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## Banner year for Royal Oak Chamber



"The state of your Chamber is strong," declared attorney Andrey Tomkiw, incoming president of the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce, as he reviewed 2009 highlights at the organization's annual State of the Chamber luncheon.

More than 75,000 people visited Royal Oak for the Chamber of Commerce's annual signature events: Royal Oak in Bloom; Clay, Glass and Metal Show; and the Antique and Garage Sale; Tomkiw told the group gathered at the Oxford Inn on Jan. 21. The Chamber hosted 55 events, including the Royal Oak Community Awards Banquet honoring the city's best and brightest, including Sangria Tapas Cafée owner Luigi Cutraro as Businessperson of the Year.

"We are feeling good about 2010," said Tomkiw, citing the Chamber's anticipated involvement with Arts, Beats & Eats over the Labor Day weekend, "and we are looking forward to a year-long celebration of the Chamber's 75th anniversary in 2011."

44th District Court Judge Terrence Brennan swore in the 2010 officers and directors, including newly elected board members Brett Tillander, chief professional officer of the Boys & Girls Club of South Oakland County, who will serve as Chamber board treasurer; and Mid Coast Studio's Jay Dunstan. Tomkiw and Steve Harmon of National City Bank were re-elected to board, while Northwood Credit Union President Jacklyn Galesky moved up to first vice president. Cutraro, who was elected to his first term on the board, was unable to attend.

"Considering the economy, we had a great year due to the hard work of staff and volunteers," outgoing president Craig Mangold of Holiday Market said. "I'm excited about the new faces and looking forward to their ideas to keep the Chamber and Royal Oak strong."

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