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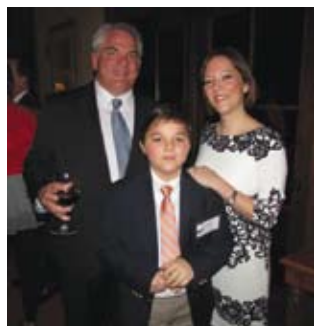
The 2013 class of Excellence in Club Management Awards winners (left to right): Robert Williams, Mike Stanton, Maria McGinity and Tony D'Errico.

## Their Turn to Shine

On February 7th at The Country Club of Orlando (Fla.), the 2013 recipients of the Excellence in Club Management (ECM) awards, co-sponsored by *Club & Resort Business* and the McMahon Group, were honored during a special reception, dinner and ceremony held in conjunction with the Club Managers Association of America's annual conference. The event was sponsored by ClubCorp, Denehy Club Thinking Partners, and Toro.

The annual awards are selected through nominations submitted on behalf of qualified candidates, and a Selection Committee comprised of a peer group of club managers conducts the judging; the McMahon Group and *Club & Resort Business* are not involved in the selection of the award winners. Winners are selected solely on the basis of their achievements at the club they currently manage; "lifetime achievements" are not considered.

Winners of the 2013 awards, which were presented by William P. McMahon, Sr., Frank Vain and Bill McMahon, Jr., of the McMahon Group and Joe Barks, Editor of *Club & Resort Business*, included:



Industry colleagues and family members shared in the recognition of the Excellence in Club Management Awards winners; in turn, each recipient acknowledged the contributions of all who provided support towards their success in accepting their awards.

• The James H. Brewer Award (Country/Golf Clubs with 600 or More Full-Privilege Members)–

**Tony D'Errico, CCM, CCE, ECM, General Manager/COO, Westwood Country Club, St. Louis, Mo.**

• The Mead Grady Award (Country/Golf Clubs with Fewer than 600 Full-Privilege Members)–**Mike Stanton, ECM, General Manager/CEO, San Luis Obispo Country Club, San Luis Obispo, Calif.**

• The Mel Rex Award (City, Athletic or Specialty/ Non-Golf Club)–**Robert Williams, CCM, CEC, ECM, General Manager, Westmoreland Club, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.**

• The 2013 Rising Star Award–**Maria McGinity, CCM, ECM, Club Manager, River Oaks Country Club, Houston, Texas.** River Oaks' Chief Operating Officer, C.J. "Joe" Bendy, Jr., also helped to present this award.

Many previous winners of the ECM Awards, established by the McMahon Group in 1997 and co-sponsored by *Club & Resort Business* since 2005, were also recognized at this year's dinner, along with those who have served on the judging committee for the awards. A full listing of judges and past winners, and information on how to nominate candidates for recognition in future years, can be found at the website for the ECM Awards program, [www.clubmanageraward.com](http://www.clubmanageraward.com)

Presentations for ECM winners are also held at their individual clubs throughout the year, and in-depth articles detailing the achievements that led to their selection will appear in upcoming issues of *Club & Resort Business*.

*C&RB's* "Idea Exchange" will be back in its regular space next month. If you have a great idea you'd like to share, send it to [editor@clubandresortbusiness.com](mailto:editor@clubandresortbusiness.com)



The Country Club of Orlando provided a spectacular setting and its staff extended exemplary service during the Awards event.