



**WOMEN FOR
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**Women for Economic and Leadership Development (WELD)
To Honor Twelve “Women You Should Know”**

Annual Calendar Reception Recognizes Central Ohio’s Top Women Leaders

COLUMBUS, Ohio (October 8, 2009) — WELD, central Ohio’s premier women’s professional economic and leadership development organization, will again honor twelve outstanding women leaders during the WELD “Women You Should Know” 2010 Calendar Honoree Reception to be held at the Battelle Memorial Institute on November 4, 2009.

The “Women You Should Know” calendar concept was developed six years ago to annually highlight women doing extraordinary work in our community and raising the visibility of our community’s female leaders. These leaders were nominated by their professional peers based upon their exceptional leadership skills within their respective fields.

The 2010 honorees include (in alphabetical order):

1. **Michelle Abreu** – Chairman and President, Oxford Consulting Group Inc.
2. **Donna Alvarado** – President, Aguila International
3. **Lisa Ashby** – Senior Vice President/ General Manager, Scientific Products, Cardinal Health
4. **Gail Baker** – Executive Director, Central Ohio Restaurant Association
5. **Bev Bethge** – Founder/ Chief Creative Officer, Ologie, LLC
6. **Darci Congrove** – Partner, GBQ Partners, LLC
7. **Mary Laird Duchi** – Vice President, Operations and Systems Services, Battelle
8. **Dawn Tyler Lee** – Assistant Vice President, Community Relations, The Ohio State University
9. **Pei-Chen Jane Lee** – President and CEO, UNICON International
10. **Karen Jefferson Morrison** – President, OhioHealth Foundation
11. **Susan Rector** – Partner, Schottenstein Zox & Dunn Co., LPA
12. **Michelle Heritage Ward** – President and CEO, St. Vincent Family Centers

“By raising the visibility of these twelve special women leaders and their many achievements through our annual calendar, we hope to empower and inspire all women to reach their full career potential,” said Deanna Stewart, president of WELD. These twelve women are role models – they’ve stood up to the challenges facing them both at home and in the workplace – and they’ve succeeded. Nothing is more encouraging than confident women going after what they want and accomplishing just that – on their own terms.”

The cocktail reception for honorees will be held at the Battelle Memorial Institute located at 505 King Avenue from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4, 2009. Tickets are \$20 for members and \$30 for guests. **There will be no walk-in registration.** All attendees must purchase tickets prior to the close of registration on October 30th at www.weldoh.org.

About WELD (Women for Economic and Leadership Development)

Founded in 2003, WELD is a non-profit organization that strives to increase the number of women serving in leadership positions in business and government in central Ohio and raise the visibility of their accomplishments. WELD focuses on economic and leadership issues facing women in profit and non-profit organizations and builds special programs, events, and a community to support leadership development and business growth. WELD offers distinct programming for women in medium-sized or large corporations and organizations as well as women who own their own businesses or work in small organizations. Programming provides both personal and professional development advice and advances the dialogue around women's issues, challenges and opportunities.

For more information on WELD or to request a copy of the 2010 "Women You Should Know" calendar, visit www.weldoh.org or contact us at info@weldoh.org.

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