

Barnes receives President's Award

The architect who designed the planned headquarters and visitors center for the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce was named recipient of the group's highest honor.

Robert Barnes, a Key Largo resident who is expanding his Homestead office into the Keys, received the President's Award at the chamber's Awards Banquet Oct. 14.

"We are so proud of his work, his involvement and his dedication to assure a new home for the Key Largo Chamber of Commerce."

said Ginna Thomas Drake, chamber president.

Groundbreaking for the 4,000-square-foot Conch style building tentatively is planned for January.

The Upper Keys Kiwanis received the chamber's Outstanding Community Organization honor for the year, while the U.S. Postal Service in Key Largo was feted for Outstanding Community Service.

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ber ambassador" John Mullan for his work serving as chair of Island Jubilee 1993; Gretchen Holland, chair of Casino Nite; and Joyce Bennett, chair of the Miss Island Jubilee Pageant.

County Commissioner Mary Kay Reich presented Honorary Conch certificates to Mullan, and to Donna Casey, manager of the visitors center.

John Criswell of See Magazine recently was installed as board chairman for this year, while immediate past chairman Spencer Slate of Atlantis Dive Center was tabbed as chairman-elect for next year.