

2008 Convention Award Winners

Margaret Barnes Diamond Award Edward Vizvarie, R.E.H.

This year's coveted **Margaret Barnes Diamond Award** winner is Edward Vizvarie, R.E.H. Vizvarie has been a member of I.E.H.A. since 1993; and is the immediate Past President of the Vert Mont Chapter of I.E.H.A., a position he held for four years (2003-2007). The Vert Mont Chapter has been fiscally sound for the past twelve years due to the Baird Classic, a charity golf tournament designed to donate 60 percent of the net profits to the Baird Center for Children and Families, and 40 percent to the Chapter. Vizvarie works for the agency that oversees the Baird Center, and he has been a key factor in the success of the golf tournament. Vizvarie continually encourages the Vert Mont Chapter to reach out and to contribute to others. Beyond the charitable contributions Vizvarie encourages the Chapter to be involved with, he personally participates each year in a program called CUFF Cancer, raising money



for that event by agreeing to have his head shaved in downtown Burlington, Vermont. This event started small, but has grown into a significant fundraiser for the Cancer Society. This year, Vizvarie personally raised over \$5,000, which was enough to meet his goal of sending three children to camp. Vizvarie is currently employed as the Facilities Manager for The Howard Center for Human Services in Burlington, VA. Congratulations, Ed!

I.E.H.A. Honorary Membership Award Sheila Perera

This year's recipient of the **I.E.H.A. Honorary Membership Award** is international member Sheila Perera. Perera has been a member of the United Kingdom Housekeepers Association (UKHA) since 1986, and a member of I.E.H.A. since 1992. Perera was a chairperson for the UKHA for six years. Perera graduated from Strathclyde University in Glasgow, Scotland, and specialized in Personnel and Training for ten years internationally with Trust House Forte, a hotel and catering group that operated in the United Kingdom and worldwide. In 1980, Perera moved into Housekeeping Management in London, England, and then to The Gleneagles Hotel, a five-star hotel and one of the world's leading resorts, in Perthshire, Scotland, in 1983. She currently manages The Gleneagle Hotel's Seasonal Ownership homes, known as Glenmor. Glenmor is a tranquil Scottish village of exclusive seasonal homes set within the grounds of The Gleneagles Hotel. Congratulations, Sheila!



William D. Joyner Special Achievement Award Rosita Galera

This year's recipient of the **William D. Joyner Special Achievement Award** is Rosita Galera, C.E.H. Galera has been a member of I.E.H.A. for the past 33 years, and a Certified Executive Housekeeper (C.E.H.) for the past 32 years. Over the past 35 years that Galera has been working in the housekeeping industry, she has worked a multitude of positions in a variety of settings, including office buildings, residential homes, hotels, high schools, colleges, pre-schools, retirement homes, condominiums, military homes, retail stores, and churches. In addition, Galera has held a plethora of officer positions within I.E.H.A., including Hawaii Chapter President from 1991 to 1993 and 1999 to 2001; and the Pacific Southwest District Director from 2003 to 2007. Due to her dedication to I.E.H.A., Galera was presented with the first ever Margaret Barnes Diamond Award in 1990. Galera is currently a training specialist, management consultant, and owner of her own contract cleaning business, Clean Plus Systems II. She resides in Ewa Beach, Hawaii. Congratulations, Rose!

