

Awards and honours for members abound, from Taste of NS and Progress on down; For high tech, hotels and managing CEED, for Alice and choosing high ethics not greed; New contracts awarded at home and afar, new Talent is Working in homes and for Spa; Woozles and Symphony have both paid their dues, the New Year starts with members in the news...

## THIS MONTH'S TOP NEWSMAKERS

*The Chamber's Movers and Shakers, Members in the News*



The Taste of Nova Scotia Prestige Award winners. Photo by Tammy Fancy, Fancy Free Fotographic

**HBM Integrated Technology Inc.** was named a Sage Software President's Circle Winner for 2007-2008. The prestigious designation is awarded to partners representing sales leadership for Sage Software; HBM made the list for achieving Top New Product Growth. "This award was won as the result of the consistent high quality of work we've been delivering to our clients for the past 15 years," states Garry Beattie, CMA, partner with HBM Integrated Technology. "On behalf of the entire team at HBM, we appreciate the trust our clients place with us and we truly enjoy working with them." Winners will be honored in Kauai, HI in January 2009. Learn more at [www.hbmintegrated.com](http://www.hbmintegrated.com).

The **HBM Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel** has been named "Employer of the Year" by Connections Clubhouse, an organization committed to enhancing healthy communities through the engagement of people living with serious mental illness. The hotel has partnered with Connections Clubhouse for many years.

**Kisserup International Trade Roots Inc.** was recently contracted by the Private Sector Organization of Jamaica (PSOJ) to develop and deliver three workshops in Kingston, Jamaica. Each workshop focused on export development to the Canadian and international marketplace. The workshop titles included Market Access & Rules of Origin, Exporting Goods to

Canada and Exporting Services to Canada. The workshops were followed by a full day of one-on-one meetings with Jamaican workshop participants and a reception for the participants hosted by the Canadian High Commission in Jamaica.



A PSOJ workshop participant wins a special Nova Scotia-Jamaica prize.

The winners of the 2008 **Taste Nova Scotia** Prestige Awards were announced recently at a sold out Gala Dinner. The big winner was Taste of Nova Scotia Member of the Year Acadian Maple Products. Chamber member **Clearwater Seafoods Limited** was named Exporter of the Year. "Our Prestige Award recipients represent innovation and expertise in our industry... they're committed to improving business and promoting culinary excellence in Nova Scotia," says Janice Ruddock, executive director of Taste of Nova Scotia. "The winners embody the quality and distinction that Taste is all about." For a full list of winners visit [www.tasteofnovascotia.com](http://www.tasteofnovascotia.com).

The Nova Scotia Council for the Family recently awarded the Chuck Lake Distinguished Service Award to **Alison Pickle**, manager of CEED's Youth Employability Project. "We're pleased to award Alison this honour," says Tara Moore, first vice president of the NSCF. "Since beginning her involvement with the council [as a committee member and past chair of NSCF's Youth in Care Committee], Alison has put her stamp of excellence on the programs." "We're so pleased to see Alison's leadership and commitment to excellence recognized. She's a mentor to her staff, clients and the community at large," adds Kathy Murphy, president and CEO of CEED.

**Anne Gosney** has joined the recruitment team at **TALENTWORKS**. Gosney has more than six years of broad-based recruitment experience in Atlantic Canada. Contact Anne at 902-491-7600 ext 226 or [agosney@talentworks.biz](mailto:agosney@talentworks.biz), or visit the Talentworks website at [www.talentworks.biz](http://www.talentworks.biz).



Anne Gosney is new to the team at Talentworks.