

RBGA congratulates Goulding's on monthly award

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Owner David Oberlink appraises a piece of jewelry at Goulding's Jewelry, which was named the RiverBend Growth Association's Small Business of the Month.

ALTON — The RiverBend Growth Association, ambassadors and community leaders joined owner of Goulding's Jewelers David Oberlink and his staff earlier this month to celebrate and present the Small Business of the Month Award.

The association selects a small business to honor each month. Winners are selected based on a scoring system that awards points for number of years in business, number of employees, overcoming adversity and community service.

Goulding's opened in 1852 in downtown Alton. They are now located in the plaza directly across from Alton Square Mall. Goulding's supports the community by supporting causes in the Riverbend area, including the Jacoby Arts Center and individual fundraisers.

"We try to be relevant to the Riverbend area and do what we can and give back at every opportunity that we can," Oberlink said.

The business employs four individuals, two of whom have been with the business more than 20 years. This will be Oberlink's 40th year in this business.

Goulding's offers products and services including jewelry repair, custom design, watch repair, pearl and bead restringing and engraving. An onsite certified gemologist employee offers appraisals.

In its April "Business Edge" publication, the association said it congratulates Goulding's Jewelers on being the April Small Business of the Month and appreciates the business' membership.

"It's always an honor to get the award, and always humbling. It's great that we were recognized," Oberlink said.

Visit Goulding's online at www.gouldingsjewelers.com for more information. They are located at 219 E. Center Drive in Alton. Their hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday. They can be reached at 465-6629 and are on Facebook.