

Yonkers Business Week



Yonkers Business Week hits a grand slam

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It was a who's who of the business community May 8 at the Hudson River Museum, as Yonkers Business Week honored business owners for their achievements and success at an awards dinner.

The honorees were: X20 Xaviars on the Hudson, recipient of the Yonkers Business of the Year award; Parkledge Apartments, recipient of the Yonkers Corporate Citizen award; Westchester ARC, recipient of the Yonkers Employer of the Year award; Zuppa Restaurant & Lounge, recipient of the Yonkers Family Business award; Metro Partners L.L.C., recipient of the Yonkers Rising Star award; and

American Sugar Refining Inc.-Domino Sugar, recipient of the Yonkers Legend award.

The "going green" theme was in full bloom in the eco-friendly tented dining area. Dressed in green garb, Sarah Lawrence dance students posed as mannequins on tree stumps under a rainforest canopy that was projected on the ceiling. The green and blue lights that lit up the tent complemented the green tablecloths. The dinner was catered by honoree and Yonkers native Peter Kelly.

"I thought it was a great night," Kelly said. "It was very well attended - more than 400 people - so it was fun. It was nice to be part of it both as an honoree and catering it."

Yonkers Mayor Phil Amicone said although Business Week has grown every year, this year left him feeling particularly optimistic.

"Many of the business who have been here

come back because they have gotten so much from it," he said. "But to see so many new faces means that we have gone beyond the borders of Yonkers; people from outside the city are hearing about it and finding that it's worth their while."

As for his batting skills, Amicone's swing on the cover of the Business Journal's supplement for Business Week proves he really can go to bat for Yonkers.

"I have to tell you that's as level a swing as you're gonna ever see," said Amicone. "And it proved to all my friends that I still can hit it out."

For the Business Journal's full interview with Mayor Amicone and Peter Kelly, as well as other footage from the awards dinner, check out www.westchestercountybusiness.com/yonkersbusinessweek

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11. From left: The award winners: Lael Paulson, refinery manager for American Sugar Refining Inc.-Domino Sugar, Yonkers Legend; Robert Leggio and father Philip Leggio of Zuppa Restaurant and Lounge, Yonkers Family Business of the Year; Peter X. Kelly of X20 Xaviars on the Hudson, Business of the Year; Ken Dearden of Metro Partners, Rising Star of the Year; and Westchester Arc President Anne Majsak, Employer of the Year, accompanied by Carolyn Holodak, a self-advocate employed by the city of Yonkers and Westchester Arc board member. 12. Sarah Lawrence student takes a bow. 13. Peter Kelly, owner of X20 restaurant and recipient of the Yonkers Business of the Year award. 14. City Council member Patricia McDow and Robert Leggio of Zuppa. 15. From left: Yonkers Mayor Philip Amicone, Veronica Raphael of Westchester Residential Opportunities and DeForest Raphael, department head at the city of Yonkers. 16. The five Sarah Lawrence performing artists take off the green makeup and pose with Hudson Scenic project manager. From left: Ilona Bito, Liz Gorgas, project manager Joe Doughney, Jules Skloot, Mandy Hackman and Aya Sato. 17. The Pipes and Drums of the Police Emerald Society of Westchester County New York Inc. led the march of guests into the dinner. 18. From left: Dee DelBello, publisher of the Westchester County Business Journal; Janine Rose, News 12 director and mistress of ceremonies; and Angelique Chielli Business Journal on-line news and media coordinator, at the awards dinner May 6.