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Eastern Monmouth Chamber Awards

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West Long Branch: The Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce (EMACC) held its 2011 Spinnaker Awards on November 16, its 20th year of recognizing and honoring businesses and individuals who give of themselves to make life better for everyone in eastern Monmouth County.

The prestigious event was a celebration of the roster of individuals and organizations "Whose contributions to Monmouth County makes us all feel proud and privileged to live and work here," said event Co-Chairs Jeanie Coomber and Thomas Fraim.

MS. Coomber, Transition Enterprises, and Mr. Fraim, Staybridge Suites, also hosted the evening's presentations. The event was held at Branches Catering in West Long Branch.

This year's honorees are :

The 2011 Volunteer of the Year is Linda Milstein, Brookdale Community College, who leads the college's services and programs for business and community outreach and lifelong learning. She had a lead role in the development and implementation of the New Jersey Coastal Community alliance. She raised over \$100, 000 for scholarships for non-traditional students entering their junior or senior year in post-secondary vocational programs.

The Public Service Award was presented to Amy A. Mallet, Freeholder "Whose performance is a source of pride to the citizens she serves" with high principles of people before politics. Among her contributions she has developed the Wellness Discount Card, and initiated the first large solar project of its type in the county. She is a recipient of the NJBIZ Best 50 Women in Business award.

The Arts and Culture Award was presented to Director Vaughn Peck of the Monmouth University Center for the arts. The Center brings hundreds of arts events annually to the community, including singers, authors, poets and painters, plus actors, dancers and musicians. The arts are presented in the university's Wilson Hall, Pollak Theater, Lauren K Woods Theater and the new MAC.

Lowy's Moving Service received the 2011 Community Service Award for the dedication and good it has shown to the Monmouth County community by its leadership in activities that display the business' "spirit in support of our quality of life." It found ways in the course of its operations to overcome the waste of unwanted, non-perishable food items, moving them into the mainstream of the local food bank. It founded what has become the Lowy family's Move For Hunger. Over the years they have collected and moved more than 335,000 pounds of food for food banks throughout the U.S.

Monmouth Medical Center is the 2011 Corporate Good Neighbor. Under the leadership of Dr. Frank J. Vozos, the institution has built the 125 year old the hospital and its facilities and services to keep pace- in some cases ahead of - the multiplicity of changes in medical tools and techniques and the skills and training of its staff of health care providers. He has moved the institution in step with the rapidly changing world of medicine. At the same time MMC has responded to changes in the community as social, economic and cultural changes have brought the need to stay in tune with the human transitions that were coming to pass.

The Non-Profit Organization of the Year is the Jersey Shore Partnership, an organization built by former state senator Thomas Gagliano to preserve and protect the storm ravaged beaches and coastal environment of the shore area. He has built a structure of businesses, academic institutions and not-for-profit groups at the local and county level, the first organization of its kind. His Shore Protections Fund attracts millions of federal and locally derived dollars to protect

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