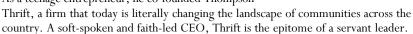
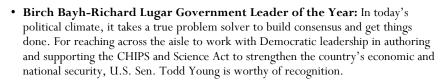
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It's hard to believe November 14 marks the 34th year of our Annual Awards Dinner. It's even harder to believe this will be my last — as I head into retirement in January. And I'm grateful to say I've been at the Chamber for all but the first few of these impactful and entertaining events.

The 2023 honorees highlighted in these pages include:

 Ogletree Deakins Business Leader of the Year: Real estate developer Paul Thrift has an inspiring story: As a teenage entrepreneur, he co-founded Thompson





- Dynamic Leader of the Year: Mario Rodriguez one of the most influential minds in our state is being honored for his efforts in piloting the strategic direction of the Indianapolis Airport Authority, operating Indiana's largest airport system in the Indianapolis metropolitan area and elevating its stature and importance as an economic hub.
- NextEra Energy Resources Community of the Year: Nothing, it seems, can
 stop the red-hot momentum of the second-fastest growing county in the state: Boone
 County. Situated just north of Indianapolis, it's attracting businesses of all sizes and
 sectors, as well as citizens with its increasing list of job opportunities and quality-oflife amenities.

In this edition, we also say "thanks" and celebrate the Indiana Chamber's Samuel C. Schlosser Volunteers of the Year — Andy Bowman, Lori Danielson and Dr. Jim Roberts — for all they've done for our organization this past year.

Additionally, we feature public policy matters, highlight Indiana Chamber members, profile Indiana's Best Places to Work in Manufacturing and more.

As I mentioned previously, I will be retiring – and this is my last time participating in <code>BizVoice®</code>. I've been delighted to see the publication grow into Indiana's most comprehensive statewide business magazine in its nearly 25 years of existence, and we're honored to cover the many achievements of the state's businesses, government and partnerships.

So, thank you for reading *BizVoice*. It's been a pleasure to serve as its publisher and I look forward to remaining a very interested reader going forward!

Kevin Brinegar
President and CEO



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