

Loggerhead Fitness is delighted to announce that we are this year's recipient of **Small Business of the Year** award from the:



Loggerhead Fitness congratulates all of this year's 2014 Leadership Awards winners.

Gaeta Chairman's Award of Excellence
Michele Jacobs, The Gardens Mall

Business of the Year
Lockheed Martin

Community Leader of the Year
Patrick Rooney Jr.

Small Business of the Year
Loggerhead Fitness

Non-Profit of the Year
Place of Hope

Young Professional of the Year
Jennifer Sardone-Shiner

Join the Northern Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce as they celebrate these outstanding recipients and all that they do for our community!



United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0905

June 12, 2014

BILL NELSON
FLORIDA

Mr. Rick Opton
Loggerhead Fitness
901 Donald Ross Road
Juno Beach, Florida 33408

Dear Mr. Opton:

I wanted to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you and your employees on Loggerhead Fitness's recent recognition as the Small Business of the Year at the Northern Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce's 2014 Leadership Awards Dinner.

This accomplishment represents a well-deserved recognition of your hard work and leadership. It also shows the wonderful efforts of your employees. I celebrate this achievement along with you and your team, and wish you all ever-brighter success in your excellent work

Sincerely,

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Northern P.B. Chamber honors leaders

Palm Beach Post Staff

The Chamber of Commerce of Northern Palm Beach County presented its Leadership Awards last month to these recipients:

Community Leader of the Year Patrick Rooney Jr.

Pat Rooney is the managing director/President for Rooney's Gastropub as well as President of the Palm Beach Kennel Club. He has also served as Governing Board member for South Florida Water Management District.

In 2010, Rooney was elected to the Florida House of Representatives District 85, which serves Palm Beach Gardens, North Palm Beach, Juno Beach, the Acreeage, and a part of West Palm Beach.

piter Theatre, the largest award-winning regional theatre in Florida.

She serves as a board member for the Northern Palm Beach Cultural Alliance; council member of hYPE, (Young Professionals) and Women in Business of the Northern Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce; member of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and an active Leads Group member.

Nonprofit of the Year Place of Hope

During a mission trip to Russia and Romania in 1993, the Rev. Tom and Donna Mullins of Christ Fellowship Church toured several orphanages. Following their return home, the vision for Place of Hope began to grow. The mission was launched in 1998.

Place of Hope is a faith-

ter and other homeless youth, adoption and foster care recruitment and support, hope, and healing opportunities for children and families who have been traumatized by abuse and neglect throughout our region.

Place of Hope has grown and to become the largest comprehensive child welfare organization in the region.

Small Business of the Year Loggerhead Fitness

In 2005, Rick Opton purchased a struggling health club called Waterfront Fitness in Juno Beach and renamed it Loggerhead Fitness.

The club has a membership that has grown to over 1,600 active members from 400 in 2005.

Business of the Year Lockheed Martin

gy systems, products and services.

The Palm Beach facility, which is part of the corporation's Mission Systems and Training business area, has 400 employees and specializes in providing technological capabilities to customers through advanced undersea systems from manned submersibles to unmanned remotely operated vehicles to autonomous vehicles.

Primary customers include the U.S. government and commercial markets.

In 2014 Lockheed Martin employees contributed close to \$50,000 to local charities during the company's annual giving campaign and logged more than 4,000 volunteer hours.

Board of Directors Special Recognition

— that is known for some of the best beaches in the region, and the scuba diving under the Blue Heron Bridge is known as one of the best sites in the world.

The city has more than 30,000 residents and is home to manufacturing, processing and distribution centers for many Fortune 500 companies. Its nationally acclaimed Suncoast Community High School is ranked 10th in the nation by U.S. World & News Report.

An exciting new chapter in Riviera Beach's history began this year with the launch of a 26-acre, \$375 million redevelopment of the City's Marina District, opening the door to about 500 construction jobs over the next three years and an estimated 2,180 permanent jobs.

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a dynamic, interesting and ever-changing business.

There is never a dull moment and we have the unique ability to impact others in a very positive way.

What do you see ahead for Palm Beach County? We are so very fortunate to experience the lifestyle that Palm Beach County has to offer.

Our local chamber, the Northern Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce, is working on a terrific project highlighting all of the amazing key assets throughout this part of the county through a branding initiative that we are very proud to be a part of.

Long-term, this will enable us to get the word out about this jewel box that we call home.