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CEREMONY: From left to right are president Tom Johnston, Colin Neill from Diageo, business leader of the year John McGuire and host Fred MacAulay and Emily Middlemas (right) from Loud'n'Proud.

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Awards are the best eve

By Jennifer Black

THE 2010 ROCCO Awards saw a massive £14,000 raised for charity and 11 companies pick up the area's top business awards.

The sell out event organised by the Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce was the hottest ticket in town as 470 guests gathered at the Normandy Hotel in Renfrew on Friday night.

The evening's host, funnyman Fred MacAulay, delighted the audience with his wit and there was cheers from the tables as this year's winners were announced.

After dinner a performance by three talented youngsters from charity Loud'n'Proud was one of the highlights of the evening and after the awards ceremony was over the guests danced the night away at the aftershow party.

Chief executive of Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce, Bob Davidson, said: "The Chamber worked harder than ever this year to make this our seventh ROCCO awards the best yet."

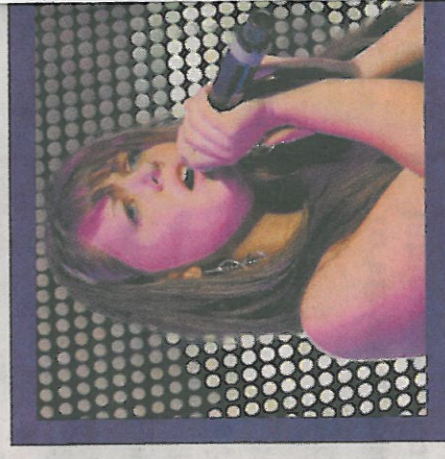
"Raising double what we raised last year for Renfrewshire charities, the feedback we have had is fantastic."

War veterans charity Erskine and local charity Loud'n'Proud will share 50 per cent of the cash raised, with the other half being shared amongst other local charities.

Bob added: "Fred MacAulay was great as our host and the kids from Loud'n'Proud blew everyone away - with some guests near to tears."

"The atmosphere this year was electric, everyone said the same - our main sponsor John McGuire MD and Founder of the Phoenix Car Company made an inspirational speech.

"Our President Tom Johnston, spoke passionately about how Renfrewshire really is a great place to do business with



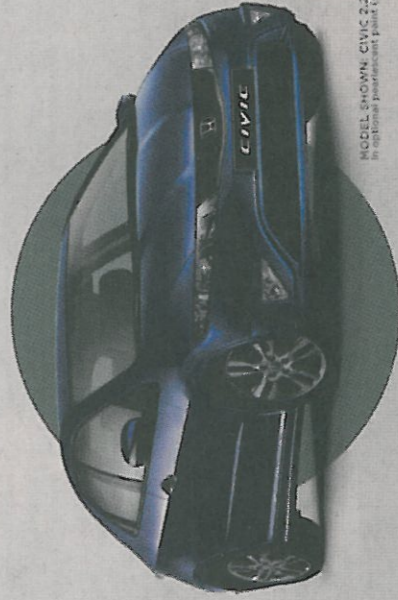
the profile of the Chamber higher than it's ever been, insisting that now is the time to work with your local Chamber of Commerce. Tom Johnston, Chamber president added: "The success stories right here, right now."

"Together let's build on that and make Renfrewshire an even better place to do business."

The Chamber board and staff wishes to thank all the sponsors and the companies involved in making the event a tremendous occasion and congratulate all the winners on their success.

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