Nashville chapter of entrepreneurs group celebrates 'Rock Star' status

The Nashville chapter of Entrepreneurs' Organization held its annual event, Moveable Feast, on Oct. 12 at MStreet Entertainment's Kayne Prime, Virago and Whiskey Kitchen on McGavock St. in the Gulch. The members-only affair also included an after-party held at Citizen, a private space behind Virago.

The Entrepreneurs' Organization is a global network of more than 8,000 business owners in 40 countries. The organization was founded in 1987 by a group of young entrepreneurs and is the catalyst that enables entrepreneurs to learn and grow from one another.

During the event, EO Nashville board members announced three recent chapter accolades, including Rock Star Award Winner, 2010-11. The local chapter completed 27 benchmarks of chapter health, which included growth, renewals, learning, communication, forum and finance. The Nashville chapter was one of 25 out of 120 global chapters to receive the Rock Star status, and this is the third time since 2008 that the chapter has received that status. It also placed



Michelle Rosen, left, JJ Rosen, Shea Merville, Paige Roddey, Kevin Roddey and Bryan Merville

second globally in the highest percentage of growth and third place globally in adding the most new members.

The chapter also received a \$10,000 check from the Entrepreneurs' Organization as part of receiving Rock Star status.

"EO Nashville is a strong, vibrant, healthy

chapter, and earning Rock Star status recognizes these qualities in our chapter," said Debbie Gordon, president of EO Nashville and founder of S3 Asset Management and Snappy

Auctions. "Our continued growth will only add value for our members and the Nashville entrepreneurial community at large."

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Mollie Watkins, left, Gene Robertson, Robert Collins and Melissa Collins PHOTOS COURTESY OF PEYTON HOGE