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EDH Chamber Celebrates Board, Award Winners, and Community

(EL DORADO HILLS, CA) – The El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce held its 34th Annual Installation & Business Awards Dinner on March 16, 2022 at Serrano Country Club to a sold-out evening with 180 attendees. Former *American Idol* contestant Andrey Kuzak was the emcee, even entertaining the audience with a few bars. A & A Music Events helped to make the evening festive. The program commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions of notable guests and elected officials, including Assemblyman Kevin Kiley and Supervisor John Hidahl.

The Chamber recognized their Premier Partners, Government Relations Committee, Foundation, and supporters. The 2021 Business of the Year Award Winners were announced, celebrated, and received Certificates of Recognition from the offices of local, elected officials. Congratulations to:
Excellence in Business of the Year – **The El Dorado Community Foundation**
Young Entrepreneur of the Year – **Tiffany Bertolini, Pacific Interstate Insurance Brokers**
Aspiring Entrepreneur of the Year – **Shawn Varshney, Oak Ridge High School Sophomore**
Small Business of the Year – **Wilkinson Portables, Inc.**
Start-Up Business of the Year – **Wow Wow Lemonade**
Home-Based Business of the Year – **2B Organized**

Sheriff John D'Agostini led the swearing in ceremony for the Board of Directors, who took their oath of volunteer service. In a moving tribute, Chamber President & CEO, Debbie Manning, announced the Sheriff's final Chamber ceremony before his retirement this year. It was followed by a standing ovation for the Sheriff. Manning also shared the deadline had just passed for filing for candidates for his replacement. The Chamber was pleased to share that Lt. Jeff Leikauf, also present that evening, will be running for the office unopposed, welcoming him as our next El Dorado County Sheriff.

The Chamber has 11 directors, with David Maestas terming out and acknowledged for his years of service to the Chamber. Kevin Barri, Region Bank President with Wells Fargo, shared sentiments with his time as Chairman of the Board, and wittingly introduced the new Chairman of the Board, Craig Badolian, owner of BI Design Center, E Life Cycles, and Founder of Krikor Holdings LLC.

A silent auction at the event, with generous donations from more than 30 businesses, raised over \$7,000 for the Chamber's Scholarship Fund, among other programs. Miraflores Winery was the Wine Sponsor. ReThink Ice Cream offered complimentary pints upon departure. "This is more than a job; it's an outreach," shared Manning in describing how the Chamber strives to strengthen the local economy, connects business and nonprofits to the community, and promotes "KeepItLocal365." [EVENT PHOTOS](#)

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The El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce is a 501(c)(6) not-for-profit organization, founded in 1986 to serve and advocate for the local business community.