Aptos Chamber names man, woman of the year

Don Keller and Terry Streller have been honored as Man and Woman of the Year by the Aptos Chamber of Commerce.

Some 100 members of the Aptos community gathered at Deer Park Tavern Friday evening for the Chamber's 32nd annual awards dinner-dance and installation of officers.

Keller, who has served as Aptos High School band director for the last seven years and teaches band at elementary schools in the Aptos area, is seen as instrumental in promoting community fund-raising benefits for local school bands.

Mrs. Streller, who recently stepped down after six years as Chamber secretary, has lived in the Aptos area for 16 years. She and her husband, Paul, are owners of Aptos Office and Supply.

Two Chamber awards went to Josef Rivers for his Aptos horsemanship program for the handicapped, The River's Crest Dragon Slayers. He was honored with the Organization of the Year and Humanitarian of the Year awards.

The awards were presented by Chuck Holcomb, director and past president of the Chamber, who originated the annual "APY" (Aptos Person of the Year), while serving in office during the 1977-78 term.

Holcomb also dedicated the "Raspberry of the Year" award to the oft graffiti-covered trestle overpass in Aptos Village, which has had to be repainted several times over the years by the chamber.



Terry Streller

Replacing Larry Wrathall as president is Glenn Specht, who made the formal introductions during the evening, and announced her new slate of officers. They include Brewster Burns as vice president; Bob McKenzie, treasurer; and Elaine Williams, secretary. New directors are Linda McDowell, Nancy Schmidt and Sam Wright.



Band leader Don Keller

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