

YBPA announces awards at spring members meeting

Hill of Beans Coffee Shop, community organizations recognized

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The Youngstown Business and Professional Association held its spring 2023 membership meeting Tuesday at the Ontario House (aka Jug). The well-attended event included YBPA's installation of officers and board of directors by the Hon. David Truesdale, as well as number of informational items for members.

Included was news concerning the YBPA 2023 Business of the Year, and a new honor recognizing community service organizations in the River Region.

"The board decided last year that, because we have so many amazing community service

organizations, that we should recognize them," YBPA Secretary Mark Butera said.

He announced Lewis Bean's Hill of Beans Coffee Shop on Main Street was selected as 2023 Business of the Year.



Clockwise: Town of Porter Justice David Truesdale administers the oath of office to the 2023 YBPA board and officers. • Lewis Bean, of Hill of Beans Coffee Shop, winner of the YBPA Business of the Year. • A full house was in attendance Tuesday at YBPA's spring membership meeting at the Jug.



Butera then announced the worthy to receive the first YBPA board determined three Community Service Recognition honor: The Youngstown

Free Library, the Youngstown Lions Club, and Youngstown VFW Lake Ontario Post 313.

"These organizations do amazing stuff," Butera said.

He noted YBPA would hold a special recognition program to honor the winners, in September, at the Niagara Frontier Golf Club on Lake Road.

"We're going to have a formal recognition celebration for these great service organizations," Butera, said.

Planning and the details for this special program are still in development and will be forthcoming.

For more information on the YBPA and its programs in the River Region, consult YBPA's "Welcome to Town of Porter/Youngstown Annual Brochure," or visit its web pages at www.youngstownnewyork.com, www.youngstownny.com and the YBPA page on Facebook.

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