

News director, librarian named Aptos man, woman of the year

APTOS — KSCO news director Dick Little and Aptos Librarian Heidi Smith were selected man and woman of the year Saturday night by the Aptos Chamber of Commerce.

Little, who has gathered and read the news on KSCO for the past 13 years, was honored for his "contribution to the well-being of the community" by broadcasting vital information during last January's storm hit.

Smith has been head librarian at the Aptos branch public library since its inception eight years ago. She was lauded for her service in making the library the success it is today.

Other awards included the California Highway Patrol as organization of the year and the Aptos Post as business of the year. Unsuccessful Congressional candidate Gary Richard Arnold was given the "faux pas" of the year award.

Chamber President Brewster Burns officially took

over for outgoing president Bob McKenzie. New officers also were officially installed.

State Sen. Henry Mello, D-Watsonville, was one of the guest speakers on the evening's theme — "Aptos: Then and Now."

Other speakers were Ethel Bagnell, long-time clerk at Leask's in the Rancho del Mar shopping center; Postmaster John Tarr; and Tim Welch of the development firm Hare, Brewer and Kelley.

KSCO managing partner Vernon Berlin told The Sentinel he was "happy to see Dick get the award." He was quick to point out, however, that the station's storm coverage was a "team effort" consisting of some 14 persons.

Charles Atkins, chief librarian for the city-county library system, lauded Smith for her work at the Aptos library, as well as her involvement with the community.



Heidi Smith



Dick Little