

2009 DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AWARDS IN DOWNTOWN ELGIN REVITALIZATION

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible businesses/volunteers must have had renovation/business/time partnering/volunteering with the Downtown Neighborhood Association (DNA) /Downtown Elgin between September 1, 2008 and September 1, 2009. Some award categories may have other specific eligibility requirements. Please be sure to nominate your business/person in the appropriate subcategory. Past winners cannot be nominated if they have won in the last three years. (See attached list for previous winners)

JUDGING

Submissions will be judged by a representative from the City of Elgin, Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce, Elgin Area Visitors and Convention Bureau, Gail Borden Public Library, and the Downtown Neighborhood Association. Judges reserve the right not to recommend an award in any particular category or subcategory.

NOMINATING FORM PROCEDURE

- Submit a completed nomination form and all attachments for your chosen nominee to:

**Downtown Neighborhood Association
2 Douglas Avenue, Elgin, IL 60120**

Or fax/e-mail to 847.488.1456 or jbenson@elginil.org

We will send you an e-mail confirmation that your nomination has been received. If you don't receive a confirmation please resend. Also we will not be returning application materials.

All nominations need to be received by 5:00p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2009. No nominations received after this date and time will be considered.

The winner in each category will be notified prior to the DNA Awards Gala and will be given one free ticket to attend. Awards will be presented at the annual Awards Gala on Thursday, October 15, 2009 at the Grand Victoria Casino in Downtown Elgin.

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Award Categories

- **Remarkable Renovation**

This award recognizes a renovation or building improvement that has either greatly improved the façade of a Downtown building; made significant and appropriate improvements to the ground floor or upper stories of a building; has attached new, fitting signage; where any of the above has dramatically increased the quality and perceived value of space downtown, creating a new and significant nexus of activity within the downtown. Renovation or improvements need to have happened within the past year by the eligibility requirements.

- **Excellence in Business**

This award recognizes a retail, restaurant, or service business that has been in existence for at least 3 years in Downtown Elgin and has enjoyed an uncommon level of success or greatly impacted the downtown as a result of its opening/improvements/activities in the past year.

- **Outstanding Member/Partner**

This award honors a Downtown Neighborhood Association member/partner that has established a strong partnership with DNA and Downtown through its involvements, whether it be public or private, on cooperative downtown revitalization efforts. The outstanding member/partner must have been a member for at least a year and has gone beyond the cursory involvements in Downtown Elgin and with the DNA.

- **Extraordinary Volunteer**

This award recognizes an individual that has made a genuine impact on the Downtown Neighborhood Association organization and/or Downtown Elgin. A person who exhibits an overall enthusiasm and ability to make downtown revitalization a true priority, and has done so for at least the past year. It is preferable that they have been regularly involved with a DNA committee but not required.

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Nomination Form

Person Submitting Nomination: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Business/Person Being Nominated: _____

Contact Name if a Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Award Category (check one only)

- Remarkable Renovation
- Excellence in Business
- Outstanding Member/Partner
- Extraordinary Volunteer

Brief summary of the Business/Person nominated (one or two sentences):

Please attach an additional sheet listing:

1. A complete description of the business/person (300 word maximum)
2. A statement/data demonstrating the impact of the business/person on the Downtown Elgin community.
3. Include on a CD or e-mail photos (Before and after photos (if applicable), picture of nominee person/business) preferably JPEG format.
4. When applicable attach newspaper or other media highlighting business or person in efforts.

I hereby submit that the material contained in these nomination papers is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge; I release this material (including drawings, photographs, and CD) to be used by Downtown Neighborhood Association for educational and public relations purposes.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

2008 DNA Award Gala Recipients

Extraordinary Volunteer: Janet Schmoyer

Outstanding Member/Partner: Kirkpatrick, Jones, and Herzog Insurance Agency

Remarkable Renovation: Ravenheart/Salon Couture

Excellence in Business: Ziegler's Ace Hardware

2007 DNA Award Gala Recipients

Extraordinary Volunteer: Patricia Keeney

Outstanding Member/Partner: Kim's Black Belt Academy

Remarkable Renovation: Law Office of Shirley Sadjadi & Elgin Public House

Excellence in Business: Wrona Brothers & Quiznos