



**Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce
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Adirondack Regional Chamber Announces Date for 98th Annual Awards Banquet
Now accepting nominations for J. Walter Juckett Community Service Award

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GLENS FALLS, NY (10/26/2011) – The Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce (ARCC) announced today its 98th Annual J. Walter Juckett Awards Banquet & United Way Auction will be held Thursday, January 26, 2012 at the Glens Falls Civic Center Heritage Hall in downtown Glens Falls.

“We are in our 23rd year of honoring an exceptional community leader with the J. Walter Juckett Community Service Award,” said ARCC President and CEO Peter Aust. “As an added way of paying tribute to Mr. Juckett’s legacy, we’re pleased to begin naming our annual event after him.”

ARCC is currently accepting nominations through November 30, 2011 for the 23rd Annual J. Walter Juckett Community Service Award. Last year, the award was presented to Harold G. “Bud” Taylor.

Nominations may be made by submitting a nomination form along with a typewritten narrative (of no more than 300 words) explaining why an individual should receive the award. Criteria for nomination include: the nominee’s profile should demonstrate significant contributions to the community in the field of human services, education, business, or industry; the nominee’s contributions should be substantial and enduring; and the nominee should reflect the admiration of his or her peers.

Nomination forms are available at the Chamber office, located at 136 Glen Street, Suite 3 in downtown Glens Falls, by calling 518-798-1761, or by visiting the Chamber’s website, adirondackchamber.org.

J. WALTER JUCKETT BIO

J. Walter Juckett was born on in 1908 in Mittineague, MA, where he spent his childhood years in this central area of Massachusetts. He graduated in 1930 from Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont where he was, and remains, the only individual to graduate from this military college with the highest academic achievement while serving as the Cadet Major.

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Upon receiving an engineering degree, Mr. Juckett began his career at the Hurlbut Paper Company, where his father, Frank A. Juckett, served as President. During the depths of the Great Depression in the 1930's, the Juckett father-son team was enticed to move to Hudson Falls, NY to take over active management of the Sandy Hill Iron and Brass Works. The Jucketts quickly established Sandy Hill's reputation in the paper industry and in the local community.

J. Walter Juckett had a remarkable business career and was recognized as a major community leader in his adopted home, the Village of Hudson Falls, and the entire region. His leadership and commitment transgressed a wide range of civic, charitable, religious, political, business and educational activities. He was recognized with honors for his work and contributions to the Boy Scouts of America, New York Business Development Corporation, Salvation Army, Norwich University, Presbyterian Church, Hudson Falls Central School and many other organizations. He was a tireless worker for the arts, having served as a director of the Lake George Opera, and a major force in The Hyde Collection Capital Campaign.

He was an active and engaged participant for several years with the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce, but first and foremost, J. Walter Juckett will be remembered as a philanthropist and a true gentleman.

The Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce (ARCC) is a not-for-profit, member-based business organization. The Chamber is a vigorous advocate for the economic success of its 1,000 member businesses, representing in excess of 23,000 people predominantly in Warren, Washington and Northern Saratoga Counties in New York State. ARCC is dedicated to creating economic opportunity and enhancing the quality of life throughout the Adirondack Region.

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