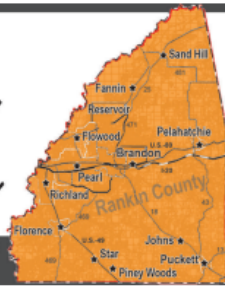


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## Flowood Chamber holds annual member recognition gathering

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The Chamber of Flowood's "2022 Winter Gathering" was held Feb. 1, 2022 at the Sheraton Flowood The Refuge Hotel & Conference Center.

Charter Board Chamber member Debbie Blackwell welcomed everyone present and Flowood Baptist Church pastor Bobby McGuffie led in the invocation.

Flowood Mayor Gary Rhoads welcomed those attending the event. He was followed by Janet Reihle, Flowood Chamber Executive Director, gave a recap of where the Chamber of Commerce has been and where it is headed.

Shane' E. Dubois, past president of the Flowood Chamber of Commerce for the past two years, presented the incoming board. The 2022 board will be made up of Jeff Bedford, Casey Callais, Joshua Carlisle, Rigo Cedeno, John Chesney, Shane' E. Dubois, Rusty Fortenberry, Malcolm Houston, Angela Reynolds, John Rounsaville, and Amy Walker (President).

A special recognition was held to honor Keith Clair. Malcolm Houston and

Shane' E. Dubois spoke about the life of Keith Clair and what Clair meant to the them, the Chamber, and the City of Flowood.

Dubois introduced the incoming Flowood Chamber of President Amy Walker.

Dubois, Janet Reihle, and Mayor Gary Rhoads presented the top of the community awards to the recipients.

New Business of the Year:

American Gent Barbershop, Entrepreneur of the Year: Christian Ulmer (The Yard Milkshake Bar);

Small Business of the Year: F5 Flowood Futsal & Functional Fitness Facility;

Medium Business of the Year: Community Bank

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Heart of Flowood Award: Logan Lemonis (City of Flowood Fire Department);

President's Award: Susan Bolian (City of Flowood Parks & Recreation)

Mayor's Spirit Award: Gary Miller, Sr. (former City of Flowood Public Works Director).

The new Flowood Chamber of Commerce President Amy Walker had a few final remarks and adjourned the meeting.

Reihle said there were over 300 tickets sold for the event at the Sheraton.



**PRESIDENT'S AWARD** - Susan Bolian, City of Flowood Parks and Recreation employee was presented the President's Award for her work with the City of Flowood. Pictured are (l to r) Flowood Mayor Gary Rhoads, outgoing Chamber President Shane' Dubois, Susan Bolian, and Flowood Chamber Executive Director Janet Reihle.



**NEW BUSINESS OF THE YEAR** - The American Gent Barbershop, owned by Josh Fedrick was recognized by the Flowood Chamber of Commerce as the New Business of the Year. Pictured are (l to r) Flowood Mayor Gary Rhoads, outgoing Chamber President Shane Dubois, Josh Fedrick, Brennan Crosby, Flowood Chamber Assit. Riley Stephens, and Flowood Executive Director Janet Reihle.



**HEART OF FLOWOOD** - A first for the Chamber of Flowood is the Heart of Flowood Award which was presented to Logan Lemonis, a City of Flowood Fire Department employee. Pictured are (l to r) Flowood Mayor Gary Rhoads, Logan Lemonis, outgoing Chamber president Shane' Dubois, Chamber Executive Director Janet Reihle, and Riley Stephens, Chamber assistant.



**SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD** - Rigo Cedeno, owner of F5 Flowood Futsal & Functional Fitness Facility was named the Small Business of the Year Award recipient for Flowood by the Flowood Chamber of Commerce. Pictured are (l to r) Flowood Mayor Gary Rhoads, Rigo Cedeno, outgoing Chamber president Shane' Dubois, Chamber Executive Director Janet Reihle, and Chamber assistant Riley Stephens.



**MEDIUM BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD** - Community Bank was award the Flowood Chamber of Commerce Medium Business of the Year Award at the Chamber's annual award banquet. Community Bank officers and staff accepted the





**MAYOR'S SPIRIT AWARD** - This year, Flowood Mayor Gary Rhoads presented the Mayor's Spirit Award to Gary Miller, Sr. Miller is the former City of Flowood Public Works Director. Pictured are (l to r) Rhoads, Miller, Janet Reihle (Chamber Director) and Shane' Dubois (outgoing president of Flowood Chamber).



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**LARGE BUSINESS** - Named the Large Business of the Year for Flowood Chamber of Commerce was Sheraton The Refuge Hotel & Conference Center. Flowood Mayor Gary Rhoads presented the owner and staff of the Sheraton the award being held by Rebecca Jaeger (center) beside her husband Joseph Jaeger (right). The Jaegers are the owners of the Sheraton in Flowood. With the staff are Mayor Rhoads (right) and Chamber staff.



**ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR** - This year, Christian Ulmer, owner of The Yard Milkshake Bar, was named the Entrepreneur of the Year Award. Named at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet, Ulmer accepted the plaque presented by Mayor Gary Rhoads. Pictured are (l to r) Flowood Mayor Gary Rhoads, outgoing chamber president Shane' Dubois, Executive Director Janet Reihle, and Chamber Assistant Riley Stepsens.

award at the banquet. Flowood Mayor Gary Rhoads (center) presented the award.

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