees, it is the largest business organization in Niagara and the third largest Chamber in Ontario.

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