

The Chamber VIEW



The Chamber selected Ellen Hemmerly of the UMBC Research Park to receive it's Business Person of the Year Award. See pages 6 & 7 for our photo spread of this exciting Chamber event.

Photo by Jim Lister

RECOGNITION OF A BEST PLACE TO LIVE

A record number of attendees came to the Rolling Road Golf Club to honor businesses and special individuals at the Catonsville Business Awards. Compliments were abundant for the trade show displays, delicious dinner, and musical entertainment by Nick Margaritas – The Piano Man.

A surprised **Ellen Hemmerly** was recognized as the Businessperson of the Year. Ellen is the Executive Director of the UMBC Research Park Corporation. As executive director of the RPC, Ms. Hemmerly is respon-

sible for managing the development of the 350,000-square-foot bwtech@UMBC Research and Technology Park located on the main campus at UMBC. Ms. Hemmerly also oversees the techcenter@UMBC which houses 28 companies including incubator companies and accelerator companies, most of which are actively collaborating with faculty and students at UMBC.

Chamber president, Jason Tawney, gave the President's Award to **Danae McDevitt** of Baskets

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by Danae, Inc. Danae has been a member of the Chamber since 2001 and a board member since 2005. Since coming on the board, Danae has been the director of the annual crab feast and auction. She has been an active supporter of Chamber events and activities. Her business provides the welcome baskets that the Chamber presents to new businesses coming into the area.

The other "Best Place to Live" award winners were: Best Start-up: **Kathy Swoboda – Catonsville Groomery**; Community Service: **Cathy Schneider – Edible Arrangements**; Revitalization: **Craig Witzke – Witzke Properties**; Innovation: **André Cooper – The Children's Home**; Legacy: **Ron Swift – Swift Staffing**

Keith Meisel, editor of The Catonsville Times, awarded the Catonsville Activist of the Year to **Lorna Rudnikas**. Lorna heads the Wilkens Police and Community Relations Organization and, until a heart attack in August curbed her activities, served as vice president of the Coalition for the Preservation of Southwest Baltimore County.

Event chairperson, Tom Quirk, and the Awards Committee salute the many sponsors who made the evening possible:

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