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Glenn Cooke, the late Claude Savoie and Robert Zildjian named to the Junior Achievement New Brunswick Business Hall of Fame

Moncton, N.B. – Three prominent New Brunswick business leaders have been named to the Junior Achievement New Brunswick Business Hall of Fame. The 2009 laureates are Glenn Cooke, the late Claude Savoie and Robert Zildjian. They will be officially inducted into the Hall of Fame at the gala dinner on Tuesday, October 20th at the Delta Beauséjour in Moncton.

“Our laureates have all demonstrated exceptional entrepreneurial skills, leading some of Atlantic Canada’s most successful businesses,” said Connie Woodside, president and CEO of Junior Achievement New Brunswick. “They all exhibit outstanding business and management skills, but more importantly, they have illustrated the importance of giving back to their respective communities.”

Glenn Cooke is co-founder and CEO of Cooke Aquaculture in Blacks Harbour, NB. Glenn, along with his brother Michael and father Gifford, established the salmon farming company in 1985 with only a single marine cage site containing 5,000 salmon. Over the years, Cooke Aquaculture has grown to become a multi-million dollar business with divisions including Kelly Cove Salmon, True North Salmon, GMG Fish Services Ltd., Shoreland Transport, Charlotte Feeds and Northeast Nutrition. Cooke Aquaculture has operations in New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Maine and Chile, and currently processes and sells 170 million pounds of Atlantic salmon and trout each year. The company also plays an important role in the communities where it operates. Contracts are awarded to local businesses whenever possible, a sponsorship committee funnels funding and contributions to local events, and employees volunteer with local charities and school mentoring programs such as PALS.

The late Claude Savoie, born in Saint-Maurice, NB, was foremost a dedicated family man who was extremely committed to his wife and children. He was a tremendous business and community advocate, leading several successful organizations in Moncton and across the region. In 1972 at age 29, he became president of Acadian Construction, the company founded by his father, Adelin. After only five years as its leader, Mr. Savoie founded Acadian Properties. He also established Minibar Quebec, Atlantic Minibar, Dieppe Auto, Nova Doors and Windows, Moncton Saturn Saab Isuzu and Fredericton Saturn, all within a 15-year span. He was one of the first graduates of l’Université de Moncton to commit to a career in business and later led a highly successful capital campaign for his alma mater. Mr. Savoie inspired many young Acadians to enter the business world by playing a pivotal role in Moncton’s economic renaissance. He was instrumental in bringing the English and French speaking communities in New Brunswick closer together and was named an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1999.

Coming from a renowned cymbal making family, Robert Zildjian founded SABIAN Ltd. in 1981 in Meductic, NB. Guided by his vision to create ‘the world’s finest cymbals’, SABIAN’s expert craftsmen introduced myriad innovations, earning SABIAN award-winning success as ‘the most innovative cymbal company’ and ‘most outstanding cymbal’ while extending brand popularity to over 120 global markets. SABIAN is also committed in other areas, including supporting its local community and educational initiatives through scholarships. Today Mr. Zildjian presides over the brand of his vision, with leading orchestras and major bands including Genesis, Nickelback, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Rush, and Great Big Sea making SABIAN their choice of cymbal.

“The laureates for 2009 were nominated based on their respective business successes, their contributions to their communities and their own personal achievements,” said Britt Dysart, chair of the Board of Directors of Junior Achievement of New Brunswick. “The goal of the Business Hall of Fame is not only to recognize these successful individuals, but also to motivate and inspire our Junior Achievers, the business leaders of the future.”



Now in its 13th year, the annual gala is Junior Achievement's largest fundraiser, and to date has raised over \$1.5 million. Tickets are now available by calling (506) 455-6552 or visiting www.janbhalloffame.ca.

About Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement is an international not-for-profit organization that brings together business leaders, educators, parents and the community to help prepare youth for their future. Junior Achievement of Canada remains the nation's largest developer of business education programs for students aged eight to 19. Junior Achievement of New Brunswick (JANB) encompasses five regions: JA Fredericton, JA Southeastern NB, JA Southwestern NB, JA Northwestern NB and JA Chaleur Restigouche Miramichi.

Past laureates include:

1997

Sir James Dunn
 Arthur Ganong
 Arthur L. Irving
 James K. Irving
 John E. Irving
 K.C. Irving
 Harrison McCain
 Wallace McCain
 Philip Oland
 Claude I. Taylor

1998

Bent W. Lockhart
 James A. MacMurray
 Beverly O'Keefe

1999

Lord Beaverbrook
 Alexander "Boss" Gibson
 Dr. Robert Neill
 Cedric E. Ritchie

2000

Jean-Marc Lafontaine
 Jack Stultz
 Ruth Cook Wilson

2001

Kenneth V. Cox
 Rowland C. Frazee
 Lewis W. Simms

2002

Malcolm R. Baxter
 Ashley A. Colter
 Gilbert Finn

2003

Wes Armour
 Richard Currie
 Louis B. Mayer

2004

Lino J. Celeste
 Howard P. Robinson
 H. Reuben Cohen

2005

John R. Dean
 Bernard Imbeault
 Edward L. D. McLean

2006

Alden Clark
 Leon Furlong
 Martin Légère

2007

David Ganong
 Gerry Pond
 William (Bill) Stanley

2008

Bernard Cyr
 Derek Oland
 Jim Ross

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