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Falls Chamber will honor top citizen, business person and member business

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The Cuyahoga Falls Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners of its annual business and citizen awards.

Larry Walters of Motortech is the chamber's 2012 Business Person of the Year. Dick and Yvonne Sebastian are the 2012 Citizens of the Year. AG Print Promo Solutions is the 2012 Chamber Member Business of the Year. Its president is Anup Gupta.

The winners will be honored at the chamber's lunch meeting on May 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sheraton Suites, 1989 Front St.

LARRY WALTERS

Walters is the chief financial officer and owner of MotorTech Auto Center on Wyoga Lake Road. He also owns MotorTech Fleet Center in the Remington Road Industrial Park.

He employs four full-time and two part-time people.

Walters attended United Electronics in Cuyahoga Falls, Cuyahoga Valley Vocational, the Delco Training Center, Auto Management Institute and the University of Akron.

His new building design won the 2009 Business Enhancement award for the Cuyahoga Falls Community Awards.

His company has been nominated to Angie's List since 2007.

He is a past president of the Cuyahoga Falls Chamber of Commerce, as well as past president of the Cuyahoga Falls Rotary Club and the Cuyahoga Falls Executive Club.

Walters is a CTM toastmaster from the Falls-Akron Club.

He is a past volunteer on the Cuyahoga Falls Planning Commission.

Walters is an active member of the Falls and Stow Chambers of Commerce, TEEM Leads Group, the CFCC Gold Mine Leads Group, the Falls Executive Club and the Falls Rotary Club.

He is an Indians fan, a Browns fan and a Cavs fan. He hopes the Miami Heat lose in the next round of the playoffs.

He is a longtime resident of the Falls and has been married to Debbie since 1975.

Larry and Debbie enjoy the local parks, the Falls Dog Park, Blossom Orchestra nights, and even at their age, they enjoy Rockin' on the River.

DICK SEBASTIAN

Dick Sebastian has served on the City of Cuyahoga Falls Charter Review Committee. He is currently in his third term serving on the City's Parks and Recreation Board -- having served several times as chairman.

Dick has been active as an involved community member of numerous committees and an avid supporter of the Cuyahoga Falls City School District. On two occasions he served as chairman of successful school levy committees during a period of time when few school levies were victorious. For the past 11 years, in his retirement, he has worked as a member of the teaching staff at Cuyahoga Falls High School.

He, along with his wife, has been very active in their church, Trinity Lutheran Church, in Akron, in youth and adult education, as well as a host of other volunteer capacities.

YVONNE SEBASTIAN

Yvonne Sebastian has served on the City of Cuyahoga Falls Charter Review Committee on two separate occasions.

Yvonne, also a devoted enthusiast of the Cuyahoga Falls City School District, was active in and has held numerous PTA positions including PTA President at Richardson School as well as numerous offices in the PTA Council.

As a diabetic educator, she was a member of the Diabetic Advisory committee at Summa Western Reserve Hospital for many years.

She retired from the American Diabetes Association after 25 years of service.

She, along with her husband, has been very active in their church, Trinity Lutheran Church, in Akron, in youth and adult education, as well as a host of other volunteer capacities.

Yvonne and her husband have three children and 12 grandchildren.

AG PRINTPROMO SOLUTIONS

Anup Gupta, president of AG PrintPromo Solutions, has a bachelor's degree in economics and a master's degree in business administration with a major in marketing. Gupta has worked in the business since 1996. His hobbies include: Reading, writing and public speaking. He is a published author. His articles on sales/marketing have been published in numerous industry publications for the last six years. Gupta is married with two children, and has been in the Stow and Cuyahoga Falls areas for the last 20-plus years.

AG PrintPromo Solutions has been in business since 1996, and has been growing consistently over the years under the leadership of its owner, Anup Gupta, who started this business from his one-bedroom apartment in 1996.

AG PrintPromo Solutions has made Cuyahoga Falls

their home since 2000. They leased two units on 540 Graham Road for more than 10 years. In 2010, Gupta decided to make a long-term commitment to the city of Cuyahoga Falls by investing his money and purchasing a 10,000 square foot building at 960 Graham Road. There are four units in this building with Gupta occupying about one-third of the building for his expanded business operations.