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Kevin Galbavi Honored as 2017 Chamber Spirit of Community Award Recipient

Spring Lake, Michigan - The Chamber of Commerce Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg Spirit of Community Award was presented to Kevin Galbavi at the Chamber's Annual Dinner. The award honoring the community spirit of the late Daryl DuBridge was presented by Kelly Larson, 2014 recipient of the Spirit of Community Award and 2016/17 Chamber Board Chair. The Spirit of Community Award acknowledges individuals that provide valuable service by devoting time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community and who demonstrate leadership and initiative in the development of volunteer projects.

In 2002, when there was a possibility that Winterfest Inc., might dissolve, Kevin stepped up, took over the reins of Winterfest Inc, and for 15 years has been the passionate volunteer through his sheer tenacity, creativity and help from a number of committed supporters, Galbavi has reinvented and grown this four-day long festival into the biggest thing to happen in the winter along the lakeshore. His goal of "Winter Fun for Everyone" is his gift and way of giving back to his community. Each year Kevin tweaks the events and has found the formula to keep this event fresh and new even in the face of never quite knowing what the weather might bring.

Kevin grew up in Mason Michigan and after graduating from Michigan State University with a degree in Astrophysics, he moved to Grand Haven in 1999. Upon arrival in Grand Haven, Kevin joined the Jaycee's and held just about every office in that organization until it disbanded in 2013. During his tenure as a Jaycee, he received countless service awards and was often the Chair for Flag settings throughout the Tri-Cities on national holidays as well as for the 4th of July fireworks.

Throughout his career, Kevin has honed his entrepreneurial skills as founder of Starboard App Dev., and SkyClient.com, co-founder of Tappinn.com, and Chief Technology Officer of eSafety, He is a member of Grand Haven Rotary, Save the Catwalk Committee and Spring Lake Yacht Club. He has served as a Tri-Cities Youth Soccer Coach, been an Entertainment Tent Organizer for Salmon Fest, is a member of 100 Men Who Care and is a past recipient of Star Volunteer from United Way.

Kevin, his wife Cara and daughter Sophia reside in Grand Haven.

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