



# Nomination Form

## Carl E. Wehde Memorial Award

This award honors Carl E. Wehde, a dedicated Chamber of Commerce member and a key figure in Crystal Lake's growth. As owner of Wehde Shoes and mayor (1979–91), he shaped the community through leadership and service. He spent 13 years on the District 47 school board, eight as president, and represented McHenry County on the Pace board. His many contributions earned him numerous community service awards.

### **CARL E. WEHDE *INDIVIDUAL/GROUP OF THE YEAR* AWARD CRITERIA:**

- Individual person/group known to have made a verifiable contribution to the quality of life in the greater Crystal Lake area.
- Individual person/group is currently or has been actively engaged and supportive of the Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce and supports a healthy business community.
- He/she/they provided inspiration that will have also sparked other people to become intensely involved in efforts to assist the community.
- He/she/they has been involved in establishing goals for community development seeing them through to fruition.
- He/she/they should be involved more than one project area or organization showing leadership in education, community service/government or business for more than 3 years establishing a consistent pattern of public service.
- He/she/they should be dedicated to the mission of improving opportunities for all people on going beyond that of just providing funds for programs.
- He/she/they have demonstrated active multi-dimensional interests that have challenged community leaders like Carl E. Wehde

### **Please submit a nomination form including the following information for the CARL E. WEHDE *INDIVIDUAL/GROUP OF THE YEAR* AWARD:**

- Individual/Group Being Nominated
- Nomination Submitted By
- Phone or Email of Nominating Party
- Nominee Contact Person
- Phone or Email
- Nominee Website
- Years in Business
- Minimum of One Page detailing why this business should be considered for the Carl E. Wehde Individual/Group of the Year Award

**Send your completed nomination form by March 20<sup>th</sup> to  
[info@clchamber.com](mailto:info@clchamber.com)**

# **Past Award Winners**

## **Carl E. Wehde Individual/Group of the Year Memorial Award**

- 2002 – Bill Dwyer
- 2003 – Ken Koehler
- 2004 – Bob Blazier
- 2005 – Mark Elmore
- 2006 – Mike Tryon
- 2007 – David Hubbard
- 2008 – Kathi Etten
- 2009 – Robert O. Covey
- 2010 – Mike Splitt
- 2011 – Ann Vigor
- 2012 – Patti Lutz
- 2013 – Diana Kenney
- 2014 – Aaron Shepley
- 2015 – Rick Schildgren
- 2016 – Peter Affrunti
- 2017 – Bob Gray
- 2018 – Ryan Farrell
- 2019 – Crystal Lake Lions Club
- 2020 – No award ceremony due to Covid-19
- 2021 – Crystal Lake Park District
- 2022 – School District 155 Business Incubator
- 2023 – Victoria Summers
- 2024 – Denise Smith
- 2025 – Crystal Lake Strikers