

Peoples Choice Ballot

Vote for 6 People You Feel Have Had The Most Impact On Downtown This Past Year.
FAX to the DBA at 760-745-0307

Limit 6 votes per downtown business. Deadline to Submit is Thursday April 24, 2008.

Submitted By: _____

- Angelo Damante, Mercedes Benz of Escondido. Angelo believes in the Downtown so much that he was the first to contribute financially to make the Fashion Week dream come true. Without his contribution this event would never have been possible, he saw the vision and wanted to be sure that it was carried out and benefited many of the businesses downtown. In addition, Angelo is always there to contribute to the downtown making it better for everyone.
- Mike Peters, Bank of Escondido. Mike is always contributing financially and personally with his time to the many downtown organizations. Without his support many of the events, programs and relationships downtown would not be as strong as they are. Mike has sat on the DBA board for several years and is taking on the role of President in July.
- SDG&E, Juanita Hayes has always been involved into the downtown area and always contributes to the many organizations downtown. Because of her support in securing a financial contribution to the downtown alley lighting project more buildings were lit in the alleys than had been anticipated.
- Melissa Inez Walker, Owner of Distinction Gallery. Melissa has contributed many hours to making the downtown a successful community for everyone. In addition to the strong marketing Melissa does for her own business she also markets the arts and everyone else downtown at the same time. You can always see her volunteering at the many events happening downtown. Her business philosophy is a good model for many other business owners and she is always willing to share her ideas to make others successful.
- Stone Brewing. This brewery and restaurant are always donating their beer to the many non-profit events and organizations downtown. They never say 'No' and participate in a professional manner making sure that every event that they donate to is given first class treatment. Greg Koch is the epitome of someone that gives back to the community.
- A Delight of France, Tony Marashi owner of the restaurant is always seen in the community donating his services, coffee, pastries and more to make meetings more special. His signature pastries can always be seen at different events and in addition he donates food to the many charity organizations downtown that can use a helping hand.
- Dr. Christy Fortney, Dr. Fortney's many contributions to the various downtown organizations are an example of one giving back to their community. Giving back has always been important to Dr. Fortney as she contributes to the Boys and Girls Club, The YMCA, The DBA, The Classical Academy as well as other school programs in the community. She is always looking to re-invest in one of our most precious assets...the children of our community.
- Michelle Bromstead, Marketing Coordinator for The City of Escondido writes articles for the Downtown Magazine, Chairs the Special Events Committee for The DBA and spends countless hours volunteering for the many events and programs in downtown Escondido. She gets the city involved in many ways to insure the success of each event downtown.

Kathy Rubesha, Kathy's years of volunteer service to the DBA, the Arts Community and now to the Center for the Arts have made her a valuable community citizen. In addition she is the Editor of the Downtown Escondido Magazine and never asked for any money for the hours that she puts into this project making the downtown proud.

Greta Kertz, Greta has chaired the Jaycee Christmas Parade and the Grape Day Parade for many years. Her countless hours and dedication to these parades have shown by the quality of the parades and the number of people that come downtown to see them.

Rosemary Duff Florist, Their involvement in the downtown community can be seen at the many events that they contribute to. They are a quality business with great windows that attract visitor's downtown for all of us. In addition, their positive attitude towards doing business downtown has had a positive impact on other business owners.

Architectural Relics, Always involved in making things happen in the downtown community. Quality business, great windows and always having a positive impact on the downtown area. The owners can be seen volunteering many hours on behalf of their downtown to make it a better place for everyone.

Julianne Jones, Owner of Studio 158. Julianne took on a Fashion Week dream that was sparked by the DBA and is carrying it to fruition. Bringing fashion to the downtown benefits many of the downtown merchants and gives many an opportunity to showcase their business and talent in the downtown area.

Steve Waldron, Top End tees. Steve has been nominated for his years of dedicated work on Cruisin Grand. You can see him every Friday night with the other DBA staff and volunteers on Grand Ave. assisting the visitors and cruisers.

Fashion Week Dream Team, Shauna Cruise, Julianne Jones and Alex Slattery. This team of people came together in the beginning to carry out the Fashion Week dream. They spent countless hours working on all of the initial marketing to kick off the planning of the event and brought together all of the different committees and chairs to make this event happen.

Rich Hyde, Community Volunteer. Rich has been an integral part of the planning of Cruisin Grand for the past two seasons and has worked with the DBA to disseminate accurate information about the many changes happening and has secured sponsorships to enable the DBA to bring in more special attractions. Rich understands the mission of the DBA and values the cruisers and their participation in the event.

Sasha Ferguson, Intern for the DBA. Through her dad Robert Ferguson, Sasha has gotten involved in Fashion Week and has taken over the planning of the Recycled Fashion Show. Sasha is a FIDM student and as done a remarkable job with communications, getting artists involved and communicating with the media. She understands what this event means to the community and is volunteering all of her time to make it a success.