

Ventura County Commission for Women

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COUNCILWOMAN JOY PICUS TO PRESIDE AT BANQUET

Los Angeles City Councilwoman Joy Picus will be mistress of ceremonies at the Commission's Sixth Annual "SALUTE TO WOMEN" awards banquet set for Thursday, October 29 at the Westlake Plaza Hotel. First elected in 1977, Mrs. Picus has earned her reputation as an effective and responsive elected official who gets the job done. She is serving her third four-year term. Councilwoman Picus chairs one of the City Council's most important committees: the Personnel and Labor Relations Committee, which sets policy for Los Angeles' 32,000 municipal employees.



Mrs. Picus' agenda for the Personnel Committee focuses on "humanizing" the workplace, because most employees are also parents who must struggle to balance their conflicting responsibilities between work and home. The Councilwoman anticipates that updating policies to better suit employees' changing needs -- such as flexible work schedules and a cafeteria-style benefits program -- will improve productivity, reduce absenteeism, and increase morale among the city workforce. Recently, at the urging of Councilwoman Picus, Los Angeles became one of the first major American cities to make child care a top priority for local action. Councilwoman Picus is also assigned as Vice-Chair of the Public Works Committee, which is developing innovative strategies to reduce the city's dependence on landfills. She is among the few elected officials willing to speak out about what needs to be done to effectively control hazardous wastes and materials in California. Because of her strong leadership, Mrs. Picus was elected Chair of the Southern California Hazardous Waste Management Authority.

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"SALUTE TO WOMEN" AWARD RECIPIENTS NAMED

The Ventura County Commission for Women has named this year's "Salute to Women" award recipients. Honored as outstanding women for 1987-88 in Ventura County are:

- * **EDUCATION** - MADELINE MIEDEMA, Oxnard, trustee of the Oxnard Union High School District;
- * **LAW** - Superior Court Judge MELINDA JOHNSON of Ventura and CARMEN RAMIREZ also of Ventura, executive director of the Channel Counties Legal Services;
- * **MEDIA** - SHIRLEY E. JEWETT, Simi Valley, publisher, Ventura County Woman magazine;
- * **THE ARTS** - INGRID H. ELY, Simi Valley, founder and president of the Simi Valley Community Orchestra;
- * **SCIENCE/HEALTH** - MARION GORDON, Camarillo, founder of the Neighbors Care Group at Leisure Village;
- * **BUSINESS** - RUTH HOGAN, Simi Valley, vice president, finance and administration, Teleprocessing Products, Inc.;
- * **COMMUNITY SERVICE/PROFESSIONAL** - COLLEEN LOUISE HOUSE, Oxnard, executive director, Ventura County Area Agency on Aging;
- * **COMMUNITY SERVICE/VOLUNTEER** - SHERRY MUSGROVE, Westlake Village, fundraiser for United Cerebral Palsy/Spastic Children's Foundation;
- * **COMMUNITY SERVICE/HOMEMAKER** - DARYL REYNOLDS, Thousand Oaks, local volunteer who helped start the Meadows Extended School Program for "latch key " children.

The ten women will be recognized at the sixth annual "Salute To Women" awards banquet on Thursday, Oct. 29 at the Westlake Plaza Hotel. A reception for awardees begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and program at 7:45 p.m.

VIDEOTAPES ON WOMEN'S CONFERENCE AVAILABLE

In observance of the week's activities marking United Nations Day (Oct. 24), the Ventura County Chapter of the United Nations Association-USA will show several videotapes on the 1985 UN Conference on Women held in Nairobi to interested women's organizations or groups.

One of the tapes, "If Women Ruled the World: Women in Politics and Leadership," is an inspiring presentation by women parliamentarians who present world visions of women as leaders of arms, power, employment, education, child rearing and politics. It is moderated by Bella Abzug.

The other tape, "Women and Apartheid," presents the struggles for equality of South African women represented by domestic workers, labor unions, journalists, educators and the Roman Catholic Church.

Reservations for these showings can be made by calling 658-1862 in Ventura or 524-4146 in Fillmore.

Councilwoman Picus works aggressively to promote opportunities for women in all walks of life. She was honored by MS. Magazine as 1985 "Woman of the Year" for her work on Los Angeles' precedent-setting pay equity agreement. She also was commended as "Woman of Honor" by the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles; she is a longtime member and a former vice-president. Mrs. Picus is President of Women in Municipal Government, sponsored by the National League of Cities. And she is a past president of the California Elected Women's Association for Education and Research.

Mrs. Picus was elected to the National League of Cities Board of Directors for 1986-88. She is a past president of the League of California Cities Los Angeles County Division, is incoming president of the Mayors and Councilmembers Department, and serves on the board for 1986-88.

Prior to her election, Mrs. Picus worked as Community Relations Director of the San Fernando Valley Jewish Federation-Council. She held leadership roles with the American Association of University Women and the PTA.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Commission, the Sixth Annual "Salute To Women" awards banquet brings together women and men from various walks of life to celebrate the contributions, achievements and vitality of Ventura County Women.

Cost is \$30 per person; \$60 for those who wish to support the work of the Commission by becoming a patron. Reserved seating is available for tables of ten. For reservation information call Lee Anderson, President of the Friends of the Commission, at (805) 496-8470 or (818) 704-0828. Or, complete the reservation form below and mail it along with your check payable to Friends of the Commission to: P.O. Box 7698, Ventura CA 93006.



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All reservations must be made by October 23, 1987.
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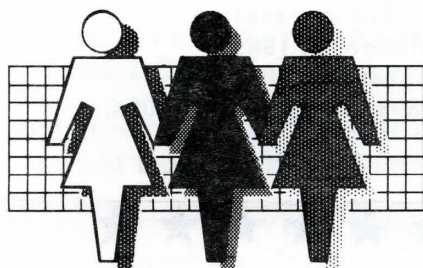
A Women Lawyers Tri-County Directory is now available. The Directory, prepared by the Ventura County Women Lawyers Association, lists their members by areas of legal emphasis and alphabetically by name, and encompasses Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. To obtain a copy, call the Commission for Women office, 652-7611 (limited supply) or write to V.C. Women Lawyers, P.O. Box 6033, Ventura, CA 93006.

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