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Embassy Theatre Foundation honors volunteers of the year and elects board of directors for 2010-11

Fort Wayne, Ind. – Members of the Embassy Theatre Foundation were honored for their service at the organization's annual meeting, which took place Oct. 26, 2010, at the Embassy Theatre.

The Volunteer of the Year awards were presented to Louise Nahrwold and Bill Derbyshire. Louise has been an Embassy volunteer for more than 21 years, working as an usher and a caller to schedule volunteers for shows. She also spends time delivering event posters and fliers all over town. Bill Derbyshire has been an Embassy volunteer for five years. During that time he has worked as a captain, tour guide, as a member of the house staff committee from 2007-09 and training new volunteers at orientations and captain's training sessions.

The Dale R. McNeal Award for significant and steadfast volunteer service was given to David and Kathy James for their 10-year commitment to the Embassy Festival of Trees. David and Kathy have designed trees, created Santa Land and, most recently, designed the animated windows on Harrison Street. Their energy is inspiring and their creativity is contagious.

Chris Gomez, Kroger; was elected by the board of directors to fulfill an open term. In addition; Robyn Fisher, community volunteer; Bruce Haines, WFWA-PBS39; Paula Hughes; Sister Elise Kriss, University of St. Francis; Douglas Nelson, Wells Fargo Insurance Services of Indiana; Thomas Shaurette, Raytheon; and Mary Ann Ziembo, PNC Bank, were each elected by the membership to a new three-year term. Elected to a one-year term was Ozzie Mitson, City of Fort Wayne.

Officers for 2010-11 are: Jill Perillo, Indiana Michigan Power, president; Marla Peters, American Specialty Insurance, vice president; Barbara Williams, Donaldson Williams, LLP, treasurer; and Scott Federoff, Federoff Law Firm, secretary. Other Embassy Foundation board members are: Tom Barfell, Do It Best Corp.; Carolyn Brody, Robyn Fisher, Jerry Giesler, Indiana's Newscenter; Gilmore Haynie Jr., Hawk Haynie Kammeyer & Chickedantz; Jim Kratzat, MSKTD & Associates; Jeff Potter, Fort Wayne Mad Ants; Marla Peters, American Specialty Insurance and Tom Skiba, Haines, Isenbarger & Skiba and Keitha Wesner. Board intern is Deborah Woodroof, Wells Fargo Bank.

Built in 1928, the historic Embassy Theatre features national productions from the Broadway stage, concerts of all musical formats, cinema, educational programming and a continued commitment to young people. For more information, visit www.fwembassytheatre.org.

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