

Planning the Future; Honoring Those Who Serve

During the course of the last seven months, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce has been in strategic planning mode. It's a process that undoubtedly many of you have participated in through your own companies and organizations.

A comprehensive review of current practices, combined with crafting a game plan to enhance future success, can be enlightening. While the Chamber will grow stronger from the experience, those nearly 5,000 member companies and 800,000 Indiana workers they represent will be the beneficiaries in the long run.

If you are part of that extended Chamber family, rest assured that you will continue to receive high-quality products, programs and services. We will work to provide those to you more efficiently and effectively than ever. If you have not invested in this organization as a way to help you grow your business, we invite you to take a look and see how we can be of assistance.

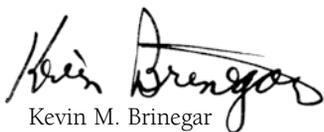
In this issue, we honor Mike Wells, Tony Bennett and Terre Haute as our 2010 business, government and community champions. The cover of this magazine phrases it so well, as each is changing the landscape – both physically and culturally – in their areas of expertise. Congratulations to each and thank you for your leadership.

We also recognize three volunteers (of the many who contribute to the Chamber throughout the year) for their exceptional service: Mike Evans, Andrea Moore and David Wulf.

But I must close with the fact that this trio is the first of what will be many to receive the Samuel C. Schlosser Indiana Chamber Volunteer of the Year award. Sam, president of Plymouth Foundry, has given back to this organization in so many ways over the last 20-plus years.

Sam was a 2003 Volunteer of the Year winner and someone whose name surfaces annually for additional consideration. Chamber staff and volunteer leadership thought it best, however, to provide this longer-lasting tribute for his numerous valuable contributions.

Sam, this doesn't mean we won't continue to count on your passion and commitment. Thank you for always being there to answer the call.



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