



15th Annual  
Stars of Lake County  
Community Awards Celebration

Sunday, May 6, 2012

4:00 Reception~5:00 pm Dinner~6:30 pm Awards

PSI Seminars

High Valley Road, Clearlake Oaks, California

Nomination Deadline: Friday, April 6, 2012

Presented By The Lake County Chamber of Commerce

#### History of the Event

The Stars of Lake County program was initiated in 1998 by Judi Pollace, past president of the Lakeport Regional Chamber of Commerce, (now the Lake County Chamber). The program was co-sponsored by Lake County Publishing and Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa, for the first twelve years. The Lake County Chamber's board liked the idea of providing recognition for the hardworking volunteers, businesses and organizations who do so much for Lake County and the Stars of Lake County Community Awards are the result. It is the only recognition program of its kind in Lake County.

During the first fourteen years 1500 individuals, businesses and organizations have been acknowledged by community nominations for their efforts to improve the quality of life in the community of Lake County. We average over 100 nominations each year from throughout Lake County. The Selection Committee is comprised of individuals from every part of the County, who receive copies of each nomination before meeting to choose the recipients in each category. Once they come together, each nominee is reviewed and then a secret ballot is cast. Only three people know who the recipients are prior to the announcement at the Awards Program.

This year our event will be held at the beautiful, spacious campus of PSI Seminars, in High Valley above Clearlake Oaks on Sunday, **May 6, 2012**. After a delicious dinner, each recipient will be escorted to the stage while their nomination is read by the category sponsor. They are then presented with a Star Award Trophy (made by the same company that makes the Oscar Award Trophies.) The Honorable Mike Thompson, U.S. Representative, presents the recipients with a certificate and they are then escorted back to their seats. There is entertainment during the reception and throughout dinner. It truly is an exciting evening for all those involved.



# Stars Of Lake County Nomination Form

## Awards Ceremony May 6, 2012

*Deadline for Nomination is Friday, April 6, 2012*

Please check the most appropriate category for your nomination. *Please use the Stars Nomination Questionnaire to provide complete, detailed information necessary for the selection committee to vote on your nominee.*

**Please Note: Categories must have a minimum of 2 nominations for an award to be presented.**

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**#1) Marla Ruzicka Humanitarian of the Year:**  
An individual who actively promotes the welfare of the human race, more specifically, residents of Lake County.

**#2) Senior of the Year:** A senior who actively participates in the activities and promotes positive changes in issues that face the seniors of Lake County.

**#3) Volunteer of the Year:** Through continued active participation & support for organizations & projects, demonstration of ongoing, tireless efforts on behalf of Lake County's volunteer services.

**#4) Student of the Year-Female**

**#5) Student of the Year-Male**

A High School Student who makes notable contributions, has the highest caliber of citizenship & positive growth of character. This award is named the "Bo Tipton" award because Bo possessed all the Attributes the Stars Committee believes this award represents.

**#6) Youth Advocate of the Year- Volunteer:**

**#7) Youth Advocate of the Year- Professional:**

For contributions to the youth of Lake County, whether it be in the line of a teacher, coach, counselor, or a group dedicated to providing support and/or direction which will insure the quality of life in Lake County for our Youth.

**#8) Agriculture Award:** For contributions to the development & sustainability of Lake County Agriculture by an individual or group.

**#9) Organization of the Year-Non-profit:  
Non-profit (has paid staff)**

**#10) Organization of the Year-Volunteer:  
Volunteer (All volunteer staff)**

An organization that focuses on improving conditions or having a positive impact on issues that affect residents of Lake County.

**#11) Environmental Award:** To the person(s) or group who have made a special contribution to preserve, protect or enhance the natural and cultural resources for the residents of Lake County.

**#12) New Business of the Year:** A business of any size, type or nature that has opened within the past 12 months and is determined to have made an exciting addition to Lake County.

**#13) Small Business of the Year:** Contributes to the growth of Lake County by offering contributions, new and/or improved services, facilities or merchandise availability and who also actively participate in community events & projects. Small Business has less than 20 employees.

**#14) Large Business of the Year:** Contributes to the growth of Lake County by offering contributions, new and/or improved services, facilities or merchandise availability & who also actively participate in community events & projects. Large Business has 20 or more employees.

**#15) Best Idea of the Year:** A new & creative idea that touched our community around the lake. Recreational, Commercial or the Arts, etc.

**#16) Local Hero of the Year:** This person will have demonstrated a single act of heroism above & beyond the call of duty.

**#17) The Arts Award of the Year-Amateur:**

**#18) The Arts Award of the Year-Professional:** Person (s) or organization who promotes, participates or supports the arts.

**#19) Woman of the Year:** Outstanding character, leadership ability & service to the community.

**#20) Man of the Year:** The Roland Johnstrud Award for outstanding character, leadership ability & service to the community.

**#21) Lifetime Achievement:** A person whose involvement in their community over a period of years has resulted in major improvements & enhancement for the quality of life in that community.

**Please include this page with your choice of category that most fits your nominee.  
Send this page along with your nomination information.**

