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**Pifer of the Hampton Inn Canton named Outstanding Tourism Employee for 2007**

Canton, Ohio- Charlie Pifer of the Hampton Inn Canton was recently announced as the Canton of Stark County's tourism industry's Outstanding Employee of 2007. Pifer was nominated to the Canton of Stark County Convention & Visitors Bureau's (CVB) annual recognition program of a shining employee in the tourism industry.

Pifer's nomination was submitted by Jeremiah Loudon, general manager. Loudon recognized Pifer, a breakfast server at the hotel, as warm, sincere, helpful and someone who connects with the customers. The Bureau staff saw Pifer as an asset to a major part of their mission to attract, orient and serve visitors.

Pifer joins Rita Zwick and Jane Turner both of Wm. McKinley Presidential Library & Museum and Jerry Domer of the Hartville MarketPlace and Flea Market as all past winners of the prestigious award.

The Canton of Stark County CVB also recognized Jocelyn Piper of Glenmoor Country Club and Fred Johnson of the Canton Legends as finalists in the Outstanding Tourism Employee category.

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The Bureau receives nominations for the outstanding employee from managers of the tourism venues across Stark County in April. The winners are acknowledge during National Tourism Week in May, known by the CVB as Destination Stark County Month, May 2007.

The Canton of Stark County Convention & Visitors Bureau is 501 (c) 6 organization and a division of the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce. For more information on the bureau log onto [www.cantonstarkcvb.com](http://www.cantonstarkcvb.com) or call them at 800-533-4302.

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