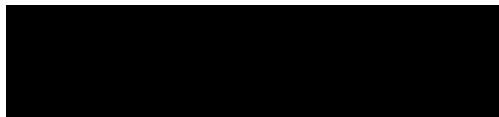
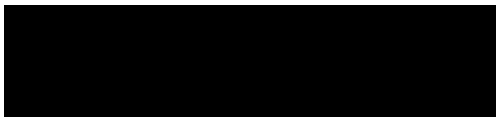


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# Northern Kentucky Chamber to hold annual meeting Sept. 28, announces this year's award winners

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The Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce invites the Northern Kentucky business community to its Annual Dinner, Presented by Fifth Third Bank on Thursday, September 28.

The largest networking event of the year will recognize community and business leaders who are making a lasting impact on our region. The event will highlight the strides the NKY Chamber has made in the last year, and will look forward to plans for the year ahead.

"When you consider this is Tri-Ed's 30th anniversary, the first year of the Bill Robinson award, as well as the impressive list of award recipients, this year's Annual Dinner is shaping up to be the biggest Annual Dinner in Northern Kentucky Chamber History," said Brent Cooper, Interim President of the Northern Kentucky Chamber.

The evening marks a transition in leadership for the Northern Kentucky Chamber Board of Directors. Rhonda Whitaker from Duke Energy will begin her one-year tenure as Board Chair while Bob Heil of KLH Engineers PSC will step down into the Immediate Past Chair position.

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"As the incoming Chair of the NKY Chamber Board, I'm excited about this year's annual dinner theme – 'It's Time.' It perfectly captures the excitement regarding not only what's happened, but also what's about to happen in the Northern Kentucky region," said Rhonda Whitaker from Duke Energy. "Expansions of businesses in our NKY region and announcements of new developments remind us all of why a strong chamber is so critical for the continued economic vitality of our community. Both small and large businesses depend on the chamber to lead, connect and advocate."

In addition to marking the transition of board leadership, the evening will include the presentation of the following awards:

**The Walter R. Dunlevy/Frontiersman Award, sponsored by St. Elizabeth Healthcare.**

Established in 1968, the Walter R. Dunlevy Frontiersman Award recognizes an individual who has a lifelong history of outstanding service to the Northern Kentucky community, exhibits outstanding service to their profession or industry, and exemplifies the highest standards of personal integrity and family responsibility.

This year's recipient is **Mark Guilfoyle with DBL Law.**

**The Walter L. Pieschel (MVP) Award**

Named in memory of the NKY Chamber's first volunteer leader, the award recognizes an individual Chamber member who has provided outstanding volunteer service to the Chamber as a committee member, committee chair, or in any other special capacity during the past 12 months.

This year's recipient is **Steve Harper with Harper Oil.**

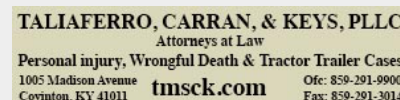


*Great networking — last year's event*

**The Northern Kentucky Unity Award, sponsored by PNC Bank.**

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This year's recipient is the **Northern Kentucky Forum.**



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This year's recipient is the **Northern Kentucky University Men's Basketball team.**

**The Devou Cup presented by the Northern Kentucky Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation.**

The Northern Kentucky Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation created the Devou Cup to honor the generosity of individuals who make a profound difference in the quality of community life in Northern Kentucky, now and into the future. This year's recipients are **John and Jane Domaschko.**

**The Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson III Northern Kentucky Economic Development Award, sponsored by Northern Kentucky Tri-ED.**

The Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson III Northern Kentucky economic Development Award will be presented annually to the individual, entity, company, or organization demonstrating significant advancement of economic development efforts in Northern Kentucky.

The 2017 recipient of this award will be (posthumously) **Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson.**

The Annual Dinner will take place at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center (1 West RiverCenter Blvd) and will begin at 5 p.m. with a networking cocktail reception followed by dinner and awards program at 6:30 p.m..

Individual tickets are \$95 and a table of 10 is \$950. Tickets are available to the cocktail reception only, for \$60. Registration is [available online here.](#)

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Bob Heil, Principal, President & CEO of KLH Engineers, is the Chairman of the Board and Brent Cooper, President of C-Foward is the Interim President and CEO of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. Additional information on the Chamber is available at its [website](#).



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