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## **Excitement is building for VIREB's third annual REALTOR® Awards & Past Presidents Dinner.**

Nominees for the prestigious Vancouver Island Real Estate Board REALTOR® of the Year and REALTORS® Care Awards have been announced, in advance of a joint gala celebration February 25, 2010 at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre.

The REALTORS® Care Awards will be presented to the REALTORS® who have made a mark in their community for their personal leadership and service. The event will also honor the REALTOR® of the Year – an individual making significant contributions to the real estate industry within the VIREB region from the Malahat to the North Island in 2009.

There are 12 nominees for the Care Awards, including Reg Eaton of Royal LePage Advance Realty in Campbell River, Chris Flynn of Coast Realty Comox Valley, Rob Phillips of Coast Realty Comox Valley, Rick Gibson of Royal LePage in the Comox Valley, Harmony Dyck of Royal LePage in the Comox Valley, Jan Christenson of Royal LePage in Ladysmith, Anna Maria Brass of Pemberton Holmes in the Cowichan Valley, Glynis Hayes of Coast Realty Nanaimo, Ray Pellerin of Royal LePage Nanaimo, Dan Jack of Sutton Group – Whitecap Realty in Parksville, Diane Kellas of RE/MAX First Realty of Parksville, and Frances Kimura of Sutton Group – West Coast Realty in Port Alberni.

REALTORS® Care awards are for personal leadership and service, and nominees must have made a significant contribution in time and effort to the benefit of the community in the two years prior to the nomination.

The REALTOR® of the Year must demonstrate leadership qualities, cooperation and support to their peers. Accomplishments at the local, provincial and national levels of organized real estate that make a broad impact to the benefit of the industry are considerations along with their community involvement.

The nominees for REALTOR® of the Year are John Tillie of Re/MAX of Duncan, Subhadra Ghose of Re/MAX of Nanaimo and Ray Pellerin of Royal LePage Nanaimo.

Roy Grant of Campbell River was named REALTOR® of the Year for 2008. CARE award winners were Jim Hoffman of Parksville-Qualicum Beach, Subhadra Ghose of Nanaimo, John Tillie of the Cowichan Valley, and Grant.

Tickets for the event, which starts at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m., are \$75 plus GST, and are available through the website: <http://www.businessvi.ca/vireb/>, and must be **reserved by February 22.**

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