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2012 Environmental Stewardship Awards committee members are Allison Windsor, Rhonda Irons, Jessica Layne, Kat Layne Jones, Melissa Zolla and Mary Kindel.

Keep Martin Beautiful presents 2012 Environmental Stewardship Awards

Feb. 8, 2012

The purpose

Each year, Keep Martin Beautiful (KMB) hosts the Environmental Stewardship Awards to recognize and reward notable efforts within the community to promote environmental stewardship and innovation through education and action.

The people

More than 50 nominations were reviewed by a panel of judges made up of Ed Ciampi, chair of the Martin County Board of County Commissioners; Josh Cohen, master of ceremonies and host of WZZR's Josh Cohen & the Hometeam; Valerie Gaynor of the Environmental Studies Council; Jackie Holfelder, assistant editor of *Luminaries*; Rhonda Irons, president of Keep Martin Beautiful; Troy McDonald, Stuart City Commissioner; Eve Samples, Martin County columnist for Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers and Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch, mayor of the Town of Sewall's Point. Sponsors include Martin County Solid Waste, AT&T, TD Bank, Waste Management, The Firefly Group, AgTEC, Seacoast National Bank, Quit Doc Research & Education Foundation - Tobacco Free Partnership of Martin County, Harmony Martin County, Florida Power & Light Co., Sailors Return, Wallace Automotive Group, NisAir, Thomas Winter Photography, Piper's Landing Yacht & Country Club and The Stuart News.

The party

Keep Martin Beautiful will host this year's Environmental Stewardship Awards dinner on Feb. 8 at Piper's Landing Yacht & Country Club in Palm City to recognize the green leaders of the community. Attendees range from elected officials to business, community and nonprofit leaders, civic activists, environmentalists, teachers, scout leaders and students. The awards ceremony has become the environmental event "to be seen and be green." During the cocktail hour, guests bid on silent auction items which include local giveaways, evening cruises and locally-crafted, environmentally-friendly items. For \$65 per guest and \$45 per nominee, guests will also enjoy dinner prepared by Piper's Landing Executive Chef Anthony Williams, and take part in the awards ceremony honoring nominees and celebrating the success of KMB's volunteers. Discounts for group tickets are available - \$480 per table of eight and \$570 per table of 10. Reserve online at www.keepmartinbeautiful.org. For information, call (772) 781-1222.