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Two NEWH members receive Wilson Associates' Point of Excellence Award

On June 28, a crowd of more than 300 members of the design and hospitality industry gathered at the Beverly Hills Hotel for the 7th annual Point of Excellence Awards luncheon, hosted by Wilson Associates.

Wilson Associates, one of the world's leading interior architectural design firms, hosts its Point of Excellence awards events each year in Los Angeles and Dallas, to honor excellence in service to the design industry. This year, the award winners were Elsie Dahlin of ELA—Environmental Lighting for Architecture, Inc., and Sandy Matthews Raczka, representing Charles Lamp/Spectrum. Both Dahlin and Raczka are members of the Los Angeles Founding Chapter. In presenting the awards, Jerry Beale and Stacey Crockett of Wilson Associates' Los Angeles office in Beverly Hills praised the two for their excellent work, and for consistently going "above and beyond" in client service.

Proceeds from the luncheon benefit the Wilson Foundation, a nonprofit organization founded by Trisha Wilson in 1997, which raises money to support education and health care programs primarily in rural South Africa, an area impacted by poverty, a struggling educational system, and a critical shortage of trained health care workers. Dedicated to supporting the myriad needs of a country devastated by HIV/AIDS, the foundation's mission is to "make a difference, one child at a time."



Above and top, left to right: Jerry Beale, lead designer, Wilson Associates, Los Angeles; Trisha Wilson, president, Wilson Associates, Dallas; and Stacey Crockett, managing director, Wilson Associates, Los Angeles, pose with Point of Excellence award winners (in white) Elsie Dahlin, Environmental Lighting for Architecture, Inc. (top photo) and Sandy Matthews Raczka, Charles Lamp/Spectrum (above photo).

on the scene

Out of the Office

From New York City to Los Angeles, members take a break from work to network, learn, and give back



Recipe for Success Ana Maria
Martinez Stumpo, Pacific Hospitality
Design and Los Angeles Founding
Chapter programming director, and
Sherri Witkowski, Smith and Hawken
Contract and LA Chapter's president,
greet fellow members at the chapter's
Scholarship Awards Dinner in May
at Maggiano's at the Grove.



Tradeshow Shopping Manda Morales and Ann Fritz, both of Elness Swenson Graham Architects and members of the North Central Chapter, head back to their hotel after a long day at ICFF in May.



Party of Four Left to right: Stacy Garcia, Stacy Garcia/Leba Tex; Susan Martin, Elias Design Group; Jennifer Hubbard, Tishman Hotel Corporation; and Susan LaRaus, Milton Bleier Corporation, enjoy a drink at the Greater New York Chapter's Summer Swing Networking evening at the Hotel on Rivington on the "new" Lower East Side.