

# The Daily Insider

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## YWCA Women of Achievement luncheon honors nine Clark County Women

The Clark College and YWCA of Clark County's "Women Inspiring Hope and Possibility" 2004 Women of Achievement luncheon will honor nine Clark County women at 11:30 a.m. Friday, March 12 in the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay.

The nine, which brings the total of women of achievement selected over the past 20 years to 161, includes for the first time a young woman of achievement, Prairie High School student, **Melissa Barber**.

The other 2004 honorees are **Heidi Bixby, Erika Hagensen, Peggy Hays, Deborah Nelson, Jada Rupley, Barbara Saur, Bridget Schwarz** and **Joan Skelton**.

Barber is a former Battle Ground Rose princess, who is president of the National Honor Society, president of Natural Helpers and committee chair of the Key Club. She has logged over 300 community service hours as her commitment to helping others.

Bixby is chair of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation, a volunteer for Women in Action and the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce and is a graduate of Marylhurst University. She is a financial planner.

Hagensen is the key area coordinator of the Washington Reading Corps, recruiting and training volunteers to work with low-income struggling readers. She is a member of the United Cerebral Palsy of Oregon and Southwest Washington board. She helped develop and administer the Pacific Northwest Language Institute and worked with Aikobo America to provide rehabilitation and growth opportunities through the arts for people with disabilities.

Hays is community resource program manager for the Division of Children and Family Services, providing services for foster children in Clark County. She also plans and coordinates events for abused and neglected children, including Camp Opportunity.

Nelson is a mediator for the City of Vancouver Community Mediation Service. Nelson was selected as a facilitator for the New York City Town Hall meeting where 5,000 citizens gathered to discuss proposed options for the Ground zero site.

Rupley is associate superintendent of Educational Service District 112. A member of the Leadership Clark County class of 1996, Rupley is now in her second term as chair of the LCC board of directors. In addition, Rupley is a member of the Clark County Planning Commission.

Saur is a former Clark College Women's Center program assistant. She was a volunteer for the Older Women's League, the National Organization of Women, and Planned Parenthood. She volunteers to assist persons who are suffering from the effects of another's use of alcohol and drugs.

Schwarz, an independent businesswoman, is chair of the Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association, which was instrumental in helping make the Amphitheater at Clark County one of the safest and most beautiful in America.

She is active in many fund raising activities, including her own U-Cut Christmas tree farm that benefits the Humane Society of Southwest Washington.

Skelton has been an elected member of the Evergreen School Board since 1995. She is active in children's issues. Skelton and her husband **Jim** have raised five daughters.

Reservations are required for the luncheon. Tickets are \$30 per person and \$25 for students and seniors 60 and over. For further information, call **696-0167**.

## Entrepreneurial Spirit Awards ceremony set for Saturday black tie event

Here is your opportunity to meet and help recognize the accomplishments of six of Vancouver and Clark County's brightest and most entrepreneurial businesses.

The third annual Celebrating Entrepreneurial Spirit Awards are the focus this Saturday evening, March 6 at the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay. Awards in six business categories will be awarded.

The categories and 2004 award winners are: in the Transportation category, **Active Moving & Storage**; in Construction, **Contact Electric & Hardware**; in the Retail category, **Runyan's Jewelers**; in Manufacturing, **The Nautilus Group**; in Service, **Little Italy's Trattoria, Inc.**

The Entrepreneur of the Year recognition will be awarded to **Mel Aho** owner of Aho construction. Adding to the night's festivities will be a lively presentation by national speaker and the world's leading "scam-buster" **Chuck Whitlock**. Award Dinner tickets are \$50 per person and reservations can be made by calling the Vancouver Business Journal office at **360-695-2442** by Noon Wednesday. Black Tie preferred.

## News brief

This year marks the 31th anniversary of the Superintendent's Regional High School Art Show. An artists' reception is set for Wednesday, March 3, 6:00-8:30 p.m. at Vancouver School District's School of Arts and Academics, 3101 Main Street, Vancouver, with an awards program beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Eight pieces have been selected as State Winners to compete against entries from around Washington state in the Annual State Superintendent of Public Instruction's Art Show in Olympia in April.

### Tuesday on the air

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra: The Other Three B's, 7:30 p.m., CVTV  
City/County Code Enforcement Appeal Hearings (2-26), 9:30 p.m., CVTV

### Town Tabloids and The Weather

<b>John McDonagh</b> settling in. <del>55/55</del>	Acapulco 86/69
<del>55/55</del> <b>Heidi Young</b> checking the mail.	Athens 72/55
<del>55/55</del> <b>Craig Walker</b> saving the day	Chicago 49/32
— again. <b>Tuesday</b> , springlike	Dallas 65/47
showers, partly cloudy, 54.	Hong Kong 75/67
<b>Wednesday</b> , another mixed bag, not	Las Vegas 57/40
as warm as Hawaii, but not as cold as	Los Angeles 60/46
<b>Siberia</b> , 55. <b>Thursday</b> , mixed rain and	London 38/28
showers, blustery, 52.	New York 44/31
	Orlando 68/42
	Paris 38/16
	Phoenix 64/47
	Rome 52/37
	Seattle 51/36
	Sydney 78/62
	Tokyo 47/34
	Washington 46/29