

## Geaghan family named Restaurateurs of the Year by Maine Restaurant Association



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Geaghan's Pub owner Peter Geaghan in a 2014 file photo. Geaghan and other members of his family were named Restaurateurs of the Year by the Maine Restaurant Association.

Chair of the Maine Restaurant Association Tina Hewett-Gordon announced last week the names of the restaurant industry professionals who will be honored with the Maine Restaurant Association's 2016 annual awards, and among the names of industry notables statewide was Bangor's own Geaghan family.

Award winners are selected each year by the association's awards committee from nominations submitted by restaurant and allied industry members from across the state. The awardees will be celebrated at the association's Annual Awards Banquet at the end of the March.

"In Maine's highly-celebrated restaurant scene, it's so important that we, as an association, pause to recognize our own," said Hewett-Gordon. "This year's slate of awardees is reflective of the national and international praise that has only intensified over the past several years for our talented, diverse, innovative and successful food-service professionals."

The organization's 2016 Restaurateurs of the Year Award will be bestowed

upon the Geaghan family, who have owned and operated Geaghan's Pub & Craft Brewery for over the past forty years. Together, brothers Larry, Peter and Pat, along with Larry's son Andrew, pride themselves with running a family style restaurant and brewery with the same values that started the company in 1975: loyalty, community, quality, and integrity.

"This is truly an honor to be recognized by our peers in the industry. We work hard because this is really what we are passionate about," said Larry Geaghan. "We are a team, and what we do is really a group effort. We employ great people, we work together with partners in our community, and we try to keep everything as local as possible."

In speaking of the Geaghan's, Maine Restaurant Association President and CEO Greg Dugal commented on how integral the family business has been to the economy of the greater Bangor area.

"For five decades Geaghan's Pub has served the community and employed generations of Mainers in the restaurant industry," said Dugal.

"It's been especially exciting to see the family build a successful brewery over the past several years and how the venture has invigorated the family, their brand and Maine's craft brewing scene."

"Our goal with our annual awards is to recognize restaurant professionals who give back to their community, serve as mentors to others, go above and beyond in serving their customers, and make a positive contribution to our industry," Dugal continued. The Geaghans certainly fit that mold and we're privileged to honor them in a manner befitting their accomplishments."

A formal banquet will be held in honor of the Geaghans and the association's other awardees on Tuesday, March 29, 2016, at the Holiday Inn By the Bay in Portland, the night prior to the Maine Restaurant and Lodging Expo. The evening will begin at 5 p.m. with a restaurant showcase reception featuring the culinary stylings of some of Maine's most celebrated chefs followed by a seated dinner, with the evening culminating in the presentation of awards.

## Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce names 2016 awardees

The Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual awards ceremony at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21 at the Cross Insurance Center. Sponsored by Hollywood Casino, tickets are \$75 individually or \$750 for a table. The event will be emceed by Ric Tyler of Sutherland and Weston, and will feature specially-created videos such as the "We Are Bangor" video, which was a nationwide YouTube hit last year.

Seven awards will be given out, in addition to another award given at the Chamber breakfast earlier in the month. The awardees include:

**NORBERT X. DOWD AWARD:** P. Andrew Hamilton, Esq.

A lawyer with Eaton Peabody Attorneys at Law known for his extensive volunteer work, Hamilton has more than 25 years experience in general environmental counseling and regulatory compliance, natural resource permitting, and land use permitting. He has served for more than 25 years as general counsel and has provided environmental law services on special projects to Maine municipalities. The Norbert X. Dowd Award is the Chamber's highest honor.

**BUSINESS OF THE YEAR: Darling's Auto**

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**CATHERINE LEBOWITZ AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE:** D'arcy Main Boyington

As the director of economic development for the City of Brewer, Main

Boyington has the full-time job of putting Brewer on the map. She also has been a tireless community advocate for the less fortunate in the greater Bangor region.

**M. JANE IRVING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD:** Eastern Maine Community College

Eastern Maine Community College has made a notable difference in the lives of people in the Bangor region, and helped others by enhancing community assets. When mills in East Millinocket, Lincoln, and Bucksport shut down, hundreds of dislocated workers were unsure of where to go and what their futures held. EMCC took the lead in creating training programs that would give these individuals an excellent education, new trade, and new career.

**NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR:** Greater Bangor Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

The Greater Bangor Convention and Visitor's Bureau has been involved in nearly every effort that has been made to attract visitors to the Bangor region and enhance their experience once they have arrived. Some great examples of the work of the GBCVB include the Annual Waterfront Car Show, The Annual Beer Fest, continued support of our American Folk Festival, and the Fireball Run, just to name a few. The deep relationship that the GBCVB, headed by executive director Kerrie Tripp, has created with our community enhances each experience visitors have. The city has become a destination instead of a "gateway."

**ARTHUR COMSTOCK PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARD:** Ric Tyler

Besides the countless hours he has volunteered as emcee for the Chamber and multiple community causes and groups, Ric is also a successful radio

personality, a group fitness instructor, creative video and audio campaign producer at Sutherland Weston Marketing Communications and co-chair of the 2016 United Way campaign. Ric has demonstrated a strong sense of professionalism and dedication to our community at large.

**BION & DORAIN FOSTER ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARD:** Husson University

With its recently announced capital campaign, Husson University has a goal to construct a new state-of-the-art building for an innovative College of Business. This addition will serve as a hub for entrepreneurial relationships between students and businesses and represent an infusion of capital into the local community.

**CHAMBER VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD:** David Dunning

Presented at the Chamber's annual breakfast meeting, this award goes to the individual or organization whose volunteer efforts aided the Chamber in advancing its mission in the previous year. Dunning, of S.W. Cole Engineering, is a Chamber board member who was instrumental in helping select the Chamber's new CEO.

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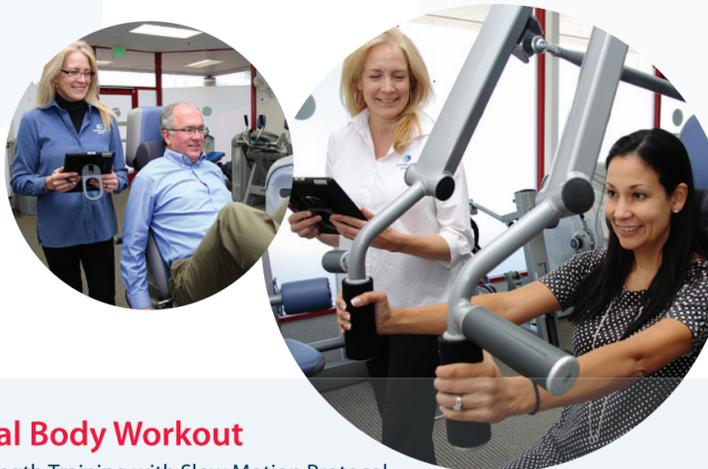
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