

## **The 2019 Business Recognition Luncheon Honored Five Area Companies**

Each year, on the third Wednesday in June, the Chamber and five area governmental units celebrate area businesses during our Business Recognition Luncheon. This year was our 33<sup>rd</sup> annual lunch, and over 100 people attended to help celebrate. The goal is to celebrate and honor those businesses that experience substantial amounts of economic growth and expansion as a result of their dedication, implementation and execution of financial and capital improvement plans. We want to draw public attention to these companies as they have worked to improve the quality of life in Northwest Ottawa County. To date, 165 area companies have been honored with awards.

This year, we celebrated five businesses for their achievements over the last year and two additional businesses for their 100-year anniversary in our community. During the ceremony, governmental leaders present awards on behalf of their district, in addition to State Tributes signed by the Governor and State Representatives, and County Tributes signed by County Commissioners.

**City of Grand Haven nominated Noto at the Bil-Mar** – This past year, Noto’s at the Bil-Mar completed their investment of the former Bil-Mar site and created 50-55 new jobs in our area. Noto’s at the Bil-Mar has also become an active member of our community by donating to or assisting many non-profits in our area.

**Grand Haven Charter Township nominated Acquario Salon** – Acquario Salon has been doing business in Grand Haven Charter Township since 2013, nearly tripling their sales since opening. Acquario Salon is committed to preserving the environment and fighting cancer.

**The Village of Spring Lake nominated Weiss Chiropractic Wellness Center** – Weiss has been doing business in the Village since 2008 and is a big contributor to their community. They participate in many non-profit organizations in our community.

**Spring Lake Township nominated Busche Aluminum Technologies** – Doing business in Spring Lake Township since 1946, Bushe just completed a renovation in 2018 which helped them grow significantly. They increased their business by 15-20% and added 80 new jobs.

**The City of Ferrysburg nominated A Lasting Impression (Ali Woodworking)** – Ali Woodworking has been doing business in the City of Ferrysburg for 30 years. They create custom wood furniture and cabinets for their customers. They design, engineer, build and finish specialty hand-crafted wood furniture.

100 Years of Service awards were presented to **North Ottawa Community Hospital** and **JSJ Corporation**.