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**Five local women to be inducted into the San Diego County Women's Hall of Fame
At the 11th Annual Induction Ceremony & Dinner March 10, 2012
To be held in Liberty Station**

The San Diego County Women's Hall of Fame Selection Committee has announced the selections for induction into this year's Women's Hall of Fame at what will be the 11th Annual Induction Ceremony to be held on March 10th in Liberty Station at the **McMillin Event Center from 5pm to 9pm.**

The purpose of the annual induction of women into the Hall of Fame is to make women's actions and accomplishments visible in San Diego. Currently, 57 women have taken their place in the Women's Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony is open to the public.

"Those chosen represent and reflect the diversity of our community. They have all selflessly and courageously contributed greatly to San Diego and the world at large" says museum Executive Director Ashley Gardner. "Their lifetime work and achievements have improved the lives of many and have left a lasting impact. They are the unsung heroes of our time whose stories can be inspiring to all of us." Awards are granted in the areas of empowerment, activism, trailblazing, cultural competency and historical preservation. The five selected for induction this year are:

Anne Hoiberg , a resident of Point Loma is being inducted as an **Activist** in her community, is courageous and generous. She has been published hundreds of times, including two books (*Women and the World of Work* and *Women as New "Manpower"*), which discuss women's health, women in military, and domestic violence. Ms. Hoiberg has held leadership positions in many local, national and international organizations including League of Women Voters, Women's Political Caucus, American Association of University Women, and National League of American Pen Women. She was invited by NATO to lead an international symposium, *Women and the World of Work*, in Portugal. Ms. Hoiberg has received awards for her work with the United Nations Association.

Barbara Bry, a resident of La Jolla, being inducted as an "**Empowerer of Women**," is not only an entrepreneur and the co-founder of Atcom, but also the creator of Run Women Run, which focuses on electing pro-choice women in San Diego. Ms. Bry is also a board member of the San Diego Jewish Community Foundation, the San Diego Jewish Women's Foundation, Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest, and a lifetime board member of CONNECT. As a way to further empower the girls and women in her community, she also serves as a mentor at UC San Diego's Rady School of Business and an advisor to the UCSD Entrepreneur Challenge.

Lynn Schenk, Selected as a "**Trailblazer**," is courageous, fearless, and pushes for what she believes. As a lawyer, Ms. Schenk co-founded the Lawyers Club of San Diego, and works to eliminate gender bias in the law in such areas as community property, credit, and marital equality. Also, Ms. Schenk was the first woman elected to the United States House of Representatives representing the San Diego area. Following her position in the House, Ms. Schenk worked under Governor Gray Davis as his Chief of Staff and was responsible for increasing the number of women and people of color on the bench.

Makeda Dread Cheatom, being inducted as a **Culturally Competent** woman, is the executive director of the World Beat Cultural Center, located in Balboa Park. The Center has been incredibly successful in providing a stage from which women can rediscover themselves and build self esteem through music, dance, and art. Her selfless acts of kindness and voluntarism have touched many lives in the San Diego community. Her fight for equality through the expression of music and culture is not only inspirational but also vital to many people's lives.

Jane Booth, (1922 – 1998) has been selected as an "**Historian**," was directly responsible for preserving and archiving thousands of photos into numerous collections that are easily accessible to the San Diego community. Mrs. Booth took it upon herself to tell the story of Women's History in San Diego through these photos that are kept in the San Diego History Center. Through her hard work and dedication, the History Center is able to maintain these 2.5 million photos, and her legacy lives on with numerous photos being added all the time. Mrs. Booth will be honored posthumously.

In 2001, the four Co-Hosts of the San Diego County Women's Hall of Fame organized the first Hall of Fame event at UC San Diego to honor and acknowledge women who have significantly contributed to the quality of life and have made outstanding volunteer contributions in San Diego County. The Women's Hall of Fame is a collaboration between the Women's Museum of California, the Women's Studies Department at San Diego State University, The Women's Center at UC San Diego, and the San Diego County Commission on the Status of Women. The ongoing goal of the Women's Hall of Fame is to recognize and celebrate women's authentic contributions.

Tickets will go on sale shortly. Details about the 2012 Women's Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner will be posted on the Hall of Fame website: <http://www.womenshalloffamesd.org>

For more information on the four Hall of Fame Co-Hosts visit:

<http://women.ucsd.edu/>

<http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/dept/wsweb/>

<http://www.statusofwomen.org/new/index.html>

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