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**Amherst Chamber of Commerce Announces
“The Event” Recognizing Leading Businesses
And Individuals For Their Success And
Contributions In The Region**

DENT NEUROLOGIC INSTITUTE TO RECEIVE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

AMHERST, NY – The Amherst Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce *The Event – Celebrating Business Excellence, Monday, October 23, 2017 at Salvatore’s Italian Gardens at 5:30PM*. The evening will welcome over 400 guests to recognize the accomplishments of eight businesses and individuals in the Buffalo Niagara region.

The **Business of the Year Award** will be presented to **DENT Neurologic Institute** (*Sponsored by M&T Bank*). Today, the DENT Institute is one of the most comprehensive neurologic centers in the United States. Their dedicated and talented group of clinicians and neuroscientists combine groundbreaking technology, pharmacologic and clinical research with an exceptional depth and breadth of medical experience to advance medical science and provide unparalleled patient care.

“All of our honorees this year have, and continue to have, a huge positive impact on our region,” shared Colleen DiPirro, CEO of the Amherst Chamber of Commerce. “DENT is one of the leading neurologic centers in the country, Honeywell created a molecule right here in Buffalo that is positively impacting our environment, 43North is greatly enhancing our entire region’s entrepreneurial spirit and reputation nationally. However, we are not only honoring these firms and individuals for their contributions to our community, but also celebrating the strides our region has made in the recent years as a whole, together.”

Also being honored at *The Event* are two individuals who have not only been very successful in their careers but are also very committed to Western New York. **Mary Wilson** will be presented with the **Woman of Distinction Award** (*Sponsored by Kaleida Health*), for her commitment to improving the lives of the people of the Buffalo area and beyond. **Nick Sinatra** will be presented with the **Entrepreneur Award** (*Sponsored by Key Bank*) for his dedication to making his real estate firm one of the top in WNY but also one of Buffalo’s fastest growing businesses.

The remaining five awardees include:

- **Stewardship – 43North** (*Sponsored by Uniland Development Company*)

- **Revitalization – Reikart House** (*Sponsored by Phillips Lytle LLP*)
- **Hospitality – The Shatzel Group** (*Sponsored by Bank of America/Merrill Lynch*)
- **Community Service – Independent Health Foundation** (*Sponsored by National Fuel Gas Company*)
- **Innovation – Honeywell International, Inc.** (*Sponsored by National Grid*)

The evening, sponsored by M&T Bank, will include food stations, cocktails, and networking among the region's leading business representatives. Tickets are available for purchase at www.amherst.org or by calling 716.632.6905. Individual seats are \$99 for members and \$125 for non-members. Tables of eight are available for \$1,000 and include corporate signage and recognition at *The Event*.

Amherst Chamber of Commerce

It is the mission of the Amherst Chamber of Commerce to nurture a strong economic base in the Buffalo Niagara Region, thereby making it possible for members of the community to grow and prosper. The Chamber seeks to maintain a high quality of life and promote a sound public policy for the region. With a membership exceeding 3,000, we are committed to partnering with our members to provide ownership in developing marketing driven programs and services.

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