



Meet the September 21st, 2024 WaterFire Orb Lighter: Lew Kachulis

President, Gilbert's Insurance; President and CEO, Synergy Corp

Lew Kachulis graduated from the University of Michigan in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in economics. In 1988, Lew completed his master's in business administration (MBA) from Case Western Reserve University's Weatherhead School of Business.

In 1997, Lew earned the CPCU (Charter Property Casualty Underwriter) professional designation. In 2006, he earned the CIC (Certified Insurance Counselor) designation. Lew began his insurance career in 1984 with Westfield Insurance Companies. While at Westfield, Lew completed the company's marketing training program and worked in both the personal and commercial underwriting departments. Lew was later promoted to the internal audit department and worked with most of Westfield's departments. In 1988 Lew accepted a position as a Premium Audit Supervisor with C.N.A. Insurance in Chicago. Lew managed a group of auditors that audited C.N.A.'s customers in 5 states.

In 1990, Lew joined Gilbert's Insurance & Consulting as a Commercial Account Executive and has been President since 1997. Lew has been very successful helping employers in the design of their property & casualty and group benefits insurance coverages. Lew has been instrumental in positioning the agency to help employers reduce their losses with a strong loss control emphasis. The agency has helped employers evaluate their risk and find solutions for reducing that risk and in turn lower employers' insurance costs.

In 2006, Lew, with other cofounders, founded Synergy Comp Insurance Company and became CEO and President of Synergy Comp. Lew has successfully been helping clients reduce their claim cost and improve their work environment safety. This successful insurance company was recognized as one of Pennsylvania's "Best Places to Work", evidence of the outstanding workplace Lew creates based on quality practices, systems, philosophies, overall culture and employee engagement.

Lew is also an active member of several boards, including the Buhl Regional Health Foundation, the Shenango Valley Foundation, Buhl Club, Buhl Park Corporation, Buhl Trustees, and the Synergy Comp Foundation.

Outside of work, Lew is a dedicated family man. He and his wife, Nancy, have been married for 28 years and are proud parents to four children, Sophia, Alex, Olivia, and Nate.

WaterFire Sharon chooses Orb Lighters based on contributions made to the community. In Lew's case, it's obvious to see his dedication to and support of all the surrounding communities based on where he gives his time to and shares his experience with. Countless people have benefitted from the organizations and boards he serves on. Volunteering is a way of life for Lew, and our entire area is fortunate to have him!

WaterFire Sharon is honored to have Lew Kachulis light the WaterFire Orb tonight!



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