

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



2023 Award Gala Review

The CAI-MI Awards Gala, held at the historic Gem Theatre in Detroit, MI, on December 14, 2023, was a night of enchanting contrasts themed as Fire & Ice. The event not only celebrated excellence in our industry, but also served as a heartwarming tribute to Vicki Hancock, our former chapter director. The gala, with all proceeds again benefiting the Rhonda Walker Foundation, created an atmosphere that seamlessly blended glamour, purpose, and remembrance.

The venue choice of the Gem Theatre added an extra layer of sophistication to the evening. Its vintage charm and architectural beauty provided the perfect backdrop for the gala's Fire & Ice theme. The combination of warm and cool tones throughout the venue created an ambiance that reflected the duality of the theme.

One of the highlights of the evening was the recognition of our award winners from various categories. The ceremony not only acknowledged excellence within the community but also showcased the diversity and talent present in the CAI-MI community. The event felt like a true celebration of collective achievement.

In terms of organization and execution, the event was nearly flawless. The CAI-MI awards and social committees demonstrated meticulous planning and attention to detail. We couldn't be more grateful for their hard work and dedication to our Chapter.

In conclusion, the 2023 CAI-MI Awards Gala - Fire & Ice was a magical night that successfully combined elegance, purpose, and remembrance. The Gem Theatre served as a picturesque venue, the award winners showcased the community's achievements, and the tribute to Vicki Hancock added a profound emotional depth. This gala was not just an event; it was a celebration of resilience, generosity, and the collective spirit of the CAI-MI community.

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- [February 12, 2024 - CMCA Review - Zoom](#)
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At the prestigious December 14th Award Gala, the Chapter took a momentous occasion to recognize and applaud the outstanding contributions of our esteemed members within the community association industry. Four distinguished award categories shone a spotlight on exemplary individuals and entities: the Community Association Volunteer of the Year Award, the Community Manager of the Year Award, the Business Partner of the Year Award, and the Lifetime Achievement Award. The accolades go to:

Business Partner of the Year Winner – U&S Companies, Joey Smith and U&S have gone above and beyond on multiple occasions to assist the needs of a few communities that I manage. 1) Joey personally took the time to educate one of my boards on the importance of replacing rotted wood and the savings you generate for your community over the long run 2) Joey made sure that my Board felt at ease after a painting project that U&S took over from a contractor that they fired.

Board Member of the Year Winner – Linda Forte – Shorepointe Village at Grayhaven Condominium Association, Longstanding Board Member at a unique and diverse community who has overseen significant improvement projects and has led the charge to complete the development of the community.

Community Beautification Winner – Westwood Common Homeowner Association, nestled in the heart of that was built around two common, wooded areas, with sidewalks that connect the Condominium to those areas. The look is unique for our area – it is inspired by a community in Seaside, Florida. Though we are in Michigan, they kept the front porches throughout the community to encourage neighbors to get to know one another. Open spaces were kept as well to encourage neighborhood activities, like croquet or soccer. Each Unit is maintained beautifully and holds on to their uniqueness, while also melding well into the overall look for the community.

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As Vice President of In Rhodes Management Thayer strives to be a mentor and a resource to managers within the organization and outside of it. Even in times when we were competitors, I have called on Thayer for advice and direction as to how to lead my boards. He is always available and always has sound advice. When he does not know an answer, he is honest and will direct you to someone who does.

Rising Star Winner – Matthew Briguglio – Association Management, Inc. – Matt came into Community Management at the height of COVID. While others who came into the business at the same time did not stay long term, he stuck it out and made it through many difficulties in the changing world of managing and continued to thrive. If you ask most other managers or the companies he deals with, he is always eager to learn the ins and outs of the business and be of support in any way he can.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who submitted nominations, as well as to the distinguished panel of judges from other Chapters who dedicated their time and expertise to evaluate the submissions. A special acknowledgment goes out to all our members and volunteers whose unwavering support is the cornerstone of CAI's success. It is through the dedication and passion of our members and volunteers that we continue to thrive and make significant strides in advancing the community association industry. Thank you for being the driving force behind our success.



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As the curtain has fallen on another year of triumphs and shared success, the CAI-MI family gathers with immense joy and gratitude to express our deepest appreciation for your generous sponsorship of our 2023 Awards Gala. Your unwavering support has been a cornerstone in the realization of this remarkable event, and we extend our heartfelt thanks!

The resounding success of this year’s gala reverberates through our community, echoing the positive feedback we have received from attendees whose experiences were nothing short of extraordinary. Your invaluable support played a pivotal role in curating an environment where enjoyment, camaraderie, and excellence seamlessly converged on a grand stage.

Once again, THANK YOU for being an integral part of this journey. We eagerly anticipate celebrating with you again at several of our events in 2024.

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