

NFIB/Arizona Honors Two Tucson-Area Members

Carl Ramsower's family stretches back over four generations of Arizonans, and they personally knew a Pima County Deputy Sheriff by the name of Wyatt Earp. Howard Stewart's firm has been part of the national-defense fabric for six decades.

Commercial and family roots run deep in Ramsower and Stewart and so, too, do their firms' participation in America's leading small-business group. For Ramsower Garage's 60-year membership and AGM

Stewart's firm, AGM Container Controls, is a leader in the design and fabrication of products that control and monitor moisture, pressure and vacuum changers as well as devices for shock and vibration. While this may sound a bit esoteric to the average person, the U.S. Department of Defense and major aerospace companies know well of AGM's products, having given the company numerous awards, including a Best Value Gold Medal from the Defense Supply Center Richmond for six consecutive years.



From left to right: NFIB Vice President of Member Benefits Jeff Koch, Carl Ramsower, Howard Stewart and NFIB/Arizona State Director Michelle Bolton

Container Controls' 40-year membership, NFIB/Arizona saluted both with a special

part of that increasingly rare breed of businesses that are neighborhood-based and known by all who live nearby. While the auto repair shop gets plenty of competition from the big box boys, its loyal following of customers who know and trust Carl Ramsower is the envy of corporate

managers who can never duplicate those qualities. Ramsower's father joined NFIB when Harry S. Truman was president of the United States, and Carl has continued with the membership since taking the reins.

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plaque commemorating their participation in the cause for small-business development and growth.

"It's probably the best organization I've ever belonged to," says Ramsower of NFIB. "One, for the information they provide, and two, for the clout they have." Stewart regards his membership in NFIB as doing his part to support the goals of small business as a whole and notes that NFIB's legislative victories "help make it easier for us to operate profitably."

"My father was a big proponent of being involved," Ramsower says.

"People such as Howard Stewart and Carl Ramsower are the reason NFIB is acknowledged and respected as the true voice of small business," says Michelle Bolton, NFIB/Arizona state director. "Lawmakers know we are not some letterhead organization jockeying for recognition, but a real flesh-and-blood group with longtime members like Howard and Carl. That's what gets our message heard and supported."

NFIB Salutes Longtime Arizona Members

60 Years in NFIB

Ramsower's Garage, Tucson

50 Years or More in NFIB

B & H Refrigeration, Yuma

Old Trails Inc., Williams

McCullough Insurance, Flagstaff

A & B Sign Co. Inc., Prescott

40 Years or More in NFIB

Peoria Dry Cleaners and Laundry Inc., Peoria

Peoria

Bottle Stop Inc., Coolidge

Marlers Furniture, Prescott

Colt's Custom Upholstery, Cave Creek

Bobby's Harley Davidson, Williams

Hansberger Refrigeration & Electric, Yuma

Southwestern Business Forms Inc., Tempe

Smith-Martin Paint and Body Inc., Tucson

Oracle Road Rent All, Tucson

ACME Glass Co., Scottsdale

Shumway Insurance Inc., Holbrook

Sports Center, Glendale

AGM Container Controls Inc., Tucson

Eight Arizona Students Win NFIB Scholarships

CONGRATULATIONS to the following high-school graduates, who were among 422 nationally who won Young Entrepreneur Awards from the NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation this year:

NFIB Young Entrepreneur Awards

Justin Dickson of Chandler, McClintock High School

James Garrett of Coolidge, Coolidge High School

Ann Lee of Tucson, University High School

Timothy Rhine of Tucson, Salpointe High School

Flormaria Molina of Tempe, McClintock High School

NFIB/Wells Fargo Young Entrepreneur Award

Hunter Williams of Gilbert, Basha High School

NFIB/Salesgenie.com Young Entrepreneur Awards

Brenton Blaylock of Chandler, Hamilton High School

Brian Chavez of Chandler, Hamilton High School