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HOWELL: The Howell Area Chamber of Commerce hosted their 67th Annual Dinner & Citizen of the Year Celebration at Chemung Hills Golf Club & Banquet Center yesterday evening. The Howell Chamber was honored to present the 2023 Citizen of the Year award to **Richard Lim of Richard Lim Photography**. The celebration also included a presentation from Jimmy Cusano of Your Chamber Connection on the *Meaning of the Evening*. Other event highlights included recognizing nine outstanding nominees in three award categories, Employee Engagement Innovator Award, Community Engagement & Philanthropy, and the Rick Scofield Business of the Year Award. Each nominee was highlighted through spotlight videos created by Media Sponsor Wayne Media Group. Guests attending the event voted for the winner in each category. The winner for each award included **Rhonda Callahan of Torch 180 (Employee Engagement Innovator Award)**, **Brad Tate of Agape City Church (Community Engagement & Philanthropy Award)**, and **Mike Jonna of Jonna's Market & Jonna's Bar and Grill (Rick Scofield Business of the Year Award)**. The event also highlighted key Howell Area Chamber of Commerce programs, activities, and accomplishments. The theme of the event was shining together, building forever in honor of the Chamber's 75th anniversary year.

The 67th Annual Dinner & Citizen of the Year Presentation was presented by Chamber Chamber Champion Sponsors and Presenting Sponsor Brighton Ford & Trinity Health. Other sponsors included Citizens Insurance, HUB International, Pepsi, Bank of Ann Arbor, Wayne Media Group, Russell Productions, Auto Lab- Howell, the Bear Factory, First Impression Print & Marketing, and Abovo Visual Communications.

The annual dinner celebration began at 5 p.m. with a networking buffet dinner. At 6:30 pm the program commenced, and the Citizen of the Year was revealed shortly thereafter. The evening concluded with a Champagne toast given by past Citizen of the Year, George Moses. The Howell Area Chamber of Commerce serves over 650 members within the Livingston County region and beyond. They create unique opportunities and collaborative alliances for

organizations doing business in our region, thereby enhancing the business environment and quality of life in our community. For more information regarding the Howell area Chamber of Commerce please visit Howell.org.