

## Hudson is installed as new president during luau

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The Fontana Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed its 56th president and honored local business owners and members of the community during the 69th Annual Installation and Small Business Awards Luau Dinner.

The event was held on June 17 at the recently-opened Fontana Community Senior Center.

During a humorous and entertaining evening, the Chamber installed Jan Hudson, a director with the Inland Empire Labor Management Cooperation Committee, as the new president for the 2010-2011 year, replacing Suzie Colon, owner of The Strategic Approach.

Hudson represents electrical contractors in San Bernardino and Riverside counties. She has provided leadership in the expansion of education and training programs in the fields of alternative energy sources and green building for the development of workforce in these areas.

Hudson has supported the Fontana Chamber in a variety of capacities over the past four years. This last year, she served

as the vice chair for the Operating Committee. She has also served as vice chair of business advocacy for two years and the chair of the Inland Empire Women's Conference for three years.

Emceed by Lilian Vazquez, director of marketing and promotions for KVCR, the event also honored Michael Tahan, owner of TCM Group, with the Small Business of the Year Award; Frank Montes and Arlene Montes, owners of Inland Body and Paint Center, with the Hispanic Business Community Award; Tom White of Primerica, with the Ambassador of the Year Award; and Marie Waddingham, owner of Rotolo Chevrolet, with the "Kenny" Award.

Outstanding Contribution awards went to Amanda Sparacello of Green Acres Memorial Park and Mortuary and Matt Kowallis of the Inland Empire 66ers. They were co-chairs of the Business Connection Network.

Certificates were given to:

- Chuck Dinise, Dinise Financial and Insurance Solutions;
- Ray Allard, Allard Engineering;
- David Coventry, Securitas



The members of the new Board of Directors were installed during the luau on June 17.

Security USA;

- Pamela Eshleman, Anderson Real Estate;
- Jan Hudson, Inland Empire Labor Management Cooperation;
- Amanda Cothran, State Farm Insurance;
- Suzie Colon, The Strategic Approach;
- Frances Zapata, Ambassadors Corp;
- Christine Ferrera, Ambassadors Corp;
- Grace Suchowski, Las Posadas;
- Dr. William "Bill" Wong, Fontana Optometric Group;
- Kyle Schultzy, California Steel.

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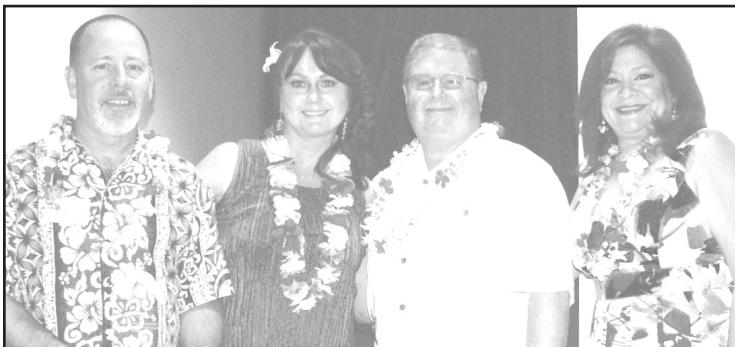
Before members of the Board were installed by Mayor Pro Tem Frank Scialdone, attendees had the opportunity to enjoy entertainment provided by Melinda Huynh from the Pacific Island Dancers of Chino.

Dressed wearing a colorful pare, a raffia collar and a floral arrangement made of Lei flowers, Huynh asked the Chamber members to take hula lessons, which turned out to be a comical scene.

Attendees, many of whom were wearing hula shirts and dresses, greatly enjoyed the night, which included a celebration of the Los Angeles Lakers' NBA championship victory.



Marie Waddingham of Rotolo Chevrolet received the "Kenny" Award during the Chamber dinner.



Tom White of Primerica was honored by the Fontana Chamber as Ambassador of the Year.



Frank and Arlene Montes of Inland Body and Paint Center were given the Hispanic Business Community Award.



Michael Tahan of TCM Group was honored with the Small Business of the Year Award.



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