

South Dakota Retailer of the Year Award Nomination (Deadline: Nov. 2, 2018)



WHO YOU ARE NOMINATING

DATE 9-6-18

Name/s of person/people you are nominating John Meyer

Name of nominee's business OFFICE PRODUCT CENTER

Mailing address 893 E. Hwy 44 City Winner

State SD Zip 57580 Phone number 605-842-2067

Type of business Office Supplies & Service

Does the nominee own or manage the business? Own Manage

SUBMIT TO:
SDRA • PO Box 638 •
Pierre, SD 57501
-or fax 605.224.2059
-or email donna@sdra.org
Questions? 800.658.5545

HOW DO YOU KNOW THE NOMINEE? (Check as many as apply):

- I am a customer We have a business relationship We belong to the same organization
 I am an employee I am related to the nominee Other _____

TELL US ABOUT THE NOMINEE

You can use this form to answer questions about the person you're nominating, or you are welcome to provide information about the nominee on a separate sheet or sheets of paper, or via email. You are very welcome to include other letters of support, newspaper clippings, and other information.*

How long has the nominee owned/managed this business? (To be eligible, must be in business 5 years or more) 40 yrs(?)

Why do you think this person should win this award? What makes them stand out from the crowd? John is very involved in his business as well as his community. He has held many positions in Winner from church counsel, City Council, state level, & running for state governing positions. He has been president of SD Retailers & served on the board. He is very politically involved with city & state.

Tell us about the business they operate; what is special about the business? John's company services a 90+ mile radius in office equipment & supplies. Not only does he sell the items but backs them with great service. He and his staff are very knowledgeable about the products they sell and always a friendly greeting is bestowed upon you when you enter his store.

What organizations or special projects are they involved in, either through volunteer work or financial contributions? John is very involved with the Fire Dept, Rotary, his church (Immaculate Conception Church) - previous council member. He has been on City Council & involved on boards at state positions. Previous president of SD Retailers Board. And I'm sure there many more.

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Your name MARTY FLAKUS (MARTY'S) Phone number 605-842-3130

Your address 210 Main St. City Winner

State SD Zip Code 57580 Email MARTY'S @ Goldenwest.net

*NOTE: The more specific information you supply, the better. And while it isn't necessary to include letters of support from other people, input from more than one person does help the Awards Committee get a clearer idea of why you believe this person/people deserve to be named Retailer of the Year.

South Dakota Retailers Association

Award Nominee Form

Deadline: November 11, 2019

You have been nominated for one of the SD Retailers Association Awards. To complete the nomination process and be eligible for one of the 2020 SDRA Awards, please fill out this form and return to us by the date above.

WHO YOU ARE

Name(s): John S Meyer

Name of business: Office Products Center

Mailing Address: Box 609 893 east hwy 44 City: Winner Zip: 57580

Phone Number: 842 2067 Email: opc@gwtc.net

Type of business: office supply, equipment, furniture and repair

Do you own or manage the business? Own Manage

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ABOUT YOU AND YOUR BUSINESS

You can use this form to answer the questions or email this information. When completing the form, be specific and informative.

What year was your business established? Why did you choose to work in this industry? (2 questions)

EST October of 1981

I worked in the late 70's as a sales and service person for this company

My wife Barb and I purchased and renamed the company in October 1981

My passion grew out of meeting people, repairing their problems and seeing the satisfaction and repeat business from them

What is your business philosophy? What makes you and your business stand out from others? (2 questions)

We're committed to doing things right (customer service with a quality product in a timely manner)

Office Products Center has scheduled routes that sell, service, deliver, assemble, and install products in your office. If a product doesn't perform we replace it or refund your money.

I have enforced this policy for the last 38 years

What adversities and challenges has your business faced? What changes have you made to better the business? (2 questions)

Hiring and training employees to uphold my business philosophy. Economy fluctuations and accounts receivables. Manufacturers providing quality products.

I've made changes in employees (seldom) Presently I have the finest most professional employees you could ask for. Accounts receivables list is printed every day for each sales rep End result all accounts are current. Over the years some manufacturers didn't provide products that we were proud to represent, therefore we dropped their product and replaced with a quality product and company

What organizations are you involved in? (Community projects, volunteer work, financial contributions, etc.)

I am a Rotary (Paul Harris Fellow) for 37 years I serve on the Tripp County Economic Dev Board

(20 plus years) I serve on the Winner City Council (11.5 years)

I recently retired from Winner Fire and rescue (34 years) In 1996 I took over my Dad's job as Santa Clause (cancer society) (23 years) This has expanded to surrounding communities with a sleigh and real reindeer.

As a business person you contribute to about everything with a request.

My life has been and is serving people.