



National Association of Women Business Owners

Orange County Chapter

Thursday, October 12, 2006

Hyatt Regency Hotel, Irvine

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

www.nawbo-oc.org

(714) 630-2983

MEMBER OF THE YEAR HONOREE PACKET

A response is required. Please forward this packet to your Organization's President or Board of Directors for immediate attention.

We are pleased to announce that NAWBO-OC's (National Association of Women Business Owners – Orange County) 11th Annual Remarkable Women Awards Luncheon will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2006 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Irvine. Close to 900 professionals attended this sold out successful event last year and we were pleased to honor representatives from 27 affiliate organizations, in addition to our own NAWBO honorees.

We invite your organization to participate in the 11th Annual Remarkable Women Awards Luncheon by selecting an honoree and joining our celebration this year. Your honoree will be recognized as your Member of the Year; featured in the event program; recognized on-stage; and be our guest at the elegant pre-event Honoree reception being held in September.

This has become an Orange County signature event and draws a great deal of attention from the public and private sectors of our business community, as well as the media. We hope that you will review the enclosed materials and take this opportunity to increase the visibility for your organization and to congratulate your Member of the Year.

Please let us know by filling out and returning the enclosed application no later than **Monday, May 1st**, if you will be participating. Please also let us know if you are not the correct contact for your organization. In both cases, please notify Suzanne Harmony, NAWBO-OC Chapter Administrator, at (714) 630-2983 or e-mail at admin@nawbo-oc.org. The deadline to submit all materials for your Member of the Year is **Friday, June 29th**.

We warmly welcome and encourage your participation in helping us honor all of the Remarkable Women of Orange County on October 12, 2006! The NAWBO-OC Remarkable Women Committee is currently working diligently to create an outstanding event -- one that you and your organization will not want to miss!

Sincerely,

Erica

Erica Yamaguchi
NAWBO-OC Affiliate Chair
Madison Realty
714-749-0837



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

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.

List of the **2006** committed **Major Event Sponsors** includes:

- **Marquee Sponsor** – Farmers and Merchants Bank (one only at this level)
- **Media Silver Sponsor** - Churm Publishing / OC Metro Magazine
- **Silver Sponsor** – Matters at Hand; Haskell & White
- **Gold Sponsor** - Citibank
- **Bronze Sponsor** – UPS
- **VIP Reception Sponsor** – Hyatt Regency Hotel (one only at this level)
- **Additional Sponsors:**
 - HKA Public Relations; Bb Graphics; Copi-Rite

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.



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P. O. FIRM HONOREE APPLICATION

Deadline for Submissions: **Friday, June 29, 2006**

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Person to Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Member of the Year Name (Honoree): _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Press Locations: (Home) City: _____ (Work) City: _____

Position Held in Organization: _____

How many years has this honoree been a member of the organization? _____

This member was selected because: _____

Nominating Organization's Mission Statement:

All organizations are invited to participate, and all honorees will be featured. Your honoree **must** be able to attend both the **September Honoree Reception** and the **October Luncheon**. There are no qualifying criteria or selection process beyond the nominating organization's selection, attendance at the above events and the submission of the below items.

To have your Member of the Year listed as a RWA honoree and featured in the event program and other publications, the honoree application and bio questionnaire must be submitted no later than June 29th. A professional picture of the Honoree will be taken at the Honoree Reception.

EMAIL this Honoree Application and your Honoree's bio questionnaire to:

Deborah Hicks, Chapter Administrator
P.O. Box 1714
Tustin, California 92781

tel: 714-832-5333
fax: 714-730-4019
e-mail: admin@nawbo-oc.org



P. O. FIRM HONOREE BIO QUESTIONNAIRE

"Member of the Year" Honoree Name: _____

City of Honoree: _____

City where Honoree works (if different): _____

Previous awards received: _____

Name of organization that is nominating Honoree: _____

Current office held in the organization: _____

Past offices held in the organization: _____

How long Honoree has been with the organization: _____

Accomplishments you'd like to mention: _____

Reason Honoree is receiving this award: _____

Occupation: _____

Name of business: _____

Honoree's Title: _____

Honoree's Duties: _____

Other organizations Honoree involved with: _____



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P. O. FIRM RESERVATION FORM

NAWBO-OC is offering special early bird reservation pricing. To secure the special table price we must receive your reservation form and payment before September 8th, 2006. Reservations will be closed after 4:00 PM on September 29th.

Please note that your Honoree is NAWBO-OC complementary guest.

- Checkboxes for reservation options: Table of 10 (\$1000), Table of 12 (\$1200), and Single Reservation (\$75).

I will be sitting at the Table with _____

Preferred seating will be determined by the date payment is received.

Confirmation letter(s) with a admission ticket attached will be mailed to the table host for distribution by September 15th.

Visit our website at www.nawbo-oc.org for additional information and promotional opportunities.

Please register and pay on-line for credit cards at www.nawbo-oc.org or mail check to NAWBO-OC. MAIL TO: NAWBO Orange County, c/o AMES, P.O. Box 1714, Tustin, California 92781

Table Host _____ Phone _____

Organization _____ Fax _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

- Checkboxes for payment methods: Check No. enclosed and Credit Card payment made on-line.

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

Signature _____

Date: _____