

Fourteen Receive 'Roses' Awards At Gala Event

Loud applause greets winners, who have given above and beyond to Niles community.

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Golf Mill Shopping Center received the Business Of The Year award. Pictured holding it are Michael Williams, from left, Monika Kalicki, Regina Verdico and Angelika Jurczyk. Verdico said, "It came to me that the success the mall is being honored for is with its partnerships." She said the collaboration with the Niles Teen Center was great, and she also thanked Mark Williams, its director, as well as Niles Village Manager George Van Geem and Assistant Village Manager Steve Vinezeano. Credit: [Pam DeFiglio](#)

Every town has people that work hard, volunteer and put in extra effort to help neighbors and friends. In most towns, these people are pretty much ignored. However, the Niles Chamber of Commerce hosted a gala social event Saturday evening, the Niles Night of Roses, to honor these beyond-the-call-of-duty contributors.

The Chamber invited community members to nominate people for the awards, and organized committees to manage the awards, the scholarships and running the event itself. With about 375 people attending, it was a huge effort. After dinner was served at the event, Chamber representatives introduced each winner and presented him or her with the award. The awardees then made a few remarks. Find out who they were, what they said and what was said about them in the photo gallery. Some Niles residents call the Niles Night of Roses, held Saturday at White Eagle Banquets, the village's biggest social event. To other, it gives the Niles Chamber of Commerce, which puts it on, an opportunity for members to network, socialize and hand out scholarships