



Second Women's Recognition Celebration

The Young Women's Christian Association invites you to attend the Second Women's Recognition Celebration on Wednesday, May 9, 1979, 7:30 pm. at Fountain Street Church, 24 Fountain N.E. Guest Speaker will be Eleanor Smeal, president of the National Organization for Women. Following there will be a reception at the YWCA, 25 Sheldon Blvd., S.E.

General Tickets 5.00
Patron Tickets 25.00

Reservations: 459-4681



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AWARD WINNERS

EULA BLACK - CREATIVE ARTS: "A furniture decorator since 1916, she has just finished decorating the Park Congregational Church Harpsichord, volunteering her expertise in design and execution. Although not a member of Park, she has offered her gift that others might enjoy an instrument that is used to play sacred music glorifying God's name." She is in her early 80's and faces cataract surgery on both eyes.

SUE BLANDFORD - COMMUNITY SERVICES: Sue is Vice President for Planning of the Kent County United Way and will become its first woman President next year. Sue was a charter member of the Fifth District Women's Political Caucus and the Women's Resource Center. Sue has been active in many organizations among them the Girl Scouts, American National Red Cross, Church Women United, YWCA, Kent County Republicans and the Grand Rapids Board of Education.

BOBBIE BUTLER - HUMAN RIGHTS: Besides her duties as Director of the Equal Opportunity Department for the City of Grand Rapids, Bobbie has worked for change in the community by working with many agencies among them the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission, the West Michigan Criminal Justice Committee and Planned Parenthood.

DIANE FRARY - YOUTH ADVOCATE: Diane has distinguished herself as an advocate of disadvantaged youth in her seven years as a social worker at the Juvenile Court. She headed a task force of the National Association of Social Workers to develop an advocacy group for emotionally impaired adults.

JOYCE GERRARD - HUMAN POTENTIAL: Joyce's work with handicapped children typifies her efforts and contributions to help people reach their full potential. An MSW, Joyce has volunteered her time for the last eight years as full-time executive director/social director of the Michigan Association for Children with Learning Disabilities (she founded the local chapter). She works with parents and educators of learning disabled children in her quiet, unassuming manner despite her own handicap, Parkinson's Disease.

VIVIAN LEWIS - NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT: Vivian's work in the inner-city for the last ten years speaks to her commitment of improving neighborhoods and the lives of the residents. Vivian helped form the Southeast Community Association, a grassroots neighborhood group and the Kent County Housing Coalition. She has worked on other neighborhood-oriented programs such as Model Cities and Urban Homesteading and has worked with the Methodist Community Center.

BARBARA NICHOLSON - EDUCATION/RELIGION: A teacher for the Grand Rapids and Jenison Public Schools for the past fifteen years, Barbara uses her talents and skills in her church work. Among her contributions, she implemented and presently leads the Children's Chapel ministry at Highland Hills Baptist Church. She also works with church teachers to better help them communicate with preschool and primary age children and plays the piano and organ when needed.

FLORENCE PETERSON - LABOR: Now retired, Florence has long been active in labor, community and political organizations. She was elected President of UAW-Local 19 several times during the 50's and was appointed to several regional and national committees. She has served as a board member of the National Council of Senior Citizens and Senior Neighbors Inc. She serves as precinct delegate to the Democratic Party and has served as delegate to the National Democratic Convention (1952 and 1956) and as Vice Chairman of the Democratic County Committee (1944-1955).

BILLIE PHARMS - HUMAN SERVICE: As assistant director of the Sheldon Complex KENT-CAP, Billie works to provide services to many people. She goes beyond her job though, and volunteers her time and talents to United Way, the Messiah Baptist Church and the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club. She has been active in the Grand Rapids Urban League, Planned Parenthood, the PTA, the YWCA, and the local chapter of the NAACP.

JEANETTE ST. CLAIR - NATIVE AMERICAN AWARENESS: Jeanette's work has resulted in a better awareness and understanding of the needs and the problems of the Native American community. She has held leadership positions in the Grand Rapids Inter-Tribal Council, Owl Indian Outreach and the Native American Education Program of the Grand Rapids Public Schools. She has served on a variety of local, regional and national committees, councils and task forces representing and working for the Native American community.