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Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce Honors

Lifetime Achievement

DOYLESTOWN -The **Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce** and sponsor **Wilmington Trust** will honor the recipients of Bucks County's prestigious 37th Annual Lifetime Achievement Awards. These coveted awards honor illustrious businesses and passionate, talented individuals, whose outstanding contributions to the local community and beyond enrich us all. The awards will be presented at the Lifetime Achievement Awards, Saturday, April 18 at 6 p.m. at the Spring Mill Manor, Ivyland. Tickets for the dinner are \$150 per person and can be purchased by contacting the Chamber at 215-348-3913.

"We are delighted to have the opportunity each year to honor these outstanding Bucks County businesses and individuals," said George and Cathy Donovan, Committee General Chairs. Acting on the submissions received by the Chamber from the community at large, four juries selected the honorees. The **Bucks County Arts** jury, chaired by Barbara M. Donnelly, C.P.M. (Donnelly MSA - Marketing Services Associates) selected Artist **Niko Chocheli (Chocheli School of Fine Arts)**.

The **Business Achievement** jury, chaired by George E. Michael, (George E. Michael & Co., Inc. Builder/Developer), is presented to a business, which has stability, growth in sales and/or unit volume, together with evidence of contributions to aid community-oriented projects through the use of business resource. This year's award will be presented to **Univest National Bank and Trust Co.**

The Lifetime Achievement - **Ambassador of Bucks County** was chaired by Maris Langford, Esq., and is recognized for distinctive services, products or personal endeavors, which illustrate creativity or innovation, and are known beyond Bucks County. The selection may have greater name recognition outside of the immediate area than within the community. The 2009 Award will be presented to the **Michael A. Smerconish, Esq.**

The **Humanitarian Achievement** award honors an individual or individuals for concerted efforts in voluntary service, which enhance the quality of life of the community; or for pioneering or spearheading a pertinent program or cause; or for showing a unique individual commitment to humankind. The Chair of this year's committee was Linda Plank, and the honor will be awarded to the **Bucks Mont Katrina Relief Project.**

This year, the Chamber will also award the prestigious **Lifetime Achievement – Whitney Exemplar** to **Syd and Sharon Martin (MacAulay Brown, Inc.)**. Named after the late Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Don F. Whitney, the award embodies the criteria of all four awards. It demonstrates the important qualities of each. A Whitney Exemplar is a business achiever, a humanitarian, an ambassador, and a promoter of the arts.

This year's recipients join the ranks of such inspirational past recipients as author James A. Michener; Pulitzer prize-winning author, Jonathan Weiner; Stan & Jan Berenstain creators of the 'Berenstain Bears'; and Olympic swimmer David Wharton, among a host of other committed individuals and organizations.

“Wilmington Trust is honored to be the title sponsor of the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Awards dinner and congratulates each honoree for their lifetime of support to the Bucks County community” said Tim Gillespie, Wilmington Trust’s Managing Director of Wealth Advisory Services for Pennsylvania.

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Photo Captions:

- 1) **Humanitarian:** Bucks Mont Katrina Relief Project: L-R: Robert L. Byers, Sr.,; Grover Friend; William Eastburn; Michael Scobey.
- 2) Bucks Mont Katrina Relief Project: L-R: Michael Scobey; Robert L. Byers, Sr., William Eastburn IV; Tom Mellon; Jonathan Otto.
- 3) **Arts Award:** Niko Chocheli, Artist, Chocheli School of Fine Arts
- 4) **Ambassador Award:** Michael A. Smerconish
- 5) **Business Achievement:** Univest National Bank and Trust Co. (K. Leon Moyer, President and CEO in photograph)
- 6) **Whitney Exemplar:** Sharon and Syd Martin, MacAulay Brown, Inc.

The mission of the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce is to build alliances among its members by uniting business, industry, professionals, artists and non-profit organizations. The Chamber serves as a catalyst that creates a rich business climate and improves the quality of life in the community. The Chamber is devoted to furthering the arts, humanities and welfare of the Central Bucks region.

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