

Chamber Honours Gareth "Tiger" Finlayson As 2001 Businessperson Of The Year

Bahamas Chamber President, A. Bismark Coakley has announced that "Following a very difficult review of nominees - all of whom are deserving of the award, we are pleased to announce that Mr. Gareth O. Finlayson, OBE has been selected by the Chamber as the 2001 Businessperson of the Year."

Mr. Finlayson is the Chairman and CEO of Burns House Ltd., Butler & Sands Ltd. and the Associated Brewers Distillers Company Ltd. He is a founding member of the Bahamas Chapter of The World Presidents Organization and his contributions to the community has most recently been enhanced by his philanthropic contributions to the establishment of scholarship funds in the names of Archdeacon William Thompson and The Rt. Hon. Sir Lynden Pindling.

He has a record of successes that has few comparisons in the business



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life of the modern Bahamas. Personally and via companies controlled by him, he is a significant benefactor to our community and his strong family commitment has augured well for his children that are following in his footsteps, as all four

of them are employed in companies controlled by him, and are demonstrating their own leadership abilities individually.

He is a member of the World Presidents Organization, the alumni organization of The Young President Organization, and a founding member of The Bahamas Chapter of The Young Presidents Organization. At the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of Independence, he was honoured by the Bahamas Government receiving the highest possible award in the Gold category. Last year, Her Majesty The Queen honoured him when he was awarded the Office of British Empire (O.B.E). He can also boast of his directorship in in-flight Kitchens Ltd., the operators of the in-flight services between Nassau and Freeport International Airports, as well as a real estate development company.

"By any standard, he is worthy of recognition and honour for his 'sustained contributions' to the Bahamas" the Chamber release said.

Mr. Finlayson will be honoured by the Chamber at a Black-Tie Banquet, which is being held under the patronage of the Rt. Hon. Hubert A. Ingraham, M.P., Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and Mrs. Delores Ingraham on Saturday, May 12, at the Nassau Marriott Resort & Crystal Palace Casino. The Banquet will culminate a week of activities for the Chamber, which has been proclaimed by the Prime Minister to be celebrated between May 7 - 12.

Persons wishing to attend this event are invited to contact the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce or the Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce for reservations.