

Delaware County Chamber of Commerce lauds business owners during its annual Small Business Awards ceremony.

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UPPER DARBY — There was a little bit of politics and a little bit of religion plus a dose of optimism at this year’s round of Small Business Awards for the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce.

Daniel Prasalowicz, founder of Mr. Sandless and recipient of this year’s Small Business Award, told the 275 business people at the Drexelbrook Corporate Events Center Tuesday how to emerge from the recession.

“It’s in our hands,” he said. “Take two minutes and write to your senators and your

representatives. Tell them, 'Enough. Nonsense. Enough of the spending.'”

His sandless hardwood-floor refinishing business started in Aston in 2004 and has grown to 125 franchises. Prasalowicz said he plans to open stores in New Zealand, Ireland and Europe this year.

He reminded the audience how good businesses get through downturns. “They cut wasteful spending and they watch their money and they ride it out,” he said.

“Why is the government doing the opposite?” Prasalowicz asked. “The reason is they have no clue.”

So, he urged the business community to take action by contacting their elected officials.

“It’s got to stop,” he said. “No country in the world has ever had \$17 trillion in debt.”