

# Awards Banquet

**O**n January 28th, our annual Awards Banquet was held. This gala event, held at the Dorsett Syberg's, was the final event celebrating our club's 30th anniversary. Always a successful evening, we had nearly 100 attendees including Joe Palumbo representing Sinclair Ford.

We had also used the evening to help out a couple of club's charities. Jack Greiwe donated a RC Mustang to be raffled off to benefit The BackStoppers. The club also provided a basket, crafted by Donna Layton, raffled to benefit Toys for Tots. We also had a 50-50 drawing with all of the funds going back to our members and guests and a \$50 grand attendance prize to go with an attendance prize for all of those who attended.

With Syl Biermann at the helm, our outgoing and incoming board of director members were thanked for their service and our charter members were asked to stand and be recognized. That night was also used to thank our unheralded members who do the work needed to sustain the needs of our club each month. Members getting recognition were our secretary, Cindy Ahrens as our club's "Miss everything" who takes care of so much for our club, Jim Biermann as long serving car show chairman, Sharon Apollo as concession chairman, Ken Farrar as her trusty assistant, Ron Schodroski as our Sinclair liaison, Bill and Barb Giese as newsletter publishers, Bob Layton as newsletter editor, Scott and Lynette Lewis as our website sponsors, and Donna Layton as our resident "basket" maker.

As usual, our buffet of fried chicken, roast beef and all of the fixings was outstanding. Syberg's does a great job. We also had a cake with added décor from Bart McNail. After dinner, the club provided entertainment. Brian Madrid, a comedy hypnotist, entertained our crowd. We thank those good natured volunteers who gave us all a laugh.

The finally of the night was the presentation of the awards for our points winners and the drawings for the raffles and 50-50 drawing. Our evening celebrated the success of the past year and was a great start for 2017.



**Our outgoing BOD included Syl Biermann, Paula Goodrich, Dan Kelly, Josh Johnson, and Dan Kelly.**



**Our incoming BOD includes Syl Biermann, Cindy Ahrens, Paula Goodrich, Dan Kelly, and Dan Kelly. Paula also serves as our treasurer.**



From left; Syl Biermann, still in recovery, hung in there as our MC. Our basket crafter, Donna Layton, displayed her talents. The supplied cake was accented by Bart McNail.



From the hors d'oeuvre table to the buffet, our members and guests were well served.



Our entertainer, Brian Madrid, had the audience chuckling with the help of our members.



The first place winner and recipient of the Neil Ketchum Memorial Award was Ken Farrar. Ken attained the most points during the year and it is a very deserving award for this long time member.

Coming in second place, and always in the top five over the past several years was Bart McNail.





Other winners included Sharon Apollo-3rd place, Jake Turnipseed-5th place, and Jim Richardson-4th place.



Also winning were Burt Pennington and Jerry Grimmer-tie for 6th, John Sullivan-8th, and Jack Greiwe-7th. Not present, Ron Schodroski-10th, and Bill Giese-9th.



Left; Flanked by Bob Layton and Jim Biermann, Syl Biermann was presented with a plaque for his service as the Voice of Fords Unlimited. Right; Bob Layton was presented with the hard luck award for a really dumb summer mishap with a knife (don't ask).



From left: Our 50-50 winners were Judy Biermann-1st, Dave Bufka-2nd, and Joe Palumbo-3rd. Winning the Toys for Tots basket was Gwen Simms. The grand attendance winner of \$50 was charter member, Mike McDougal, and the winners of The BackStoppers RC Mustang were Mary and Reg Stockwell.