



## *News Release*

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### **The Inn at Pocono Manor Receives Bizzy Award from Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce**

#### ***“Best Large Business for 2009”***

**Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania**, September 2009 ... The historic Inn at Pocono Manor has made history once again as the 2009 recipient of the “Bizzy Award” from the Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce in the category, “Best Large Business.” The annual contest pits business against business in a friendly, competitive awards program that culminates in the red carpet Bizzy Awards gala celebration. The Hollywood-style event was broadcast live on Blue Ridge TV 13, and hosted by George and Connie Roberts of George Roberts Productions. All proceeds raised in the competition go to the Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce Business Resource Center. The elegant event featured a black, white & green theme and was held at The Inn at Pocono Manor.

“We are extremely pleased to receive the 2009 Bizzy Award for Best Large Business within the Greater Pocono Chamber region,” said Lisa Green, Director of Sales and Marketing. “As one of the largest employers in our market, it means a lot to be singled out as a responsible and respected organization. It’s what we strive to be every day and it is wonderful to have this recognized by our peers.”

The Inn at Pocono Manor, which opened in 1902 and is the oldest continuously operating resort in the Poconos and one of the oldest in North America, employs 250 persons during the peak season. Over the past century, the 237-guestroom resort has become a destination within the Poconos, with 3000 acres and complete recreational amenities for guests, including two signature golf courses. With more than 25,000 square feet of meeting and event space, the Inn provides the perfect setting for productive corporate meetings and spectacular special events.

The Inn's Exchange at Pocono Manor restaurant welcomes guests for dinner each evening. The Old Lamplighter Lounge serves specialty beverages and pub fare throughout the day.

The Laurel Spa offers state-of-the-art treatments designed to enhance guests' healthy lifestyles and sense of well being.

**For more information on The Inn at Pocono Manor and for reservations, contact 570-839-7111 or 800-233-8150, or visit [www.poconomanor.com](http://www.poconomanor.com).**

**Attached Photograph:** Lisa Green receives the 2009 Bizzy Award on behalf of The Inn at Pocono Manor

#### **About The Bizzy Awards**

The Bizzy Awards are an Academy Awards-style friendly competition between Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce-member businesses and non-profit organizations in Northeast Pennsylvania. Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce members can enter the annual competition in 12 distinct categories, with multiple entries accepted. Ballots for voting are sent out to all Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce members. Votes are tallied and the winners announced at a televised awards dinner in September.

#### **About The Inn at Pocono Manor**

The Inn at Pocono Resort blends a century of hospitality with the demands of 21<sup>st</sup> Century travelers. Lovingly referred to as the "The Grand Lady of the Mountains" and a National Registry of Historic Places property, The Inn at Pocono Manor opened in 1902 as a country retreat for Philadelphia Quakers. Today it is the oldest continuously running Resort in the Poconos and one of the oldest in North America. The all-season resort boasts 237 guestrooms, and 25,000 square feet of flexible meeting and event space that can accommodate up to 500 guests. The Exchange at Pocono Manor restaurant features superb dining with an eclectic flair. The Old Lamplighter Lounge serves specialty beverages and pub fare throughout the day.

Complete recreational amenities are available at The Inn at Pocono Manor, including signature golf, horseback riding, ATV trail rides, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, the luxurious Laurel Spa, fishing, clay shooting, cross country skiing, and more. Striking views of the Pocono Mountains are visible from all sides of the resort's main building. Complimentary wireless Internet is available throughout. The Inn at Pocono Manor features two 18-hole signature golf courses, including the East Course dating to 1912, which was redesigned by Donald Ross in 1927 and has been host to golf legends like Sam Snead, Arnold Palmer and Jerry Barber. In 1959, the George Fazio-designed West Course opened.

A destination within the Poconos for over a century, the 3000-acre Inn at Pocono Manor is minutes away from Crossings Premium Outlets, Camelbeach Water Park, Camelback Ski Mountain, and the Mt. Airy Casino. The Resort is within two hours of New York City, New Jersey and Philadelphia.

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