

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD 2010

THE VILLAGE PUB

“The Outstanding Business of the Year award was established in 1993 to recognize an outstanding business located in or serving the community of St. Anthony Village.”

The Village Pub is a one-of-a-kind establishment that was built and has been in operation since 2005. Owned by Corey Burstad, Bob Foster & Dave Krupa, it is approximately 3,000 square feet and operates as a restaurant/pub/fine dining establishment. A year ago they enlarged the patio and added a bocce court and this year have expanded their bocce league activity to include a referee and a trip to Las Vegas for the winners.

From its first week in operation in 2005 to present day, the gross sales volume at the Village Pub has increased by over 300%.

The Village Pub, as an organization, has a community based emphasis and utilizes a very flat management model. Managers indicate they feel empowered by the owners. Management refers to its “tight-knit staff” as hard working people who rely on each other to make each day in operation work well.

Many people may not know that The Village Pub also places an emphasis on buying local. For example purchasing food items, including apples and cheese, from the University of Minnesota.

The Village Pub is also a huge donor and sponsor of local community events. Whether the Village Pub is hosting a Chamber luncheon, providing food, gift cards, sponsorship or other forms of support to many and varied groups such as St Anthony-New Brighton School District, Village Fest, St Anthony Lions, St Anthony Baseball Association, St Anthony Hogs, to name a few, they do gladly and with generosity.

Wrote one nominator “As an event planner, the Village Pub was a ‘dream’ for me to work with, always going above and beyond what I expected, with enthusiasm and fresh ideas. At times it seemed they were even grateful to be asked to help or contribute.”

The nominator continued “It truly is a ‘village pub’ which, while owned by three individuals, at times seems to have a community-ownership element as well.”