



## **GREATER LAPORTE CHAMBER *of* COMMERCE**

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### **Athena Award Winner**



On Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, The Greater LaPorte Chamber of Commerce hosted its Annual Meeting Dinner Dance that was held at Heston Hills Conference Center.

Mrs. Susan Lindgren, owner of Comfort Keepers, was honored with the 2008 ATHENA Award, which was sponsored by Pine Chevrolet, National City Bank, and The LaPorte Chamber of Commerce.

The ATHENA Award program began in LaPorte in 1988 to recognize, encourage and celebrate the achievements of an individual who promotes women in business.

Susan spends much of her time helping to steer women in better directions of life giving them hope and the opportunities they need. Susan is the current President of the Continuity of Care Association of Northwest Indiana, member of the Society of Certified Senior Advisors, graduate of the Leadership of LaPorte County Adult Training Program, 5 year member of the LaPorte Kiwanis Club, and a Triad Member, active member of the LaPorte, Michigan City, Valparaiso, Hobart, Portage, and Chesterton Chamber of Commerce organizations. Susan also helped to start the LaPorte Chapter of the Business Network International.

Mr. Don Babcock of NIPSCO was named recipient of the Clem T. Otolski Business Person of the Year Award for his contributions as an exceptional business-person who has given back to the community. Babcock serves the community on a number of boards including the Northwest Indiana Forum, the LaPorte Economic Advancement Foundation, The Greater LaPorte Chamber of Commerce, LaPorte Community Development Partnership, LaPorte County Dot Biz Board & Intermodal Task Force and GLEDC Board of Directors.

Mrs. Theresa Edwards, of SERVPRO of LaPorte and Porter County, was presented the 2008 Board Member of the Year Award for all of her hard work and dedication to the Chamber and the community. Rich Schmitt, of Schmitt & Kaylor CPA's was recognized as the 2007 Chairman of the Board.

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