

Dear CRMA Member,

On behalf of the Connecticut Retail Merchants Association's Board of Directors, I cordially invite you to attend our Annual Awards Luncheon on **Wednesday, October 16, 2019**. This year's event is being held at The Bushnell's Autorino Great Hall, and it promises to be a great day for Connecticut retailers. The Max Restaurant Group, parent company to Max Downtown, Max A Mia, Max Amore, Max's Oyster Bar, Trumbull Kitchen and Max's Tavern, is returning to cater the event.

At our annual luncheon, we will present our *2019 Retailer of the Year*. The *Retailer of the Year* award is the highest honor given to a retailer by CRMA and we are once again pleased to have a great pool of nominations to choose from. In addition to naming our 2019 Retailer of the Year, we will also be recognizing retailers for excellence in other specific categories.

Prior to our Awards Luncheon, we are pleased once again to offer attendees the opportunity to join us in a detailed conversation about important public policy questions and issues facing the retail industry in Connecticut. Details are still being worked on, but we know for sure that there will be lots to talk about. We will provide you with the latest from the State Capitol and beyond and maybe even have a surprise visitor or two. You won't want to miss it!

We will begin at 10:00 a.m., so please mark your calendar for this portion of the day and be sure to join us. The Luncheon and Awards presentation is scheduled to begin after the panel discussion, at 12:00 noon sharp. We are confirming the details on parking and will have that information available shortly.

We urge you to secure your place today. Tickets may be purchased individually for \$60 or a table of 8 for \$500. We accept personal or corporate checks, as well as VISA, MasterCard and American Express to secure your seats. Visit our website, www.crmaonline.com, go to the events tab and fill out our on-line registration form.

We hope you can take time out of your busy schedule to join us on October 16th. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Peruccio at 860-527-1044 or via email at cathy@crmaonline.com.

Sincerely,

Timothy Phelan,
President

P. S. Please remember to bring your business card for a chance to win a special door prize donated by *Lux, Bond & Green*.