

# Dickinson Area Chamber Alliance Hosts Annual Dinner Year End Awards Presented

The Dickinson Chamber Alliance hosted their second Annual Dinner on Tuesday, October 27 at Pine Mountain Resort. Classic Auto Collision was the major sponsor of the event. Keith Huotari, well known locally for his broadcasting ability, served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Justin Cown presented the 2014-2015 Year in Review photos showing member businesses participating in events throughout the year. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of two awards: Large Business of the Year and new this year, Distinguished Member of the Year.

Suzanne Anderson, Marketing Director of the Iron Mountain Kingsford Community Federal Credit Union (IMKCFCU), 2014's Ambassador of the Year, presented Allison Maloney, General Manager of Country Inn & Suites and Days Inn of Iron Mountain, with this year's Distinguished Member of the Year honor. Allison wears many hats in the community serving as the secretary of the Ambassadors for the Chamber of Commerce, is a board member on the Chamber Alliance's Board of Directors as well as President Elect of the IM/K Kiwanis service organization. Allison serves as a liaison between the Chamber Alliance and local businesses by helping to host local events and attending ribbon cutting events. She serves on several Chamber Committees and serves on the Tourism Association Board of Directors. Allison was recognized for serving as a stellar "Distinguished Member of the Year" for her overall community volunteerism. Allison accepted her award with heartfelt thanks to her family and to her community.

Michigan Works! was recognized as the underwriter for the large business award; representing the organization was Heather Olson, Sara Micheau and presenter, Erika Justus. The **Large Business of the Year Award** was presented to Timber Products of Iron Mountain, Inc. Candy Buchcuski, owner/operator and daughter, Stacey Lantagne, accepted the award together. Candy opened her acceptance speech outlining the many accomplishments that Timber Products has received noting that they have been in businesses for 25 years, the past 5 years Candy was sole owner. Timber Products of Iron Mountain, Inc. was awarded the Best Small Business of the Year for the Upper Peninsula in 2010 and in 2013 they were awarded the National Woman Based Enterprise, which is renewed yearly. Candy recognized, with great appreciation, all the truckers, mechanics, office staff and managers. She quoted, "This award is really not mine. It belongs to all of our employees." Candy attributed much of their success to her daughter, Stacey, future owner of the business, because of her dedication and determination...She is the heart and soul of this business."



**Picture #1:** Allison Maloney (Distinguished Member of the Year) and family members from the left: Crystal, Sally and Jim Maloney.



**Photo #2** Bruce Ortenburger (Dickinson Area Chamber Alliance President), Ann Walker and Dee Rochon (Timber Products), Erika Justus (Michigan Works), Candy Buchcuski, (Owner Timber Products), Stacey and Doug Lantagne (Timber Products).