



## **Remarkable Women: "Reflecting the Stars Within Us"**

National Association of Women Business Owners – Orange County

Eleventh Annual Remarkable Women Awards Luncheon

Thursday, October 12, 2006 • 11 am to 2 pm

Irvine Hyatt Regency Hotel – 17900 Jamboree Road

**Marquee Sponsor – Farmers and Merchants Bank**

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### **Event Facts**

Women manage and own businesses, raise families, volunteer their talents and time, run for office and contribute to the community in many other ways. Thousands of women participate in more than one hundred women's professional and trade organizations throughout Orange County. In 1996, to recognize the outstanding members who contribute their time and talent to these associations and to the community, NAWBO-OC established the Annual Remarkable Women Awards Luncheon. Constituents from all over the county gather together to honor their organization's Member of the Year at this event. The goal is to create strong affiliations among members and leaders of these organizations, and provide them with valuable community exposure.

A sold out crowd of close to 900 professionals gathered to honor the following 2005 NAWBO Honorees:

- **Champion of the Year** – Mona Lisa Faris; President of "Professional Woman's Magazine"
- **Business Woman of the Year** – Gena Reed; CEO of Paragon Biomedical, Inc.
- **Enterprising Woman of the Year** – Sandra Davis; CEO of Applied Computer Solutions
- **Pioneering Woman of the Year** – Judge Pamela Iles, Founder of the Family Violence Project

These women business owners shared their powerful life stories to standing ovations.

Each year NAWBO leadership looks to the Orange County community for remarkable women business owners with inspiring life stories to share. The 2006 honorees will continue this tradition. Sponsorship opportunities and nominations for our honorees will open in January of 2006. The 2006 event will also focus on awarding NAWBO-OC members with educational scholarships from our Women's Business Institute. We expect the 2006 event to sell out as we did in 2005.

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Included among the 30 organizations honoring a member of the year at this event were: Black Chamber of Orange County, Financial Women International, National Hispanic Business Association, OC Lawyers Association, National Assoc. of Women in Construction, and the Zonta Club of Newport Beach.

### **NAWBO-OC Background**

Formed in 1991, the Orange County chapter of NAWBO touches more than 5,000 women owned businesses annually. NAWBO-OC will start 2006 with 270 members from diverse industries and backgrounds. Programs and events focus on education, skill building, mentoring, peer support, policy and political awareness for women entrepreneurs. The national organization has over 87 chapters and more than 8,000 members nationwide.

*NAWBO-OC positions women business owners for profits, power and the passionate pursuit of excellence*