

Barry Jolette Named the 2010 Chamber Person of the Year

Chamber Vice President, Marketing/Programs Amy Buckmaster also recognized



CEO/President of the San Mateo Credit Union, Barry Jolette was recognized at the Redwood City-San Mateo County Chamber of Commerce's 113th Annual Dinner last night as the Chamber's Person of the Year. Chairman of the Board, Alyn Beals, President of Beals Martin Inc. surprised Jolette as he became the last person standing at last night's event as everyone was eliminated as a potential recipient until everyone was asked to sit down unless they were a Green Bay Packers fan. That only left Wisconsin native Barry Jolette as he was announced as the 2010 Chamber Person of the Year at the event held at the Rosewood Sand Hill. Jolette becomes the 39th member of the Chamber so honored since 1970.

The Chamber's Person of the Year Award recipient is selected by the Chairman of the Board and upon making the presentation Beals said, "that When you think about enthusiasm, willingness to say "yes" when asked, accomplishment, commitment and dedication one person comes to mind – Barry Jolette."

Upon calling him to the podium Beals talked about Jolette. "He also is world re-known as he currently serves as Chairman of the Board of the World Council of Credit Unions but still committed locally as he finds the time to accept active roles in the Chamber. He co-chairs both the Kainos Benefit Golf Tournament and the Invitational Golf Tournament and actually spends the day on the tee box raising additional funds. He also was an active member of the Economic Development Committee, the Governmental Relations Committee and Civic Liaison and his generous hospitality is famous as he hosts the Chamber's Holiday Membership Mixer and two of our Leadership Days at the Credit Union. Barry not only commits himself to the Chamber, but encourages his staff to get involved as well. The San Mateo Credit Union is a premiere sponsor of the Progress Seminar and the tee prize sponsor for the Kainos Benefit Golf Tournament."

In making this selection Beals said the Chamber is so fortunate to have the support and commitment of Barry and the San Mateo Credit Union – and even though a Packers fan - remains his choice for his 2010 Person of the Year.

A surprised Amy Buckmaster, Chamber Vice President Marketing/Programs was also recognized by Beals as his 2nd Person of the Year. For the first time ever a 2nd recipient was named and a Chamber staff person was singled out to also receive the prestigious award. In making the presentation, Beals reiterated the criteria of enthusiasm, commitment, and accomplishment and told of his decision to serve as Chairman of the Board for a second time and the impact that the support and encouragement of Buckmaster made on his decision. And, that she never let him down.

Jolette and Buckmaster also each accepted proclamations, resolutions, certificates and compliments from California State Senator Joe Simitian, California Assembly Member Rich Gordon, President of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Carole Groom and Redwood City Mayor Jeff Ira.

About the Person of the Year Award

In 1970 the chamber's highest award was created. Sometimes called the chairman's award, its purpose is to recognize those who more than anyone made the greatest impact on the success of a president's year. key considerations in determining the recipient are;

- Enthusiasm for the overall organization
- Willingness to accept multiple tasks
- Accomplishments in many phases of the chamber's program
- Commitment and dedication to the success of their assignment