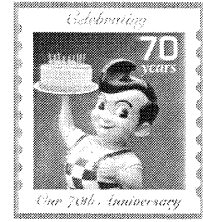




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St. Johns Restaurant Owner Named Big Boy Franchisee of the Year

Warren, Mich. — (May 8, 2006) — David M. Hunt, 51, owner of Big Boy restaurants in St. Johns and Essexville and co-owner of the Big Boy restaurant in Stevensville, has been named the First Annual Big Boy “George M. Curis Sr. Franchisee of the Year.” Hunt was selected by Big Boy Restaurants International based on a combination of superior store operations, customer service and community involvement. The award is named after the late George Curis Sr., one of the original Michigan Big Boy franchisees, who placed a tremendous value on loyalty and an uncompromising commitment to quality and customer service. His legacy continues today as his family owns eight Big Boy restaurants in Michigan.

Hunt’s involvement with Big Boy spans most of his life. He began his career with the company as a 14-year-old carhop at the Clinton Township restaurant and later became a cook and then a manager at various Big Boy restaurants. Hunt spent 30 years on the corporate side of Big Boy as an area supervisor, assistant director of company operations, a director and ultimately vice president of franchise operations before he and his wife bought the Big Boy in St. Johns in 1998.

Big Boy truly has been a “family restaurant” for Hunt. His mother, Myrtle, managed a Big Boy restaurant and worked for the company for 46 years. Hunt met his wife Terri at the Big Boy in Hazel Park where both worked at the time. And today, Dave and Terri’s sons David Jr. and Patrick are managers of the St. Johns restaurant and co-owners of the Big Boy restaurant in Essexville.

“We could not find a more deserving recipient than Dave Hunt for the first ever ‘George Curis Franchisee of the Year Award.’ It was a thrill to present the award to Dave,” said Big Boy Restaurants International CEO Tony Michaels. “He is truly a great ambassador for Big Boy and operates his restaurant and supports his community in a way that captures the spirit of the award and makes us proud to have him as part of the Big Boy family. Dave Hunt is setting the standard of excellence for franchise Big Boy restaurants.”

Hunt is a board member of the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce, Cornerstone Chamber of Commerce, St. Johns Kiwanis Club, National and Michigan Restaurant Associations and vice chairman of the board of Clinton Memorial Hospital.

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