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Honoring area women a Business Ledger tradition

The Business Ledger's 2010 Influential Women in Business award ceremony was held on Nov. 4 at the Danada House in Wheaton. Nearly 200 attendees packed the facility's beautiful reception area, sampling hors d'oeuvres and desserts from Naperville-based My Chef Catering.

An hour-long networking session preceded the ceremony, at which time 22 area women were recognized as outstanding executives who have excelled in business,



Carolyn Gable, CEO of New Age Transportation, Distribution & Warehousing, gave an inspiring keynote speech to those in attendance at the IWIB awards ceremony.

civic and personal arenas. It is the 13th class of women to be recognized by The Business Ledger and its partner in the event, the National Association of Women Business Owners, Chicago Area Chapter, since the program's inception in 1998.

The event featured a keynote speech by Carolyn Gable, CEO of New Age Transportation, Distribution & Warehousing, Inc. and author of "Everything I Know as a CEO I Learned as a Waitress." Gable spoke about her early experiences as a single mother when she was challenged to make ends meet. She also spoke about her charity, Expect A Miracle, which provides relief from some of the daily challenges of single mothers, allowing them to shift more of their energy toward the miracles in their own lives.

Her story, inspiration and positive approach to the most difficult situations in life were an insightful and uplifting gift to the event participants.

The 2010 Influential Women in Business award recipients were awarded based on accomplishments not only in their field, but also at home and in their communities. They were all more-than-worthy honorees.

A Lifetime Achievement award was given to Dayle Gillett, vice president of public relations for The Inland Real Estate Group



Dayle Gillett (left), vice president of public relations for The Inland Real Estate Group of Companies, pictured here with Inland CEO and Chairman Daniel Coodwin, was the recipient of the IWIB Lifetime Achievement Award. (Photo by Dietrich Wolfram)

of Companies, Inc. in Oak Brook. Gillett chairs the Inland Charities Foundation, is a member of the Inland Political Action Committee, and actively participates as a Director of the Better Business Bureau of Chicago and Northern Illinois and New Directions Housing Corporation.

In addition, she serves on the Child Friendly Courts Foundation Board of DuPage County. In 1995, Gillett was appointed as a Commissioner of the DuPage Airport Authority and continues to serve as Chairman of the Internal Policy and Compliance Committee, a member

of the Capital Development Committee, and Secretary of the DAA Board.

Presenting sponsors for the event were Northern Illinois University—MBA Programs and My Chef Catering. Corporate sponsors were B. Gunther & Company, Inc., Desert Rose Design and LeaderBoard Tournament Systems. The philanthropic partner was WINGS (Women in Need Growing Stronger).

In the following pages, take some time to get to know this amazing group of women. You may also view the winners online at www.thebusinessledger.com.

Influential Women in Business 2010

Denise Stillman



principal
**Clear
Directions,
LLC**
Oak Lawn

As principal of Clear Directions, Denise Stillman advises businesses on harnessing the true power that leads to profit. She helps small businesses get started, and many of her clients are women.

Stillman knows how to set her sights high, reach for her goals, exceed them, and bring others to success along the way.

"Setting up a business is very easy. My advice is just have courage, because if you have courage, anything is possible," she said. "And, whatever you rely on as your strength base, whether it's your faith, your family, or your health, if you have courage, you have the strength to do that which is burning inside you."

She said she appreciates the fact organizations like The Business Ledger,

and their business leadership, take the time to hold awards ceremonies.

"I know they are not maybe the center of what they do. Taking the time out is important, and they keep women inspired to start their own businesses," she said.

"It is rewarding to have that kind of recognition, but I think more importantly it's the recognition that women who are considering getting into business for themselves see what's possible about owning their own business.

"The award to me is a statement that the business community appreciates the different perspective that women bring to business. We take care of our businesses almost like they are children of ours, and care about them very much."

This year, she authored her first book, "The Clarity Principal: Unlock Your Hidden Riches."

In addition, Stillman is a volunteer Entrepreneur-in-Residence for the Kellogg Graduate School of Management and a volunteer guest instructor for the CenterPoint for Entrepreneurs at Governor's State University. She is known for her integrity and has developed expertise in strategic planning, sales and business development.

2010 Influential Women in Business Honorees

Donna M. Carroll

president, Dominican University,
River Forest

Princess Clark-Wendel

president, Princess Clark Consulting, Chicago

Sarah Condiff

IT business manager, Navistar, Inc., Warrenville

Shelly DeRousse

owner, Free From Market, Orland Park
partner, Stahl, Cowen
Crowley Addis, LLC, Chicago

Mirela Gabrovska

president and principal,
MBG Consulting, Inc., Skokie

Mary Glynn

COO, Medical Business Associates, Inc.,
Westmont

Kathleen Gutierrez

director of investor relations and marketing,
Choose DuPage, Lisle

Peggy Hrinkdak

CEO, Phoenix Business Solutions, LLC, Alsip

Courtney Kohn Sanders

dean of graduate admissions,
Robert Morris University, Schaumburg

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senior vice president,
Harris Bank NA, Hinsdale

Amy Murphy

director of corporate and community services,
Joliet Junior College

Sue Salach-Cutler

president and CEO,
AgingInfoUSA, LLC, Streamwood

Anne Schwab

publisher, Authentic Woman Publications, LLC,
West Chicago

Denise Stillman

principal, Clear Directions, LLC, Oak Lawn

Heidi Thorne

president, Thorne Communications, Lombard

Linda Van Dillen

executive vice president and partner,
S & H Medical Management Services, Inc.,
Mount Prospect

Susan Van Weelden

director of community engagement and
economic development, Elgin Community College

Kathi Wagner

director of fundraising and development,
Forest Preserve District of DuPage County,
Wheaton

Kathy Wright

vice president of sales and marketing,
Paint-Right Painting, Inc., Naperville

Kathleen Yosko

president and CEO, Marianjoy
Rehabilitation Hospital, Wheaton

Darlene Ziebell

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