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2013 EVE AWARDS

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WELCOME

Robert E. Martin

INVOCATION

Jacksonville Country Day School Treble Chorus
"Will You Teach Me" by Victor Johnson
Virginia Dickert, Music Specialist
Stephen E. Chapman, Accompanist

INTRODUCTIONS

Frank Denton, Editor, Times-Union Media

JACKSONVILLE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL TREBLE CHORUS

"Blue Skies" arr. by Roger Emerson

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Robert E. Martin, General Manager, Times-Union Media, Retired

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Martha Barnett, Partner, Holland & Knight Law Firm, Tallahassee, Florida
"Gender Matters"

PRESENTATION OF THE 15TH ARNOLTA J. "MAMA" WILLIAMS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO JOAN WELLHOUSE NEWTON

Frank Denton

PRESENTATION OF THE EVE AWARDS

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JUDGES



Melody Bishop
2010 EVE, Employment



Maureen Burnett
2011 EVE, Employment



**Pamela S. Chally,
Ph.D., R.N.**
2008 EVE, Volunteer



Joan A. Hill, Ph.D.
1994 EVE, Education



Jeri Millard
2011 EVE, Volunteer



Cheryl L. Bryan
2012 EVE,
Lifetime Achievement

ARNOLTA J. “MAMA” WILLIAMS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

JOAN WELLHOUSE NEWTON



Joan Wellhouse Newton is currently Chairman Emeritus (since 2000) and co-founder of Regency Centers Corporation, a publicly traded Real Estate Investment Trust. Mrs. Newton and her husband, Martin Stein, founded the company in 1963 and she and her son, Martin Stein, Jr., took the company public on the New York Stock Exchange on October 28, 1993.

COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS:

- Jacksonville Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta from 1979 to 1983 with terms as Chairman in 1980 and 1983.
- Board of Directors, Barnett Bank of Jacksonville, N.A. from 1985 to 1995.
- Appointed in 1990 by former President George H. W. Bush to the National Advisory Council for Historic Preservation, and she served four years of her six-year term as Vice Chairman.
- Board of Directors of the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, Ball Chair, 1981, Board of Trustees Member 1993–2003, Board of Trustees Secretary 1999, Honorary Trustee 2003–2010, Garden Committee Chair 1999–2003, Buildings & Gardens Committee Member 2009– present, Leadership Council - current.
- Board of Trustees of the University of North Florida from 2001 to 2003 and again from 2006 to present.
- Board of the Jacksonville Community Foundation Finance Committee from 2002–2009, Investment Committee 2013 to current.
- Executive Board of the Bok Tower Gardens from 1997–2008.
- Board Member at Jacksonville University.
- Board Member at the Jacksonville Symphony Association 1989–1992.
- Board Member at Jacksonville Art Museum.
- Honorary Trustee Board Member at Episcopal School of Jacksonville 1979–1982 (formerly known as Episcopal High School).
- Past Board Member at Fresh Ministries.
- Served on Bishop Cervený's Finance Committee and Steering Committee for Episcopal School of Jacksonville in 1977 (formerly known as Episcopal High School).
- Board of Directors as Vice Chairman at Episcopal Foundation 2012–current.
- Women's Giving Alliance Steering Committee 2007–2009, Founding Member since 2002–current, Grant Making Committee 2008, Education Initiative, Save Duval Schools.
- Volunteers with Council for Educational Change 2004–current.
- Volunteers with Carter Woodson Elementary as a PASS CEO 2005–current.

2013 EVE AWARD FINALISTS

EDUCATION



AMY BUGGLE

Early intervention teacher and executive director of DLC (Developmental Learning Center) Nurse & Learn

DLC, which Buggle founded 24 years ago, serves more than 130 special-needs children per year in preschool, after-school programs and summer camp. In addition, it provides nursing care and physical, occupational and speech therapy. In 2012, Buggle started a voluntary prekindergarten program for 4-year-olds with and without disabilities, formed a night support group for parents and continued to develop creative fund-raising efforts in a tough economy. Buggle inspired volunteers to donate more than 332 hours and the community to provide more than \$250,000 for scholarships. "Amy is so much more than a teacher, administrator, facilitator and fund raiser," her nominator said. "She juggles an overwhelming schedule and yet maintains daily interaction with students and has amazing knowledge of each individual student, their respective needs and accomplishments."



SARAH SCHAEFER

Math curriculum specialist for The Bolles School

Schaefer's frustration with students who could solve basic math problems but couldn't apply their knowledge led her to Singapore – literally. Schaefer was awarded a \$10,000 grant to research math curriculums and found that Singapore fit her vision. Students still learn traditional math facts, but use concrete, pictorial and abstract methods to help them understand its concepts. She trained elementary and middle school teachers at Bolles in the methodology and is now a consultant for seven local schools, four in the state and several outside Florida. Last summer, she obtained another \$10,000 grant and spent 10 days in Singapore delving further into the subject. Since its implementation, Bolles students are scoring higher in math on standardized tests. In the past year, Schaefer has written seven summer workbooks for students in grades 1-6. She also created and runs the Bolles Math Olympiad team and volunteers at the Children's Home Society.



SHERRI JACKSON

Professor of psychology and chair of the Division of Social Sciences at Jacksonville University

Jackson has written four textbooks on statistics and research methods with the final one published in 2012. Not only have they been adopted at JU and the University of North Florida, but also many colleges and universities in the United States and abroad. She has won every faculty award JU bestows, including Professor of the Year in 2004, University Woman of the Year in 2005 and the University Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2009. Last fall, she was nominated for a teaching excellence award given by the American Psychological Association's Society for the Teaching of Psychology and gave the keynote address at the Sigma Tau Delta Research Conference at UNF. She serves as a role model for her female students and a mentor to colleagues. "As a faculty member at a small university, authoring four successful textbooks is a singular achievement," her nominator wrote.



CHERYL QUARLES-GASTON

Principal of Carter G. Woodson Elementary School

Under her leadership, Woodson went from an F school to an A. Quarles-Gaston became principal shortly after Woodson received a failing grade from the state in 2007. After two years, the grade improved to a C, but remained at that level for three years. So she lead the faculty through a series of discussions challenging their beliefs about the potential of Woodson's students, 98 percent of whom are on a free or reduced-lunch program and live in a low-income neighborhood. Students began wearing uniforms, parents adhered to a dress code when visiting Woodson and transportation was provided for after-school and Saturday enrichment activities. Teachers worked together to develop a consistently rigorous program. It resulted in Woodson becoming among the highest-performing schools in 2012 and Quarles-Gaston receiving the 2012 Leonard Miller Principal Leadership Award, which has a \$10,000 cash prize.

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VOLUNTEER SERVICE



BARBARA TIDWELL

President and founder of the Wildlife Rescue Coalition of Northeast Florida, Inc.

Tidwell founded the nonprofit, which cares for injured, orphaned and displaced wild animals, in her rural Westside backyard in 2003. The sanctuary moved to larger quarters on donated land on Seaboard Avenue in 2005. The center now takes in more than 2,000 animals a year and responds to 50 to 100 calls, emails and website inquiries per day. She responds to calls from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office when help is needed with a suspected rabid raccoon or sick

animal at night and on holidays. Over the past 10 years, she has inspired donors to give money, supplies, gifts and in-kind services, and continues to solicit donations. Tidwell has done this while operating four licensed assisted-living facilities for the elderly. Last year, the Safari Club invited her to teach 900 children about living in harmony with nature.

KATHRYN MCAVOY

Founder and executive director of The Performers Academy



McAvooy renovated a building at 3674 Beach Blvd. as a hub for the performing arts. She has worked with instructors in each discipline to establish a "Taste of the Arts" program where kids can get a sampling of everything. In her unpaid position, she devotes more than 50 hours a week to provide programs for at-risk and foster children to excel in the arts, be motivated to complete school and receive college scholarships in the performing arts. Many are trained at no cost and sometimes at her own expense. She even started a recreation acting class for autistic children. Other achievements include establishing a homework lab, creating a "Bring the Books to Life" campaign, providing free performances

across the city and partnering with organizations to bring arts projects to the community.

KAREN NIGARA

District 6 commander and national legislative chair of Veterans of Foreign Wars



Nigara is a retired Army lieutenant colonel who served in Kosovo, Haiti and Korea with several assignments in Washington, D.C. After 16 years of volunteer service for the VFW, she was elected commander of District 6, which encompasses Northeast Florida and now has 5,096 members. "She thoroughly energized District 6," her nominator said. Under her guidance, members contributed more than 23,000 hours to such activities as counseling current conflict veterans, patriotic programs for students and teachers and recognizing outstanding police and firefighters. It also gained 617 new members. In addition, Nigara coordinated a program to give handmade newborn gift bags

to women in Veterans Affairs prenatal care. Nationally, she was the first woman appointed as legislative chair.

BERNADETTE MORAN

Board Member and past president of The Arc Jacksonville



Moran has been a tireless advocate for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities for much of her life. In early 2012, she took on the challenge of raising \$7.5 million to create the Arc Village, a residential community for adults with disabilities. Another goal is to secure federal and state funding to provide the balance of the required \$20 million. Moran joined the Arc board in 1994 and has promoted the inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of life and their belief in the value of what they have to offer. She has inspired her daughter, Moria Rossi, to never let Down syndrome

prevent her enjoying a fulfilled life. Moran was appointed last September to the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, an advocacy and planning body.

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EMPLOYMENT



CANDANCE HODGKINS

President/CEO of Gateway Community Services, Inc.

Since taking over leadership in January 2012, Hodgkins identified areas that needed improvement, raised staff morale, successfully fought funding cuts and identified new funding sources. Gateway's grounds have undergone a major renovation while the building of a day-care center is almost complete. Hodgkins has administrative and clinical program responsibility for the \$15 million organization, which provides substance abuse treatment and prevention services for adults, children and families. She has been instrumental in bringing science-based research to clients and staff and has developed a free-standing research department. She often trains workers in substance abuse and volunteers in many organizations. For example, she is consultant and volunteer with the Boselli Foundation, run by her son, Tony Boselli, former offensive tackle for the Jaguars. Hodgkins has a doctorate from the University of Florida in counselor education with a specialization in addictions.



SUSAN TOWLER

Executive director of community affairs for Florida Blue Corp. and vice president of Florida Blue Foundation

Towler oversees a community investment program that focuses on health care, education and human services. Florida Blue employees donated more than 22,000 volunteer hours in 2012 at an estimated value of \$480,000. In the company's 2012 campaign, corporate gifts and employee giving exceeded \$2 million. Towler proposed and oversaw two major employee volunteer in initiatives this past year. Beginning in January 2013, Florida Blue employees will receive eight hours of paid time off to volunteer for a nonprofit or school of their choice. The second initiative is nominating exceptional volunteers as the "Florida Blue Volunteer of the Year," which provides a cash award to the nonprofit of their choice. In addition to her professional accomplishments, Towler is chairing Leadership Florida, which brings together civic, government and business leaders to discuss the state's most critical issues.



NINA WATERS

President of The Community Foundation

Under her watch, the foundation has changed significantly. The organization, which manages 444 charitable funds, has broadened its ability to serve others, including aging adults, artists, organizations, neighborhood revitalization and the Jacksonville Public Education Fund. Because of her relationship with several donors, it has become the largest community foundation in Florida, going from \$156 million to \$254 million in assets last year. Waters' counsel is sought after by nonprofit leaders, budding philanthropists, business leaders and government officials. Without her vision and tenacity, there would be no infrastructure to support reform, her nominator said.



ISABELLE SPENCE

Executive director of Leadership Jacksonville

In 2012, Spence spearheaded the creation and launch of the Legacy Series, video conversations with community leaders who have had a lasting impact on the quality of life in Jacksonville. After each installment premieres on WJCT, it can be viewed on the station's website. Leadership Jacksonville's website, business partners' websites and the YouTube channel. Spence devoted a great deal of her own time to developing a plan of what the series would look like and in finding business partners to help support for it. So far, Fran Kinne and Alton Yates have been depicted. In May, Fred Schultz's video will be released. Others scheduled this year are Bob Shircliff and Delores Barr Weaver. Leadership Jacksonville is known for its yearlong adult and high school student programs. During Spence's tenure, a two-day executive program for CEOs new to the community and summer collegiate program were added.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Martha Barnett, Partner Holland & Knight Law Firm

"Gender Matters"



Martha W. Barnett is a partner in the law firm of Holland & Knight. The first woman lawyer hired at the firm in 1973, Martha is a member of the firm's Government Section and focuses on public policy, with special expertise in state and local taxation and governmental/administrative law. She was the first woman to hold the position of Chair of the American Bar Association of Delegates, the association's policy-making body, and served as American Bar Association President in 2000-2001.

Martha attended Tulane University for her Bachelor degree, and she received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Florida. In 2006 she was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus by the University of Florida.

In 2011, Martha received the prestigious Lifetime Leadership Award, given jointly by Leadership Tallahassee and the Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce. The Lifetime Leadership Award recognizes an individual who has made significant, tangible leadership contributions to the Tallahassee community for more than 25 years.

She has served Holland & Knight in many leadership roles, including Executive Partner of the Tallahassee office; and she has served the State of Florida in numerous gubernatorial appointments including as the Chair of the Florida Commission on Ethics.

PAST EVE WINNERS

EDUCATION

1969 Martha M. Johnson
1970 Bernice S. Scott, Ed.D.
1971 Gene Miller
1972 Hortense Holder
1973 Frances Bartlett Kinne, Ph.D.
1974 Janice E. May
1974 Nina Lisenby
1975 Aldonia Joyner
1976 Mary M. Scruggs
1976 Norma S. White
1976 Dr. G. Elizabeth Buie
1977 Mary Miklos, Ed.D.
1978 Olivia Gay
1979 Martha McGee, Ed.D.
1981 Lois Davis Gibson, Ed.D.
1982 Joan S. Carver, Ph.D.
1983 Mary Kathleen Johnson, Ph.D.
1984 Janet Rutherford Johnson, M.Ed.
1985 Diane Newkirk Gillespie, Ed.D.
1986 Nancy V. Snyder, Ed.D.
1987 Carol Spalding
1988 Cecilia Bryant
1989 Kathleen Clower
1990 Evelyn Bodison Anderson
1991 Jane S. Condon
1992 Peggy B. Williams
1993 Lynne Stephenson Raiser
1994 Joan A. Hill, Ph.D.
1995 Jean Hall Dodd
1996 Julia R. Harvard-Adams
1997 Maria L. McMillan
1998 Cheryl Fountain, Ed.D.
1999 Joan Monsky
2000 Sylvia McDonald Johnson
2001 June Main, Ph.D.
2002 Jackie Henson Cornelius
2003 Lynda M. Lewis
2004 Catherine Morgan
2005 Dorothy L. Lord, Ph.D.
2006 Carolyn Bishop Stone, Ed.D.
2007 Shahla Masood, M.D.
2008 Pamela S. Chally, Ph.D., R.N.
2009 Donna Keenan, Ph.D.
2010 Katherine Kasten, Ph.D.
2011 Dale Regan
2012 Kristine Webb

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

1969 Betty Harris
1970 Lois Thacker Graessle
1971 Carolina Rawls
1972 Mary Singleton
1973 Mary Helen Hoff
1973 Dot Horsfall
1973 Hazel Sulzbacher
1974 Juliette Chandler
1974 Suenell Bennett Spiro
1975 Lucy Lawhead
1976 Christine Henderson Schmidt
1976 Deloris Carn

1976 Carolyn Venier
1977 Truly Isham
1978 Anne Ross
1979 Florence N. Davis
1981 Helene S. Coleman
1982 Pamela Y. Paul
1983 Patricia I. Hannan
1984 Lenore McCullagh, Ph.D.
1985 Sylvia F. Sinclair
1986 Berrylin McGehee Houston
1987 Ruth Waters
1988 Lois Thacker Graessle
1989 Caroline Wolff
1990 Jeanne L. Ward
1991 Pamela Y. Paul
1992 Evelyn H. Nehl
1993 Carol W. Pitman
1994 Linda Lee Buchanan
1995 Sharette Woods Simpkins
1996 Elizabeth P. Petway
1997 M. Lynn Pappas
1998 Mary Ellen Smith
1999 Peg Chassman
2000 Carla Miller
2001 Dorothy S. Dorion
2002 Sister DeSales Wisniewski
2003 Diane Kerr
2004 Marilyn Evans-Jones
2005 Marilyn McAfee
2006 Susan DuBow
2007 Mari Terbrueggen
2008 Donna Deegan
2009 Mary Virginia Terry
2010 Barbara B. Ketchum
2011 Jeri Millard
2012 Cindy Edelman

EMPLOYMENT

1969 Doris Newell Carson, M.D.
1970 Bessie Thigpen
1971 Dorothy Smith
1972 Mildred Sterling
1973 Sallye B. Mathis
1974 Emily Harvey Gates, M.D.
1975 Jean Chase
1976 M. Irene Gallagher
1976 Mary H. Calder
1976 Mary R. McCandless
1977 Bernita Flora Gilberstadt
1978 LeAnne Osburne
1979 Eleanor Coleman
1981 Amy McCombs
1982 Trinita Logue
1983 Delores Pass Kessler
1984 Margaret Black
1985 Ramelle D. Petroglou
1986 Mary K. Phillips
1987 Jessica M. Gurvit
1988 Judge Susan H. Black
1989 Nancy Dreicer
1990 Tillie K. Fowler
1991 Jean Ludlow

1992 Beth A. McCague
1993 Pamela Vosmik
1994 Carol Whittaker Thompson
1995 Monica Mehan
1996 Elaine Smith Coffman
1997 Suzanne McCormick Taylor
1998 Stuart B. Evans
1999 Donna Gibbs
2000 Barbara Jaffe
2001 Judge Karen K. Cole
2002 Elizabeth G. Means
2003 Linda M. Lanier
2004 Carolyn Johnson
2005 Susan Adams Loyd
2006 Laura L. Bailet, Ph.D.
2007 Sherry Burns
2008 Martha "Marty" Lanahan
2009 Davalu Parrish, DPA
2010 Melody Bishop
2011 Maureen Burnett
2012 Hope McMath

EVES OF THE DECADE

1979 Frances Bartlett Kinne, Ph.D.
1989 Lois Thacker Graessle
1999 Pamela Y. Paul
2009 Sister DeSales Wisniewski, D.C.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

1987 Arnolta Williams
1988 Patricia Cowdery, M.D.
1990 Gertrude H. Peele
1995 Rosanne R. Hartwell
1996 Ann McDonald Baker
1998 Eleanor J. Ashby
2000 Eleanor J. Gay
2004 Helen Murchison Lane
2005 Edna Saffy, Ph. D.
2006 Ann Curry Hicks
2008 Betsy Lovett
2010 Delores Barr Weaver
2011 Dr. Edith A. Perez
2012 Cheryl L. Bryan

No awards were presented in 1980.

