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DuPage CVB Board Chairman Honored at Hospitality Awards Luncheon

Oak Brook, IL – Mike Feigenbaum, board chairman for the <u>DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau</u>, received the Ambassador of Hospitality Award at the <u>Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association's 20th Annual Hospitality Awards Luncheon</u> on Tuesday, May 19, at McCormick Place in Chicago. The luncheon was held in conjunction with the 96th Annual National Restaurant Show.



Roe Conn, from WGN Radio's "The Roe Conn Show" and ABC 7's "Windy City Live," acted as master of ceremonies, with nearly 500 people in attendance. Guests included Feigenbaum's wife Lynn, his hotel staff, elected officials, convention bureau CEOs, and hoteliers and restauranteurs from around the state.

Recognized for his 40 years of service to the hotel industry, Feigenbaum was one of three recipients of this year's Ambassador of Hospitality Award. The J. Patrick Leahy Lifetime Achievement Award was also given out.

Feigenbaum is currently the general manager at the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center. He began his career as a food and beverage management trainee at what was then the Hyatt Oakbrook in DuPage County, and he held various management positions across the country before landing his first general manager role at the Toledo Marriott. In 1996, he returned to the Chicago area as general manager of the Arlington Hilton with newly-formed Starwood Hotels.

He has been with Starwood ever since.

He is passionate about sustainability and being involved in one's community. He is active with <u>SCARCE</u>, DuPage County's educational recycling resource center, and members of the organization were also present at the luncheon to help honor him.

Feigenbaum has served on the DuPage CVB board of directors for six years, and as chairman for the last three.

"We offer Mike our sincere congratulations! He has been instrumental in leading the way for DuPage County tourism," states DuPage CVB Executive Director Beth Marchetti. "Mike represents the CVB at many hospitality functions and public meetings with elected officials. He is a savvy hotel operator and the epitome of customer service."

For more information about DuPage County and the <u>DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau</u>, call (630) 575-8070 or visit DiscoverDuPage.com.

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About DuPage County

DuPage County is the second most populous county in Illinois after Cook County, which borders it to the north and east. Together, the two counties account for half of the state's population. One of the nation's wealthiest counties, DuPage is rich in many types of commerce and is second only to Cook in tourism revenue. With its well-developed highway and mass transit system, DuPage is easily accessible from O'Hare and Midway Airports, as well as the City of Chicago.

About DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau

The DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau was established through the efforts of a coalition of DuPage area hotel executives and business representatives in 1987, and was formally certified in 1989 by the State of Illinois. It remains the official agency for promoting the county's multibillion dollar tourism industry and market DuPage County as an enticing destination for leisure and business travelers, meeting planners, groups and conventions, in order to enhance the economic development of the area.

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