



# Annual Hall of Fame Luncheon and Awards Celebration

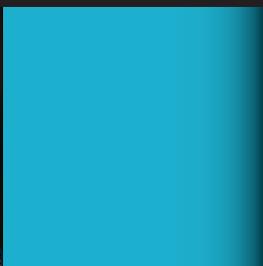
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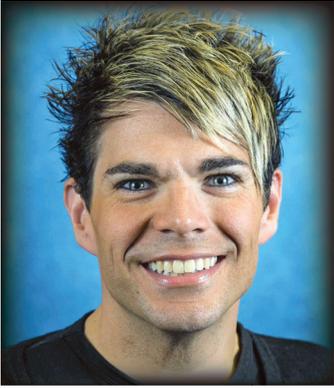


LEBANON COUNTY  
Commission for Women



HONORING OUTSTANDING WOMEN OF LEBANON COUNTY





# Welcome

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## Todd Snovel

Chair  
Lebanon County Commission for Women



Welcome and thank you for taking part in this wonderful event. Today we celebrate not only as our local community, but with our entire nation united in paying tribute to the generations of women whose sacrifices and commitments have proved invaluable to society.

Your support of this program not only assists in honoring today's distinguished inductees, but also enhances the work and initiatives of our Commission throughout the year. Thanks to you, we are able to continue mentoring young women through programs such as Junior Achievement of Central Pennsylvania and the Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce's Excellence in Education Banquet, we are able to support basic needs of the women in our community through organizations such as Lebanon County H.O.P.E.S. Resources Center, and we can embark on new initiatives with the Girls on the Run program and through a community needs-assessment focused specifically on the needs of women in Lebanon County.

We will also celebrate this year's theme of National Women's History Month, "Working to Form a More Perfect Union: Honoring Women in Public Service and Government." Throughout the month of March, our Education Committee will be profiling women who have shaped Lebanon County's history and its future through their public service and government leadership.

I also share my public thanks to our Hall of Fame Committee. Under the leadership of Loreen Burkett and Beverly Heishman, this committee has worked tirelessly to coordinate all aspects of today's event.

Celebrating the lives and efforts of women in our community is of vital importance. Their stories reveal strong role models who embody a true vision of success and achievement. When we highlight these women, we challenge stereotypes and social assumptions about who women are and what they can achieve.

I hope you are as inspired as I am by today's inductees. The result of their efforts is significant and we are honored to celebrate them today. Thank you for being part of this historic event and may we continue to honor the women around us who are working diligently to heal the fragile world around us.

# Luncheon Agenda



**LEBANON COUNTY**  
**Commission for Women**

- 10:45 am Registration  
Music by Lee Moyer
- 11:30 am Lunch Served
- 12:00 pm Welcome – Todd Snovel, Commission Chair  
Introduction of inductees – Alicia Richards  
Closing Remarks – Loreen Burkett & Bev Heishman

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# About the Hall of Fame Award

## The Handcrafted Pin

by Yasmin Brown

Our inductees will receive a Hall of Fame pin. It is an original work of art created by local artist, and past HOF award recipient, Yasmin Brown. Each pin is an original handcrafted, one of a kind creation that is as unique as the individual receiving it.

The pin base is made of multicolored dichroic glass. This type of media provides different ways to create a unique play of colors on each pin. The uniqueness of the base symbolizes the uniqueness of the award recipient.

The feminine image on the pin represents three characteristics of the recipients. The base of the image is the shape of a diamond which represents the solid foundation of the recipient. The raised arms represent the innate strength of the recipient. The heart shape of the reaching arms represents the recipient's warmth and caring.

### ABOUT THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION

The Lebanon County Commission for Women was established in 2003, by the Lebanon County Commissioners. The Commission serves as a conduit to the County Commissioners on issues of concern to women in Lebanon County. The mission of the Commission is to promote awareness, be a catalyst for change and facilitate action in matters pertaining to women and their families.

### GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATION

Women who live and/or work in the Lebanon Valley, or have played an integral part in the development and/or implementation of project(s) that have benefited the Lebanon Valley or have worked as Hidden Heroes touching lives in a positive way.

# Mistress of Ceremonies

Alicia Richards

abc27



Alicia Richards co-anchors abc27 Harrisburg's 6:00 & 11:00 p.m. newscasts. She holds a degree in journalism from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

Among the things she likes to do, is traveling. For abc27, she traveled to Kosovo to report on the Pennsylvania National Guard's peace-keeping efforts. She accompanied heart specialists from Penn State Hershey Medical Center on a life-saving medical mission to Ecuador. With her family, she has gone on safari in Africa and has been to Egypt, Russia, Argentina and throughout Europe.

Alicia has become well known for her efforts on behalf of breast cancer awareness. Her Buddy Check 27 series won two Pennsylvania Association of Broadcaster awards and she and her mother Karen are featured in public service announcements promoting the importance of early detection. In addition, Alicia was awarded a first place Associated Press award for "Lori's Story," a moving ten-part series on a local woman's determined battle against breast cancer.

Alicia takes great pride in her extensive involvement with the Central Pennsylvania community. In addition to regular speaking engagements, she serves on the Essence of Humanity Board.

Today, we honor women who make a difference in our community. Often, these women go unrecognized, and when recognized, soon forgotten. Each of these individuals contributes to the history in Lebanon County.

Since our inception, we have been both researching and recording women's history, then posting it to our web page listed in this program. Last year, we began to record short interviews with each of the honorees, thereby preserving their place in history.



## Women Promoting Agriculture

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### Julie Sykes Kaylor

[actively working to preserve and promote agriculture]

**Nominator: Marilyn Baker**



Julie Kaylor is passionate about providing fresh food to low income families. Her passion ignited 16 years ago on a Society of St. Andrew Harvest of Hope retreat where she learned about gleaning – the harvesting of leftover food – and the Bible’s call to action to serve those in need. During the next year she started the Lebanon County Gleaning Network, which bridges the gap between unharvested food and organizations who serve families in need. She recruited three farms – Gingrich’s Fruit Farm, Seyfert’s Orchard, and Sycamore Spring Orchard – who agreed to call her if they had extra fruit or vegetables. She recruited various volunteer groups to harvest the food. Her extended family helped to facilitate the gleaning events and deliver the food to the various organizations who serve families in need: Lebanon County Christian Ministries, The Caring Cupboard in Palmyra, J.O.Y. Pantry in Jonestown, the Grantville Food Pantry, and the Central PA Food Bank. She joined The Caring Cupboard operational board; primarily as a gleaning resource but also as a computer support person. Five years ago, she and her husband created the “Caring Acre for the Caring Cupboard” to further her mission to get fresh produce in the hands of people in need. Recently, Julie was awarded a grant from the Church of the Brethren’s “Going to the Garden” initiative to build a high tunnel, which enabled her to extend the growing season year round. Her passion for growing food and serving the needy led to her recent retirement from her job as a systems analyst at an economic research firm in Washington, DC. She is now working full-time with her husband on their farm in North Annville. Julie’s passion for promoting agriculture, demonstrating compassion, and providing service to the needy, make her a hidden hero and role model for women.

# Women Contributing to the Arts

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## Emi Snavely

[promoting the expression of the performing  
arts, visual arts, and literary arts]

**Nominator: Carl Kane**



Emi Snavely is a synonym for real estate in Mt. Gretna, first with Penn Realty and then Brownstone Realty. She is a fount of knowledge not only about Mt. Gretna's properties, but also about its history and distinctive lifestyle. Emi is also known for her volunteer contributions to the arts, a critical part of the atmosphere of Mt. Gretna. For 20 years a member of the Board of Directors of Gretna Music, Emi has organized its Annual Tour of Homes since 1990. In 2015, its thirty-first year, the tour maintained its popularity by hosting almost 1,000 guests, continuing to be the most effective fund raiser for Gretna Music. Under Emi's leadership the tour has helped Gretna Music gain national prominence and a network of supporters and constituents.

A lifelong singer, Emi sang in church choirs of the Palmyra Church of the Brethren for decades, with the Joyful Sounds trio that toured regionally and at the Jersey Shore for 6 years in the 1980's, and as a much in-demand soloist at weddings and other special occasions. She has also sponsored over ten Gretna Music concerts and hosted visiting artists from all over the world in her home.

Further demonstrating her commitment to the arts, Emi has served on the Playhouse Operating Committee of the Mt. Gretna Arts Council since 1997. She has also served on the Boards of the Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association and the Mt. Gretna Heights, including two years as President of the latter. Her dedication to Mt. Gretna and its Chautauqua ideals has gone far to improve the artistic activities enjoyed and appreciated there by so many.



## Women Creating Community

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### Karen Groh

[contributing to the quality of life in the Lebanon Valley  
by supporting the social growth of the community]

**Nominator: Suzanne Biever**



As a reader of this program, you are familiar with Karen Groh's work. She has designed the program for the Commission for Women's Hall of Fame induction since its inception seven years ago, and provided those services freely, with the gratitude of the Commission. Karen is the owner of IA Design & Marketing, a general marketing firm that offers services in marketing, planning, conceptualization, production of print materials, electronic newsletters, as well as the creation and maintenance of corporate identities and logos. Karen's clients include many local and regional businesses, individuals, and organizations. Karen has done projects for the PA State Board of Education, PA Partnerships for Children, and just finished a book documenting the past 10 years of progress for the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape.

Karen has consistently supported and helped to create a stronger community in the Lebanon Valley. She donates approximately \$10,000 per year of her time and skills to many nonprofit organizations, including YMCA Camp Shand, the Lebanon Valley Family YMCA and, of course, the Commission for Women. She has served as an advisor for the Lebanon County Career and Technology Center's Commercial Art Program for the last 15 years and has worked with Junior Achievement of Central PA as a volunteer for 16 years. Karen's community involvement does not end there. She sits on the boards of the Community of Lebanon Association (CLA), Lancaster YMCA Camp Shand and the Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce (LVCC), where she serves on the executive committee as chair elect. Karen also chairs numerous committees and has helped to organize the annual Patriot Day Concert for the past 14 years. Karen was named the LVCC Ambassador of the Year in 2001 and the CLA Business Person of the Year in 2011.

Originally from upstate New York, Karen relocated to Lebanon County to work in advertising and management at the Lebanon Daily News. She eventually started IA Design & Marketing in 1996, and has been contributing to the community, helping to make her chosen home in the Lebanon Valley a better place since that time.

# Women Working for Justice

## Hazel Swisher

[striving for equality and peace]

**Nominator: Fallon Binner**



Forty years of service in law enforcement and justice is, in and of itself, an accomplishment worthy of recognition. However, Hazel Swisher not only served the people of Lebanon County well for all of those years in her career, she accomplished so much more. Hazel served as a Lebanon County Deputy Sheriff for 21 years, working under four sheriffs. During her tenure, she was the first female inducted into the Lodge No. 42, Fraternal Order of Police. When Hazel “retired” from the Sheriff’s department in 1990, she was made a lifetime member of the F.O.P.

In 1990 Hazel was nominated by Governor Robert Casey to the position of District Justice to fill a position left open by a retiring district justice. She was confirmed to this position by the Senate of Pennsylvania, receiving the endorsement of both Republican and Democratic Committees. Hazel was then elected to this position in 1991 and served two terms as district justice from 1992-2004. She then served as a senior magisterial district judge until 2013. Hazel served as a district justice in a fair and impartial manner, upholding her title with utmost honor and demonstrating both justice and compassion as required by each situation.

Hazel was named the Outstanding Business Woman of Lebanon County for 1991-1992 by the Lebanon Valley Charter Chapter of the American Business Women’s Association for her contributions in “heritage, civic accomplishments, cultural and intellectual achievement, betterment of the business world and community, and the development of an informed and responsible citizenry.”

Hazel’s career in justice and law enforcement is an inspiration to many women. Not only did Hazel battle non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma while working and is now cancer free, she raised her grandchild after the tragic loss of her only daughter, without ever losing faith or hope. Hazel made her mark in a male dominated field and won the respect of her peers. It can be said that the scales of justices are balanced more evenly in Lebanon County because of Hazel.



## Women Innovatir

### Ashley Durniak & C

[promoting innovation and ins

Nominator: Ste

Ashley Durniak and Courtney Hershey had one purpose in 2008 when they co-founded Sonrise Academy, a preschool in the heart of Lebanon City. That purpose, which they both see as their life's mission and the core of Sonrise, is the desire to love the children of Lebanon County.

Prior to founding Sonrise Academy, Ashley and Courtney did not know each other. With a degree in Elementary Education, Ashley had been a kindergarten teacher at the Goddard Schools in both Lititz and Wyomissing prior to moving to Lebanon. After starting her family in 2006, Ashley became a stay at home mom, but felt compelled to develop a business plan for a Christ-centered preschool. That plan became reality with Courtney's assistance, opening its doors with 18 students.

A native of Lebanon County, Courtney returned to Lebanon after earning degrees in Psychology and Community Counseling. Working as a school based therapist in the Lebanon School District, Courtney nurtured and cared for children, and met Ashley through their shared faith.

Ashley and Courtney believe that each child deserves a great start on his or her educational journey, regardless of his or her family background or income. Sonrise Academy charges low monthly tuition and provides full or partial scholarships to any family who cannot afford the tuition. The school continues to grow, and to provide an early childhood education based on hope and love. They seek not only to educate young children but to draw forth the unique person in each child.

Some of the unusual features of the school include the fact that it is literally open for everyone, that tuition is never more than \$30 per month, and that all teachers and helpers

## ting in Education

### Courtney Hershey

nd inspiring personal growth]

: Steffeny Feld



work on a volunteer basis. The school now has two classes with 24 students, yet all teachers and staff continue to work on a volunteer basis. In the eight years since inception, over 150 children have come through its doors.

Ashley is the President and Director of the Board at Sonrise Academy. She teaches there three days a week. She is the Director of Children's Ministry at Calvary Chapel in Lebanon and also home schools her own two daughters.

While Courtney is no longer teaching at Sonrise, she works as a school-based therapist in the Lebanon City schools and volunteers at Southwest Elementary School, where she established PATHS (Parents and Teachers Helping Students). She coordinates connections between teachers and parents so that teachers have assistance in the classroom and parents have involvement in their children's education. She was recently awarded the "Friend of Education" Award by the Southwest Elementary Principal. Her two youngest children attend there and she is PFO President as well as a faithful student tutor.

Courtney established Summer Kid's Club at Lebanon Village, where Courtney and other volunteers from her church go two days per week to provide lunch, play games, make crafts and help with reading enhancement for the children of Lebanon Village. She also volunteers at Youth For Christ and was instrumental in starting the Kindergarten Class at Thursday Night Kid's Club. She runs a pre-school club there 2 days per week as well.

For their vision, leadership and love for educating all of the children of Lebanon County, Ashley and Courtney are very deserving of a place in Lebanon County history.



## Women Promoting Health Care

### Karla Ludwig, M.D.

[educating, conducting research, providing health care]

**Nominator: Kim Kreider Umble**

Dr. Karla Ludwig promotes health care in her field of expertise through medicine and treating patients as well as through education about cancer and healthy lifestyles. While presently serving as part of a team with the WellSpan Good Samaritan Hospital to create the new Sechler Cancer Center, Karla is the Medical Director of the Oncology Program at the WellSpan Good Samaritan Hospital (WSGSH), a position she has filled since 2008.

Since 1989, Karla has been employed as a medical doctor with Lebanon Oncology/Hematology Associates, and since 2008 with the WSGSH Oncology/ Hematology Associates. Karla's medical expertise is apparent in her many certifications. She is board certified in internal medicine and hematology and received Patient Blood Management specialist certification from the Mayo Clinic in 2014. Karla was recently awarded the WSGSH Firestarter Award for excellence, for making WSGSH a great place for patients to receive care and for inspiring others to do their best work. Karla is a Six Sigma Green Belt, a process approach focusing on reducing errors and increasing customer satisfaction.

Karla is a tremendous advocate for education related to breast cancer awareness. For a number of years, she has supplied the athletic directors in all the local school districts with pink shoelaces so athletes participating in fall sports can assist in raising breast cancer awareness. She also supports the local YMCA Pink Complete Program for breast cancer survivors who have completed treatment, a program focusing on healthy lifestyle choices, and participates annually in the Blood, Sweat and Tears 5-Miler to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Karla is Cancer Conference Coordinator and has been instrumental in taking the "Tumor Board on The Road" by coordinating meetings between local physicians and WellSpan oncologists/hematologists to review case presentations and present what's new in the oncology/hematology field. Karla partners with a local gynecologist to provide a series of Women's Health Lectures for a variety of groups as a way for women to increase knowledge and empower them to make decisions about their own health.

Karla is an advocate for endorsing positive changes in health care and for promoting healthy living among cancer survivors as she promotes health care in our community.

# Women Promoting Healthy Lifestyles

## Michelle Remlinger

[educating, conducting research, promoting fitness]

**Nominator: Cheryl Batdorf**



Michelle Remlinger has a long history of promoting healthy lifestyles within the Lebanon Community. For over 25 years, she has designed, overseen and taught a long list of health and fitness classes and programs. In addition to employment for the Lebanon City Police, Michelle works at the Lebanon Family YMCA as the Healthy Living and Group Exercise Program Coordinator, overseeing 40 fitness instructors and facilitating healthy living seminars on many health and fitness topics.

Michelle is one of only seven Cancer Exercise Trainers in the State of Pennsylvania, and one of only 354 in the nation, certified by the American Cancer Society and American College of Sports Medicine. In addition to personal trainer, group exercise, pilates and yoga certifications, she is also credentialed as Cancer Exercise Specialist, Breast Cancer Recovery Specialist, a Breast Cancer Wellness Coach, a Medical Exercise Coach, a Weight Coach, a Women's Fitness Specialist and a Senior Fitness Specialist. Michelle's health and exercise credentials are numerous and impressive, but her motivation and action are what inspire others. Michelle is dedicated to class participants, motivating and encouraging each individual to grow in fitness and increased health. She provides free individualized consultations to survivors of any type of cancer. Her goal of demonstrating to others that leading a healthy lifestyle will create long term benefits is evident in each class and in her treatment of each person.

Michelle recently began the first free breast cancer survivor healthy lifestyle program in Pennsylvania, at the Lebanon YMCA, entitled Pink Complete. This program is a "complete" healthy lifestyle program for any breast cancer survivor who has completed chemotherapy and/or radiation treatments, based upon strong research demonstrating regular exercise, healthy nutrition and a healthy lifestyle can diminish the side effects of cancer treatments and substantially reduce the recurrence of cancer in survivors. This program has served over 70 survivors in just 2 years since its implementation. Michelle spearheaded a recent campaign "Cops for a Cure" and raised over \$8,000 for the Pink Complete Program in conjunction with the Lebanon City Police Department and Mayor. Michelle leaves the indelible impression on all of her clients that health and fitness can drastically improve quality of life.



## Women Demonstrating Leadership

### Kristen Watts

[forging new paths in business or community  
while serving as a role model]

Nominators: Rebecca Witherite & Angie Breidenstine

Kristen Watts is a leader in the banking industry and the Lebanon community. She has excelled in her career at Fulton Bank, starting in 1989 as a management trainee. She moved into Small Business Banking in 1990, joined the Commercial Banking Team in 1995 and was promoted to Vice President in 1997. She served as a commercial banker until her promotion to Senior VP and Senior Lender in 2010. Kristen was most recently promoted to Market Leader of the Lebanon Division in 2014 and continues leading the Commercial Team. In 2012, Kristen was awarded Sales Manager of the Year for Fulton Financial Corporation. She was recently accepted into Stonier's Graduate School of Banking, Class of 2018. Kristen is optimistic and confident in her team's abilities, seeking out positive attributes and helping them excel in their careers.

Kristen also has a record of leadership in the community. She has served on the board of directors for Developmental and Disability Services since 1998, helping to charter the course for the agency. Kristen has served in all leadership capacities, including president, vice president, treasurer and secretary, participating in strategic planning and facilitating the development of a "Farm-based Program," to expose adults with intellectual disabilities to agricultural experiences. Kristen has been a member of the Lebanon Community Library Board of Directors since 2011, where she serves as vice president and volunteers with the Children's Department Benefit Auction. Kristen serves on the United Way of Lebanon County Board of Directors, as a member of the Finance Committee and volunteers on the agency budget and review panel. She is also a member of the WellSpan Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation Board of Directors.

Kristen's leadership in the banking industry and with volunteer community organizations is evident by her success, but also in her commitment and passion for those around her.

# Women Fostering Advances in Science/Technology

## Rebecca Reed

[through research, development and/or education]

**Nominator: Erik Laucks & Joe Radakovitz**



Rebecca Reed has had a career combining computer science with both learning and teaching. As a single working mother, Rebecca discovered her love of learning and computer science while attending college part-time working toward a degree in mathematics. She added computer science to her studies and upon graduation, Rebecca began working as a software developer for AutoGonomics Corporation on a project focused on developing synthetic intelligence software, a revolutionary field at that time. Wanting to share her knowledge and passion for computer science with the younger generation, Rebecca obtained her Master's in Education and began her second career teaching computer science at Cedar Crest High School, where she has taught for 13 years.

Rebecca has been an integral part of the advancement of the computer science curriculum at Cedar Crest High School, where she has regularly taught multiple computer science courses and started several new classes in an attempt to broaden the horizons of students. She has consistently taught the Advanced Placement Computer Science Course, has developed new foundational courses to keep up with the rapid evolution of the field and will be adding another AP course focused on creative problem solving and real-world applications. The comprehensive curriculum has allowed many of her students to move on to exceptional college programs and promising careers in computer science.

Rebecca is the advisor to the Byte Club, a computer science club, and has been instrumental in aiding her students with developing a Cedar Crest High School "app" for smartphones which contains relevant school information for students and parents. Rebecca pioneered the Hour of Code at Cedar Crest, a worldwide program designed to demystify computer science and bring more students towards learning its concepts.

Rebecca has won the Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Education Award three times, in 2005, 2006 and 2015, for her outstanding teaching and educational performance. Rebecca has continued to model her affinity for learning and computer science and recently earned her Master's degree in Information Technology, Software Engineering. Local students have been fortunate to benefit from Rebecca's contributions to technology and her willingness to share knowledge with them.



## Trailblazer

### Mary Burchik Huber, Esq.

[pioneers of change through exceptional leadership]

**Nominator: Jill Broderic**

For decades, Mary Burchik Huber, Esq. has been a trailblazer in Lebanon County, not only as a leader herself but as an inspiration to other women who aspire to be leaders. Having been transplanted to Lebanon County from her native Pittsburgh in 1980, Mary spent years teaching special education students in public schools and at Philhaven, serving students who were most in need of help. Mary then returned to school, received her Juris Doctor degree and became an accomplished attorney at Buzgon Davis Law Offices. To date, Mary has been the only female partner of that law firm. Mary focused on family law in her practice, and excelled at it until her recent retirement. Since “retiring,” however, Mary continues to assist the court in custody and divorce cases as needed. During her years in practice, Mary was the first elected and first woman president of the Lebanon County Bar Association and she served as chairperson of the Family Law Committee and on numerous other committees, including the Executive Board. Mary was active in the Pennsylvania State Bar and was co-chair of the Legislative Committee of the Family Law Section. She won special recognition in 2010 for her work towards formulating the new Custody Act in the state, to codify custody procedure, and was named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer eight times.

Throughout Mary’s career, she viewed public service as the most important piece of her work and believed in making the community a better place. She has been involved in Habitat for Humanity, has been a Board Member of the Lebanon County Chapter of the American Cancer Society and been a member of the local chapter of the American Red Cross. Mary was a member of the Board of Directors of the Lebanon Chapter of the American Heart Association, and has co-chaired the Heart Association’s Heart Ball. She is a member of the Lebanon 2000 Commission, and was a founding member of the Lebanon County Commission for Women.

Mary has a deep personal commitment to putting her beliefs into action. Those actions have inspired others in the community and have provided other women the trail to follow in her formidable footsteps.

# Lebanon County Commission for Women

**Mission:** The Lebanon County Women's Commission will work to assist women to enhance their status in the community.



The goal of the Lebanon County Commission for Women is to promote awareness, be a catalyst for change, and facilitate action in concerns facing women and their families.

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## Hall of Fame Luncheon Committee

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# Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives

## National Women's History Project 2016

Writing Women Back Into History

President Jimmy Carter's proclamation in 1980 expanded what was once a one day celebration, International Women's Day, to a week's long celebration. The week of March 2<sup>nd</sup>-March 8<sup>th</sup> was designated as National Women's History Week. Over the years it has grown to a month long celebration. His message to the Nation follows.

"From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well.

As Dr. Gerda Lerner has noted, "Women's History is Women's Right." – It is an essential and indispensable heritage from which we can draw pride, comfort, courage, and long-range vision."

I ask my fellow Americans to recognize this heritage with appropriate activities during National Women's History Week, March 2-8, 1980.

I urge libraries, schools, and community organizations to focus their observances on the leaders who struggled for equality – Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Lucy Stone, Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Harriet Tubman, and Alice Paul. Understanding the true history of our country will help us to comprehend the need for full equality under the law for all our people.

This goal can be achieved by ratifying the 27<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution, which states that "Equality of Rights under the Law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

In many respects, we have moved mountains since the inception of the National Women's History Project.

## Past Hall of Fame Inductees

Dr. Marianne Bartley	Kristy Ludwig
Ginger Beamesderfer	Elaine Ludwig
Wanda Bechtold	Beverly Martel
Julie Bergstresser	Carol Maurer
Gina Bouchette	Amy Mazella DiBosco
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Carol Hollich	Roberta Warshaw
Katherine Hoopes	Tina Washington
Patti Hower	Pamela Wildonger
Susan Klarsch	Donna Williams
Shirley Krall	Judy Williams Henry
Pat Krebs	Laurie Yurejefcic
Melissa Kulbitsky	Sharon Zook
Ann Lasky	

“I’ve come to believe that each of us has a personal calling that’s as unique as a fingerprint – and that the best way to succeed is to discover what you love and then find a way to offer it to others in the form of service, working hard, and also allowing the energy of the universe to lead you.”

*Oprah Winfrey*



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## LEBANON COUNTY Commission for Women

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