



Burns House Employees Get \$125,000 Award

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Burns House Group employees were pleasantly surprised during their annual staff party at the Whyndam Resort on February 1.

Chairman of the group of companies - which is comprised of Burns House, Butler & Sands, Wholesale Wines & Spirits, Distribution and Franchise Systems and Todhunter Mitchell - Mr. Garet "Tiger" Finlayson, awarded a total of \$126,900 to a few lucky employees.

A few new awards however caused the most stir with the celebrating workers. Established this year was the Employee of the Year award, which recognized the most outstanding member of staff as named by the managers of the various companies in the Group. The very first recipient of this award, Ms. Patricia Knowles received \$10,000 while the runners up, Michelle Lewis and Carmen Forbes received \$7,000 and \$5,000 respectively.



WELL DONE - Burns House awarded \$126,900 to its hardworking and outstanding employees. Pictured (L-R) with the top employee are: Mr. Neko Grant, COO Burns House; Patricia Knowles, Employee of the Year; and Garet Finlayson Chairman Burns House.

Also presented for the first time this year were the Franchise Awards, which spanned three categories - Best Franchise with a prize of \$12,000, Best Looking Store with a prize of \$10,000 and Second Best Overall, inclusive of Best Franchise and Best Looking Store, with a prize of \$8,000. In Freeport Liquor Gallery owned by Theresa Capron received Best Franchise, Airport Boutique owned by Mervyn Wright, received Best Looking Store and Second Best Overall was Donald Williams, owner of Big T.

In Nassau, top honors for Best Franchise was won by Island Club Investments owned by Clement Ferguson, Best Looking Store was won Vintage Liquor Boutique owned by Pat Mortimer and Second Best Overall was Robert Nutt, owner of Harbor Bay Liquor. The total amount of these awards was \$82,000.

As with the staff parties in the past, employees of long-standing were also honored. This year twenty-six employees were recognized for service of 15 - 20 years with the company and each was given one hundred dollars for every year of service. This amounted to the remaining \$44,000.

"These award presentations will be an annual event," said Mr. Finlayson "and I hope that all employees will put their shoulders to the wheel in order to win these prizes."

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