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PSAI Announces 2018 Award Winners

(MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, USA, 10 April 2018) – The Portable Sanitation Association International (PSAI) recently announced its 2018 award winners.

• The Andy Gump Award went posthumously to Barry Gump, second-generation owner of The Andy Gump Company in Santa Clarita, California. Barry Gump passed away in April 2017 after a remarkable career in the portable sanitation industry. Working alongside his father in the early years, Barry built the family business into a regional leader in Southern California. He was a pioneer in the portable restroom trailer industry, continually striving to bring advancement to the sanitation field. Improving every aspect of the restrooms themselves — as well as the service equipment and personnel needed to carry out the daily requirements — was always forefront on his mind. In addition to running his growing company, Barry was a respected civic leader in Santa Clarita, playing Santa Claus at Christmas and providing support for a number of charities including the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Within the portable sanitation industry, he was a force for progress over many years. Barry served on the PSAI Board of Directors and as President of the Board, provided expertise to numerous committees and projects, and freely helped newcomers to the industry learn the ropes. In 1993 he and his family founded the Andy Gump Award, but Barry would never allow his own name to be placed into nomination. After his death, the Awards Committee received numerous letters calling for Barry’s contributions to be honored.

The Andy Gump Award is the PSAI’s most prestigious honor. It is named for MC “Andy” Gump, a portable sanitation industry pioneer who exemplified the award selection criteria: fairness and integrity in personal and business relationships, working to improve the image of the industry, using innovative approaches, developing new products/services, leading industry colleagues, and exhibiting vision in the face of economic challenges.

• The Flay and Glenda Anthony Volunteer of the Year Award went to Lindy Boehme, Division Manager for CPACEX; she is based in Temperance, Michigan. Lindy has been involved in the portable sanitation industry for nearly 30 years. As a leader in a supplier company, she is in a unique position to see the industry from the perspectives of companies of all sizes, and she has brought that insight to nearly every volunteer role she has held over her many years of work on behalf of the PSAI. Lindy has served on numerous committees, and she recently spearheaded the PSAI’s first annual Urgent Run, a charitable event that raised more than $4000 for sanitation efforts in Kenya. Lindy is one of those unique individuals who has a multiplier effect on others. She is able — and willing — to engage others, get them to contribute their own time and resources, and challenges others to be better.

The Flay and Glenda Anthony Volunteer of the Year Award was established in 2015 to recognize individuals who have given exceptional service to the portable sanitation industry through volunteerism. It is named for Flay and the late Glenda Anthony, former owners of Porta John of the Piedmont, whose tireless devotion to the PSAI and the portable sanitation industry set a bar that inspires others to give their best.

• The Service Technician of the Year Award went to Kelly Kimes of Cal-State Site Services in Simi Valley, California. Kelly has been in the portable sanitation industry for more than 20 years. Since joining the Cal-State team about 5 years ago the company has increased its event
business and opened another yard to handle the overflow. Kelly’s loyal customers followed him without question. Kelly can do it all, and he does. He manages Cal-State’s secondary yard, covers route drivers, pick-up and delivery drivers, washes units, preps them for events and daily deliveries. Kelly does this while still maintaining approximately $500,000 in sales just in a small area. He is beloved by customers, crews and office staff.

• The Service Technician of the Year Runner Up Award went to Gregory Borchert of Mr. John of Pittsburgh. Greg joined the Mr. John team six and a half years ago. He is currently a service technician and has the skills and qualifications to perform numerous other duties. He is always punctual, always thorough, and has a flawless safety record. After proving himself time and again Mr. John’s leaders realized that Greg would be a great influence on new employees. Having no issue assuming more duties, he agreed to become a Service Tech Trainer and part of the Short Service Employee (SSE) Program. New employees are sent with Greg to learn what it takes to be a successful Service Technician. He leads by example to show them the company’s expectations of work ethic and professionalism.

    The Service Technician of the Year Award honors the industry’s top service technicians who actively embody the highest standards of our industry. The PSAI Award Committee reviews nominations from around the world in an attempt to identify the most appropriate recipients. One winner and one runner-up are chosen based on an assessment of performance in the following areas: general role performance, quality assurance, internal and external customer service, safety, concern for company equipment, and compliance with employer and industry waste-hauling guidelines.

About PSAI

The Portable Sanitation Association International (PSAI) exists to expand and improve portable sanitation as part of a global approach to serving the public and sustaining the planet. As the largest trade association of its kind in the world, the PSAI is recognized internationally as a credible, authoritative voice providing education and tools to promote safety and health. Established in 1971, the PSAI develops and promotes industry standards; serves as a repository of information and resources for operators, suppliers, government entities and the general public; and provides recognition for excellence in the field. The PSAI has its worldwide headquarters in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA. Visit www.PSAI.org for additional Association news and information.

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