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### **Winners Announced for 34th Annual Hobe Sound Chamber Christmas Parade!**

Hobe Sound, FL (December 9, 2019) –On Saturday, December 7th the streets of Hobe Sound were lined with red and green along with patriotic colors showing great American pride with this year’s theme and dedication to Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. More than 6,000 excited spectators waited for the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus in the Hobe Sound Chamber Christmas Parade. The Hobe Sound Centre Building was transformed into a giant parade grandstand with DancenSound DJs Jef and Rich Otten playing holiday tunes. All the hustle and bustle marked the beginning of the parade presented by O’Donnell Impact Windows & Storm Protection.

Families arrived early to check out the downtown Art Stroll that featured locally made arts and crafts. Village Bike & Paddle, Cruise Planners, Tee’s Please, Illustrated Properties, Flash Beach Grille and other downtown businesses held community holiday parties, gave out swag and treats, and played music. Martin County Sheriff’s Office announced the start of the parade with a helicopter fly over. Once the Parade was in sight the children began to get excited.

Our Grand Marshal this year was Mabel Witham who was married to Ross Witham “The Turtle Man” a Stuart native who was a Pearl Harbor survivor. She was accompanied by Commissioner Harold Jenkins of District 3. In honor of this special day, TCIROOD provided bags and flags to help celebrate.

Floats and decorated vehicles created by chamber members, schools and charity organizations drifted merrily along the roadway. Local middle and high school bands marched and played traditional holiday songs. Patrons were able to meet elected officials like Sheriff William Snyder and Congressman Brian Mast.

The 70 parade entries did not disappoint the crowd with their creative floats and vehicles.

The Parade judges watched the action from the Grandstand and ranked their favorite floats. It was a challenging task, but the judges considered each entry. The Hobe Sound Chamber along with Presenting Sponsor, O’Donnell Impact Windows & Storm Protection would like to congratulate the following winners:

**Most Humorous:** BANNER LAKE CLUB  
**Best Marching:** SOUTH FORK SPIRIT & PRIDE MARCHING BAND  
**Best Religious:** PLACE OF HOPE  
**Best Hobe Sound History:** DAVID CHAMBERS ELECTRIC  
**Most Original:** PRESTON CONTEMPORAY DANCE THEATRE  
**Most Patriotic:** TCI ROOD  
**Best Overall:** JENKINS LANDSCAPE

The judges, all chamber of commerce members, were led by Chamber volunteer Amy Snow of Red Hawk Fire & Security. There were eight total judges; Christina Stamper of Madison’s Miracles, Tammy Pasqualone of Clothes Mentor, Roger Tomko of New York Life, Dorothy Flemming of Dorothy’s Affordable Accounting, Stephanie DeWayne of ByThe Sea Hypnosis, Brandon Woodward of Woodward, Kelley, Fulton & Kaplan and Deni Horna of Décor by Deni.

The winners can claim their trophies at the Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce located at 8958 SE Bridge Road.

The Chamber would like to thank all the volunteers including entries and participants, downtown businesses, residents of Hobe Sound, Hobe Sound Bible College students and of course the Parade sponsors for bringing the gift of the Christmas Parade to Hobe Sound. Also, a big shout out to Linda Wolf and the chamber ambassadors for their help in cleaning up after the parade and delivering Pelican newsletters.

Thank you supporting sponsors: Waste Management, Word of Mouth Computers & Electronics, Celebrities Fore Kids, EyeMarketing, Becker Tree Farm, Bingman's Painting Services and Décor by Deni. Most of all, the Chamber would like to recognize Parade Chairmen Richard Nash and Derreck Ogden for their hard work and dedication in the planning, preparation and execution of another successful parade.

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