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BSBA Gives Thanks, Awards

By **Debbie Atkins**

The Boiling Springs Business Association recognized several outstanding citizens during its 41st Annual Community Thanksgiving Banquet on Nov. 20 at Boiling Springs High School Freshman Academy.

Carol Moeller was named 2020 Citizen of the Year for fulfilling her mission to support families facing childhood cancer through Carol's Hope Thrift Store. Sales from the stores in Boiling Springs and Spartanburg help families with expenses related to scheduled cancer treatments that often require out-of-town travel. Carol's Hope has added three \$1,000 educational scholarships for cancer

patients. She humbly accepted the award from BSBA board member Tracy Regan and stressed their aim to "let families know we're here for them." She added: "The community has been very supportive and that's what keeps us going."

Musical guest **Stan Wietrzykowski**, a music professor at USC Upstate and owner of Quik-Score Music, performed a variety of selections on the keyboard.

Cleon Graves on behalf of the Boiling Springs Community Park presented the Citizen in Action award to **Richard "Rick" Revan**, owner of Frank's Plants & Produce. Rick thanked Frank and Robbie

Horton for the business opportunity they gave him in 2005 to pursue his passion for the outdoors. He has given to many worthy causes and groups.

The Edgar Gregory Award was presented by Cleon to **Jon Gaminde**, president of The Gaminde Group, LLC. Jon and his team of 30 operate The UPS Store and Verizon Wireless Premium Retailer in Boiling Springs as well as the 9Round gym on Highway 9. He is a member and deacon at Central Church of Christ and a generous sponsor of community organizations and events. As part of the award, Jon served as the Grand Marshal of the Boiling Springs Christmas Parade.

Boiling Springs Fire Chief Scott Miller presented Fire & Life Safety Awards to **Doug Bryson** and **Robbie Swofford** of the Spartanburg County Office of Emergency Management, who lead the Community Emergency Response Team. Chief Miller described Doug, Robbie and the CERT volunteers as a silent army of unsung heroes, who have quietly distributed supplies to keep essential services operating during the pandemic, weather-related and other emergencies.

Mike Brady presented outgoing BSBA president **Kelley Ezell** with a gavel plaque of appreciation for her outstanding service to the association and the community during the past year.



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