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People's Choice Awards Celebrates 20th Anniversary

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2009 marks the twentieth year that Clear Channel has hosted the Best of the Upper Keys contest, better known as the People's Choice Awards. The purpose of this annual event is to allow the residents of the Keys to vote for their favorite condenders, in a wide range of categories. When the votes are tallied, the winners (first place and two runners up) are recognized with framed certificates and other special commendations for their walls. But the best part of the Best contest is the bragging rights the winners get to use their titles in advertising to proclaim they're the Best of the Upper Keys!

This year, the Coconut Telegraph is supporting the contest by printing a ballot in the newspaper in an attempt to get more ballots into the hands of more voters. In recent years, the contest has averaged 5,000 ballots returned and tallied. May 2009 be an even bigger and better contest! **VOTE!!**

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BEST OF THE UPPER KEYS BALLOT

Here's your chance to cast your vote on who are the Best in the Upper Keys... Fill out at least 17 categories on this ballot and drop it in the mail. We will randomly pick tabulated ballots every week... you could win at least \$50 in fabulous prizes just for turning in a ballot !!

NAME	PHONE		
please check one: Key Largo Islamorada Other Keys Homes please check one: Full Time Upper Keys Resident Part Time Upper		Other FloridaFrequent Visitor	☐ Other USA ☐ Foreign
Best Breakfast	•	•	
Best Lunch	Best Marina		
Best Asian Restaurant	— Best Marine Repair		
	— Best Boat Dealer		
Best Waterfront Restaurant			
Best Seafood Restaurant			
Best Down Home Cookin'			
Best Fine Dining			
Best Fish Sandwich			
Best Steak			
Best Cheeseburger in Paradise	•		
Best Chicken Wings			
Best Key Lime Pie	Financial Advisor		
NEW! Best Cuppa Coffee	Best Spa/Salon		
Best Restaurant Service	Best Health/Wellness/ Fitness Center		
Overall Best Restaurant			
Best Restaurant \$ Value			
Best Bar Service			
NEW! Best Happy Hour	Boot Now Back		
Overall Best Bar			THUNDER 100A
1. MAN OF THE YEAR (most community minded) 2. WOMAN OF THE YEAR (most community minded) 3. BUSINESS OF THE YEAR (most community minded) 4. BEST ANNUAL EVENT			SUN KUZ

You must provide complete info for your ballot to be counted! Please vote only once—duplicates will be disqualified!

FILL IN AT LEAST 17 CATEGORIES FOR YOUR VOTES TO COUNT! Ballots Must Be Received by Midnight, Tuesday, October 13, 2009.

Complete your ballot and mail it to: IIS, 219 Second St., Key Largo FL 33037 or drop off at any sponsoring location.