

Local businesses honored by builders group

Staff Report

REGION — The Home Builders & Remodelers Association of Fairfield County (HBRA) recently celebrated 60 years of service to the local home building industry at its Annual Awards Gala held at the Water's Edge at Giovanni's in Darien.

Several Norwalk companies were honored with awards at the event. The association represents the local interests of

the home building, remodeling, land development and allied industries and serves as a resource for area homeowners.

Awards and recognitions were given to members for excellence in their respective industries, as well as service as past presidents and board members, and for outstanding commitment of time and resources to the HBRA Vision Fund, Inc., a non-profit organization that benefits needy

homeowners in Fairfield County. The fund also provides scholarships to young people interested in pursuing construction-related careers.

Norwalk award winners included: Associate of the Year, Michael Devine, president of Devine Brothers, a biofuel company. Devine serves on the HBRA Board of Directors and is an active member of its Government Affairs Committee.

Remodeler of the Year: Eric

Gribin, president and founder, Gribin Construction, a provider of construction management services to both residential and commercial clients.

Supplier of the Year: Aitoro's, an appliance, TV, and home entertainment showcase and demonstration center.

Also, Klaff's and Aitoro's received Vision Care Awards. Jerry Effron of Greyrock Companies in Norwalk received Past President recognition, as

did Dan Hughes of Daniel Hughes in Westport.

"Our award winners are deserving of recognition for the accomplishments they have made within our industry and their commitment to our association's standard of excellence," said Andrew LaSala, Jr., president of the HBRA of Fairfield County. "The support given by all our members have

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helped our association achieve a 60-year anniversary milestone this year."

HBRA Award Recipients include:

Other award winners were: Builder of the Year, Randy Salvatore, founder and owner, RMS Construction of Stamford, a construction and real estate development company. RMS recently purchased land on East Avenue along the Norwalk River and will build condominiums there.

Woman of the Year: Mary Boudreau, Penfield Financial of Fairfield, a mortgage banking company. Boudreau is Executive Vice President of the HBRA and President of its Vision Fund.

Business of the Year: Ridgefield Supply, Ridgefield, a leading supplier of lumber and building supplies to contractors and homeowners.

Other Vision Fund Award recipients were: Ridgefield Supply, Mofly Publications, Gulick Associates and Barnum Financial Group.

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Award winners at the recently held HBRA celebration include: Michael Devine, Devine Brothers Inc., David Adams, HBRA Board of Directors, Tony Aitoro, Vincent Aitoro, Lewis Price, Ridgefield Supply, Mary Boudreau, HBRA Executive Vice President, Andrew LaSala, HBRA President, Maureen Callaghan Jacobson, HBRA Executive Officer, Joe Yursick, Ridgefield Supply, Randy Salvatore, and Eric Gribin.