

The 2009 Honorees are...



BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

Susan Casaleggi

ABC Animal & Insect Innovations LLC

Susan Casaleggi, co-owner of ABC Animal & Insect Innovations LLC, was selected as our 2009 Business Person of the Year. Known to most of us as Sue, she was an excellent choice as Business Person as she embodies all the qualifications for that honor.

Sue and her husband, Mark, own a successful business in Affton, ABC Animal & Insect Innovations, LLC. She recently completed training to become a technician.

Sue is active in Southgate Church as Leader of Women's Ministry and she leads a home group for the church. She has coached CYC soccer and basketball. This year, she medaled at the St. Louis Senior Olympics.

Sue is married to Mark and they have 2 daughters, Maria and Anna. She was also active at the Affton Schools while her daughters attended the Affton School District. Sue has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and a M.S. in Engineering Management.

Sue has been very active in the Affton Chamber of Commerce serving on the Board since January 2005 and she was President of the Chamber in 2008. She has substituted as Secretary when needed and is co-chair of the Spring Barbeque. She is a member of the Auction Committee and is actively involved in numerous other committees as a worker. In 2007 and 2008 Sue served as a table leader representing our chamber at the Missouri Chamber of Commerce St. Louis High School Symposium for Ethics and Entrepreneurship.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Charles Redmond



Charles Redmond is a familiar face in the Affton-Bayless community – just ask anyone involved in the Boy Scouts of America. Charley has been involved with Troop 66 & Pack 66 (at Bayless) for 25+ years. He served as Scout Master for eight consecutive years & was a Tiger Cub leader for five years. He is currently the Troop Committee Chairman & attends meetings with the Troop as well as the Pack. He volunteers his time in recruiting efforts & assisting the troop & pack with a variety of activities. He is Unit Commissioner for the Cub Scout Pack at Salem Lutheran Church.

Charley Redmond is also well known in the YMCA community having volunteered in the Carondelet YMCA book fair for 23+ years. He is also a member of the Carondelet Y Service Club where he serves as Vice President. Mr. Redmond & the Carondelet Y Service Club worked with area high school students in such collaborative efforts as "Rollback Malaria" where money was raised to purchase mosquito nets for people in Africa. Bayless High School raised \$2,000 in the efforts. The club also provided two scholarships to the High School in 2009 to assist students to be able to continue their education.

Charley & his wife Debbie are members of Zion United Methodist Church where he has served as Lay Leader, on a variety of committees & is a member of the church choir. Mr. Redmond was honored by Zion Methodist Church in 1988 as Man of the Year for his many contributions to the church community.

Mr. Redmond served as a member of the Board of Education for the Bayless School District for 12 years & as President for 2 years. While a member of the Board of Education, Mr. Redmond was instrumental in leading the district through a successful bond issue in 1997 & tax levy in 2001. He was on the initial Governing Council for Special School District as the Bayless representative for over 8 years.

Mr. Redmond participated in the parent teacher organization, B.E.S.T. & was very involved in the Bayless School District Music Boosters Association for over 17 years. The Music Boosters Association chaperoned the Bayless High School Marching Band competition trips & raised a significant amount of funds to purchase new uniforms for the band & instruments for secondary students unable to acquire on their own.

In 2009, Charley Redmond was honored by the Bayless School District with a Bayless Broncho Award for going the extra mile time & time again for the students in the Bayless School District & the Bayless community. The teachers association also honored Charley with a School Bell award for his ongoing support of teachers & the instructional program.

Mr. Redmond is employed at Sigma-Aldrich Chemical Company as a biochemist for over 27 years. The company has teamed with several schools in the area to assist in the development of science curriculum & Charley has been teaching & mentoring 3rd grade students in science last year & plans to work with seventh graders this year. The Redmonds have been married for 37 years & have four sons, Edward, James, Robert & Daniel, all graduates of Bayless High School. In his spare time, Charley performs in a barbershop quartet—Harmony 4.



GOING THE EXTRA MILE

Jerry Lee

Former Chief, St. Louis County Police

Jerry Lee was selected for the 2009 Going the Extra Mile Award. He began his career with the St. Louis County Police in 1970 and has served in all four of the department divisions in a variety of assignments and ranks. He was named Chief of Police in St. Louis County on June 1, 2004 by the Board of Commissioners.

Chief Lee was always very supportive of our chamber activities; golfing in our June tournament each year and making sure we had a large contingent of police to help out our Affton Days Parade. He always enjoyed participating in leading the parade each year.

The Business Person of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Going the Extra Mile, and Beautification Awards will be presented at the Annual Awards Dinner on January 23. See page 3 for more details.

Harold O. Kessler Beautification Award

COMMERCIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION

Mackenzie Crossing

Mackenzie & Heege Roads

Mackenzie Crossing is located on the old Heege School site, which was an eyesore after being vacated by the Affton Elks. This new strip shopping center is a wonderful addition to the Affton community with 13 units of 1320 square feet each. Four of the units are currently occupied and open for business: China Garden, Edward Jones, Little Caesars Pizza, and Studio J Salon. A bar & grill has signed a contract, and work will be proceeding on their three units.

SSM St. Clare Health Center

1015 Bowles

SSM St. Clare Health Center—the first new hospital built in St. Louis County in 35 years—opened March 30, 2009. The hospital has 154 all-private patient/family suites; 30 emergency services exam rooms, with dedicated diagnostic equipment; an outpatient care facility; a procedure center for both outpatient and inpatient cases; SSM Cancer Care; and SSM Heart Institute. The 54-acre campus also includes a medical office building and an outpatient surgery center.

COMMERCIAL RENOVATION

St. Anthony's Ortho-Spine Unit

10010 Kennerly Road

St. Anthony's Medical Center recently opened its new Ortho-Spine Center. This "horizontal hospital within a hospital" is located on the third floor of the medical center and includes 62 all-private patient rooms. Specifically designed to care for post-operative orthopedic patients, the Ortho-Spine Center is dedicated to helping patients recover from their surgeries by providing the best possible care in one convenient location. Each room offers sleeping accommodations for a family member and a flat-screen television set. A bright, airy gym boasts specialized, state-of-the-art equipment, where patients receive physical and occupational therapy to help them regain the strength and flexibility they need to function normally at home. A specially designed "apartment," where patients have the opportunity to practice performing normal daily tasks, like making their beds or removing clothing from drawers, is available to help patients transition to home. St. Anthony's investment in and dedication to the South County community—from the advanced technology in all-new operating rooms to the latest equipment the new Ortho-Spine Center—continues to grow.