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LOEWS HOTELS CHAIRMAN HONORED WITH CHARLES ANDREWS MEMORIAL HOSPITALITY AWARD FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

ORLANDO, FL (December 16, 2014): On Saturday, December 13th, the Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association (CFHLA) awarded Jonathan M. Tisch, Chairman of Loews Hotels & Resorts, with the 2014 CFHLA Charles Andrews Memorial Hospitality Award for Community Leadership. Mr. Tisch was honored at the CFHLA Hospitality Gala, the Hospitality Industry’s largest annual holiday gala event. This year’s Gala was held at the Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld and was attended by over one thousand Hospitality Executives and guests.

Each year, the Charles Andrews Memorial Hospitality Award for Community Leadership is presented to a leader whose actions have positively contributed to not only the Tourism Industry, but to the Central Florida community as a whole. Mr. Tisch was chosen as this year’s Charles Andrews Memorial Hospitality Honoree for his continued efforts to invest in and advance Central Florida’s Hospitality Industry through the development of five Loews Hotels that provide thousands of job opportunities for Central Floridians and positively impact all businesses that rely on the growth of the Hospitality Industry.

Mr. Tisch also serves as Co-Chairman of the Board and Member of the Office of the President of Loews Corporation. During his tenure as CEO of Loews Hotels & Resorts, Tisch engineered the company’s expansion and emergence as a leading luxury hotel brand by infusing the properties with a widely praised corporate culture that places a high value on partnerships that empower employees, satisfy customers, contribute to communities, and improve the bottom line.

The positive impact the Loews chain has on Central Florida cannot be overstated. Loews Hotels & Resorts in Central Florida collectively employ over 3,500 individuals who service more than 4,200 hotel rooms. Mr. Tisch’s properties
not only contribute to economic development, but impact our schools as well. Through CFHLA’s ‘Adopt-A-School’ Program, Orlando’s Loews properties have “adopted” both Memorial Middle School and the Nap Ford Community School, providing resources and Hospitality Industry partnerships to enhance the learning experiences of Orlando’s youth.

This award is the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by CFHLA, in recognition of achievements and contributions to the Central Florida hospitality industry, as well as the community at large. The award is named after the founding father of CFHLA, Charles Andrews, and exemplifies perseverance and dedication to a cause.

Past recipients of the Charles Andrews Memorial Hospitality Award for Community Leadership include:

2013 – Alex Martins of the Orlando Magic
2012 – Gary Sain of Visit Orlando (posthumously)
2011 – Bill Davis of Universal Orlando
2010 - Martin Belz of the Peabody Hotel Group
2009 - Jim Atchison of SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment
2008 - Tom Ackert of the Orange County Convention Center
2007 - Mark McHugh of Gatorland
2006 - Al Weiss of Walt Disney Parks and Resorts
2005 - Richard T. Crotty of Orange County Government
2004 - Jeb Bush, Florida Governor
2003 - Thomas Williams of Universal Orlando
2002 - John Wycoff of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority
2001 - Bill Peeper of Visit Orlando
2000 - Jim Brown of McCree Incorporated
1999 - Walt Disney of the Walt Disney World Company (posthumously)

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