



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

(Waterloo Region, ON – October 4, 2013) – 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 Thursday, October 10th at 7:30 pm at Bingemans Ballroom, Kitchener; with special guest speaker Linda Fabi, recently retired Director of Education of the Waterloo Region District School Board, and emcees 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 nine categories:

Group Achievement *New in 2013* (sponsored by World Gym) recognizes achievements by a group of women that impact and/or improve our community or our society.

Diva International Inc.
May Court Club of KW
YWCA Cambridge

Humanities 101
Soroptimist International Cambridge

Arts & Culture (sponsored by CHYM 96.7/570 News/Country 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.

Gita Ashley (Kitchener)
Care Finch (Waterloo)
Christine Vlajk (Waterloo)

Tenille Bonoguore (Waterloo)
Kathryn Hofer (Bloomingdale)

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

Jennifer Bardon (Breslau)
Carol Mason (Cambridge)
Sheila Weidinger (Kitchener)

Alison Boyd (Waterloo)
Nancy Tilt (Kitchener)

Entrepreneur (sponsored by Wilfrid Laurier School of Business & Economics)

recognizes women for initiating and/or administering an enterprise or business.

Mandy Brouse (Kitchener)
Jamie Burton (Kitchener)
Jennifer Freitas (Waterloo)

Tara Brouwer (Waterloo)
Misti Cousineau (Kitchener)

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

Tracey Collins (Waterloo)
Tanya Morrell (Cambridge)

Nancy Kauffman-Lambert (Cambridge)
Krista Roubos (Kitchener)

Lifetime Achievement (60 or over) (sponsored by McIntyre Team – Remax Solid Gold Realty) recognizes women for being active in the community by sharing her heart, her time and her life experience.

Keiko Belair (Waterloo)
Sandra Henderson (Waterloo)

Kim Decker (Cambridge)
Donna Kuehl (Kitchener)

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

Sharon Burzotta (Cambridge)
Evelyn Giannopoulos (Kitchener)
Amy Tupling (Kitchener)

Sara Casselman (Kitchener)
Dr. Deborah MacLatchy (Waterloo)

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

Kirsten Carr (Kitchener)
Jill Nothstein (Cambridge)

Mikaela Gerber (Cambridge)

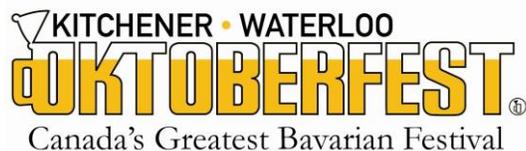
Young Adult (14 to 25) (sponsored by the Kitchener Fire Department) recognizes young women for leading by example and being a role model to her peers.

Emma Dreher (Kitchener)

Stephanie Prysnuik (Kitchener)

The awards ceremony will be televised Sunday, October 13 at 7 PM, Monday, October 14 at 7 PM, Tuesday, October 15 at 7 PM and Saturday, October 19 at 7 PM on Rogers TV, Cable 20. Visit www.rogerstv.com for more info.

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 the Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest Official Retail Store, 519-570-4267 x233 or online at www.oktoberfest.ca.

The K-W Oktoberfest Rogers Women of the Year awards are proudly supported by Rogers, TD Canada Trust and Morell Kelly Personal Injury Law.

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 480 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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