



PRESS RELEASE

Great Lakes WBC Honors Members and Volunteers at its 33rd Annual Award Celebration Outstanding Achievement and Commitment to Service to be Highlighted

Livonia, MI, March 13, 2017 – To celebrate thirty-three years of blazing a trail and leading the way for the acceleration of business growth, The Great Lakes Women’s Business Council will host its 33rd Annual Award Celebration emceed by Paula Tutman, WDIV Channel 4 news reporter and Emmy-winning journalist. Title sponsors are General Motors Company and woman-owned business RIM Custom Racks.

After positively impacting thousands of local businesses, the Great Lakes Women’s Business Council announces the unveiling of our inaugural awards. The inaugural award recognition program signifies our long-term passion of removing barriers and creating access for women and minority business owners. To mark this special occasion, we are honored to welcome featured entertainment Motown Legend Mary Wilson of The Supremes.

Honorees are not simply small business owners and supporters of Great Lakes WBC. They are driving job growth, committed to community and embody our mission of empowering others. Collectively, they employ hundreds and generate millions in revenue.

Additionally, the inaugural award recognition program will include Legacy Award recipients. These are individuals who exemplify a career-long commitment to empowering women and minorities. They are leaders in their respective fields, communities and lift others to excellence.

The honorees include:

Ambassador Award recipients

Scott Griffith	Griffith Realty
Tammi Hart	Federal Mogul
Michele Howell	Aon
Marcia Hunter	Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA)
Tamara Jaros	Spark Your Leads
Rick Scofield	Economic Development Council of Livingston County

Distinguished Business Leader Award recipients

Denise Booms-Pepin	CBI Telecommunications Consultants
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April Diez	The Diez Group
Jack & Sheray Laury	The Party Source
Lacinda Monday	Monday Voigt Products, Inc.
Scott Phillips	The SearchLite
Christie Wong Barrett	Mac Arthur Corporation

Legacy Award recipients:

Kevin Bell	Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA)
Andra Rush	Rush GROUP Family of Companies
John Taylor	Delphi Automotive (Emeritus)

“Over the last three decades, we use the evening to celebrate the achievements and support of our members and plan for the next series of innovations required to be relevant in today’s marketplace” Michelle Richards, Founder and Executive Director, Great Lakes Women’s Business Council.

Tickets start at \$150 and can be purchased at www.greatlakeswbc.org or by calling 734-677-1400. Follow @GreatLakesWBC on Twitter for event updates. Use #GreatLakesWBC to share your excitement!

About Great Lakes Women’s Business Council

The Great Lakes Women’s Business Council is a Michigan-based nonprofit organization which advances business owners by certifying more than 1,100 women business owners as a regional partner for the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council, training 15,000 business owners and lending more than \$6 million resulting in the creation of more than 1,800 jobs and over \$11.6 billion in revenue generated annually. The dinner will raise funds to further this mission.

If you would like more information about this event, contact Events Manager, Betty Aliko, baliko@greatlakeswbc.org or by phone at 734-677-1400

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