

## **Pewaukee Chamber Academy Awards Gala**

**(Press Release)**

I'm told by Deb Bayee of Kirkland Crossings and last years "Business Advocate of the Year" winner, that it takes three years to make an event truly spectacular. Well, 2012 is my third year with the Pewaukee Chamber and I guarantee this year's Pewaukee Chamber Academy Awards Gala celebration on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> will be our most spectacular ever! The Milwaukee Marriott West (Hwy F and I-94) will again offer their fabulous surf and turf dinner as well as host an open bar...yes, I said open bar. Building on last year's success, we have added music and dancing following the ever popular raffles, silent and live auctions.

Since 1981 the Chamber has been celebrating Pewaukee's best...both citizens and businesses alike. James J. Murphy, an active Pewaukee sailor, realized the importance of a chamber in stimulating the growth and prosperity of a community. Consequently, he was selected as the community's first "Person of the Year" for his many contributions to the Pewaukee Kiwanis and his institution of the "River Run" program. Thirty people have since received the award later renamed "Citizen of the Year". All of this year's finalists were nominated by citizens and businesses via the Pewaukee Chamber website.

This year Pewaukee's high profile gala will be classier than ever with an Academy Award theme, red carpet, and paparazzi. Completing the theme, all winners will be announced on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> when "the envelope is opened"! Invitations were sent to the Governor's office, Waukesha County Exec, our local Pewaukee legislators (Senator Zipperer and Representative Paul Farrow), City Mayor and Village President. Our community will celebrate and recognize nominees for: Business of the Year, Entrepreneur of the year, Nonprofits and Chamber MVP. As well, volunteer and individual employees will be recognized by their organizations.

Interested in being a guest at one of Lake Country's finest, most elegant events of the year? To register, go to [www.pewaukeechamber.org](http://www.pewaukeechamber.org), or call 262-691-8851. Couples will be offered an additional discount.

Don't miss it!