



Brian Hart of Frame de Art accepts his Business Person of the Year award from Rotary Club of Englewood President Patty Burnett.

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Englewood Rotary honors Business Persons of the Year

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The Rotary Club of Englewood has named Brian Hart of Frame de Art and Brian and Mary Yaklich of LePeep as its Englewood Business Persons of the Year for 2010. The honor recognizes their prominent roles in the Englewood business community, as well as their generosity to charitable causes. They were honored at the weekly meeting of Englewood Rotary, July 28.

"We selected Brian because he has built a very successful small business based on values that mirror those of Rotary," said Englewood Rotary President Patty Burnett. "He is generous in his support of local charities, and he is a leader in the business community.

"Rotary International was founded by a Chicago man, Paul Harris, who wanted to make friends among a variety of business people. They were networkers before the word was coined. And like Brian, Rotarians use our connections to serve and make the world a better place."

Hart donates more than \$25,000 in framing yearly to charities and other nonprofit organizations. Among his accomplishments are these:

- Delegate, 1995 White House Conference on Small Business
- 2009 Community Caring award from the City of Englewood
- 2009 Small Business of the Year from the Greater Englewood Chamber of Commerce
- 2009 Nominee for Small Business of the Year from the South Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce
- 2008, 2009 Channel 7 A List for Best Custom Framing in the Denver Area.

He serves as treasurer of the South Broadway Business Improvement District in Englewood, as well. The year 2010 will be Frame de Art's best ever bottom line, and in 2011 it will celebrate its 20th year in business.

One of Frame de Art's specialties is framing of sports memorabilia. The Denver Broncos are longtime customers, as are their fans with signed jerseys and other memorabilia to preserve. The Colorado Rockies, Avalanche and Nuggets are also Hart's customers.

The Yakliches also have been active leaders and volunteers in Englewood over the last 18 years – service deserving recognition and appreciation. Brian served as

president of the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, guiding that essential organization of the business community. Though they live in Lakewood, they chose to send their children to school in Englewood, the home of their restaurant. Mary volunteered at Clayton Elementary and Englewood Middle School and High School. The schools know they can count on the Yakliches and LePeep. They have been very supportive of charities and service organizations in Englewood, as well.

"LePeep is a Hampden Avenue institution, where friends run into friends, and the Yakliches have created that environment. We know that the economy has had an impact on small restaurants like LePeep, and that was all the more reason we wanted to express our appreciation for all they have done for Englewood," said Burnett.

Englewood Rotary is part of Rotary International, which has more than 1.2 million members worldwide – living by the motto, Service Above Self, and the code of ethics known as the Four-Way Test. For more information on Englewood Rotary, contact Burnett, 720-234-6010, patriciaburnett@patriciaburnett.com.

