

# Texas Governor's Commission for Women e-Newsletter Summer 2012

## Upcoming Events:

<b>August 23:</b>	Beyond 50 Conference
<b>September 12:</b>	State Agency Council's Outstanding Women in Texas Government Awards
<b>October 12:</b>	Texas Women's Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
<b>October 24:</b>	Texas Conference for Women

## Save the Date:

The Texas Governor's Commission for Women is hosting a luncheon honoring female state legislators on March 21, 2013 at the Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, please email [women@governor.state.tx.us](mailto:women@governor.state.tx.us).

## Beyond 50 Conference

The Texas Governor's Commission for Women and Texas Women In Business invite you to attend the second annual *Beyond 50, a Conference for all Women*, at Austin Community College's Eastview Campus on Thursday, August 23, 2012.

*Beyond 50* is a day-long interactive conference for women over the age of fifty who want information and resources as they prepare to re-enter the job market, change careers, or start their own business. The conference features inspirational speakers, speed coaching and educational classes.

Early registration is \$30.00 until August 12. Registration closes on August 17:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/event/3894157530?ref=ebtnebregn>.

Scholarships are also available. For more information, visit:

<http://www.texaswomeninbusiness.org/events-3/beyond-50/details/>.

## Texas Women's Hall of Fame



The Governor's Commission for Women is hosting the 2012 Texas Women's Hall of Fame on Friday, October 12 at 10:30 a.m. at Texas Woman's University in Denton. The Commission established this prestigious honor in 1984 and has recognized 132 women, including former first ladies, Olympic athletes and astronauts. The induction ceremony is free to attend and open to the public. Guests are asked to RSVP to Judy Elias at [jelias@twu.edu](mailto:jelias@twu.edu) or call (940) 898-3209.

### 2012 Texas Women's Hall of Fame Honorees:

#### **Arts and Humanities: Barbara Smith Conrad**

Barbara Smith Conrad's vocal talent led her to a distinguished career as a mezzo-soprano, singing in opera houses and concert halls around the world. In 1965, Ms. Conrad was one of the first African American undergraduate students allowed to enroll at the University of Texas at Austin. She was invited back to the University of Texas in 1985 where they declared her one of the Texas Distinguished Alumni.

#### **Business: Nina Godiwalla**

Nina Godiwalla is the first minority woman to write an insider's account of the investment banking world. Her book, *Suits, A Woman on Wall Street*, is an international best-seller and has been listed as a top pick and a must read by USA Today, FORTUNE Magazine and CNN. Ms. Godiwalla's work as a prestigious business speaker focuses on giving a voice to those who are marginalized in society.

#### **Military: Major General (Ret.) Mary Saunders**

Maj. Gen. Mary Saunders is the current director of the Leadership Institute at Texas Women's University, where she leads a program that prepares students to succeed in an increasingly global community. She served in the U.S. Air Force for 34 years. Maj. Gen. Saunders was the

second African American female in the Air Force selected to the rank of general, and the first female general officer selected as the director of transportation.

### **Higher Education: Anne Lesley Corn**

Dr. Anne Lesley Corn is an innovative leader in the field of visual disabilities. Having low vision herself, Dr. Corn has made it her life's mission to help those with visual disabilities. As a professor at the University of Texas at Austin and Vanderbilt University, she has pioneered research in visual disabilities and worked to improve technology in schools for children with low vision. Dr. Corn has also advocated for better training for the teachers of blind and visually impaired children.

### **Public Service: Justice Harriet O'Neill**

Justice Harriet O'Neill has a remarkable history of public service. She served on the 14th District Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Texas, from which she retired in 2010. During her career, Justice O'Neill has advocated for access to legal services for all and against domestic violence. She participated on the National Advisory Council on Violence Against Women and led a two-year collaborative effort to establish the Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth and Families.

## **The Outstanding Women in Texas Government Awards**



The Outstanding Women in Texas Government (OWTG) Awards luncheon honors women who have helped shape Texas by contributing their talents and skills to state service. The State Agency Council created the OWTG awards in 1984 to recognize the accomplishments of women whose considerable contributions to the state might otherwise go unacknowledged.

We invite you to attend the awards luncheon on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 from 11:30 a.m. -- 1:00 p.m. at the University of Texas' Frank Erwin Center in Austin. This year's keynote speaker is Comptroller of Public Accounts and Texas Women's Hall of Fame inductee Susan Combs. For more information, please contact Lara Tai at (512) 475-2807 or [Lara.Tai@twdb.texas.gov](mailto:Lara.Tai@twdb.texas.gov).

### **2012 Outstanding Women in Texas Government Award Recipients:**

**Gay Dodson, R. Ph**

Texas State Board of Pharmacy  
*Outstanding Professional Development Award*

**Major General Joyce L. Stevens**

Texas Army National Guard  
*Outstanding Management Award*

**Amie Treuer-Kuehn**

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department  
*Outstanding Contribution Award*

**Raette Smith Hearne**

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts  
*Outstanding Community Involvement Award*

**TEXAS CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN:**



The Texas Conference for Women provides connection, motivation, networking, inspiration and skill building for thousands of Texas women each year. The 13th annual Texas Conference for Women will be held **October 24, 2012** at the Austin Convention Center. Hosted by Texas First Lady Anita Perry, the conference offers incredible opportunities for business networking, professional development and personal growth. The non-profit, non-partisan event offers sessions ranging from personal finance to health and wellness to career advancement. For more information or to register, please visit: <http://www.txconferenceforwomen.org/>

**2012 National Association of Commissions for Women Conference**



(Pictured left to right: Victoria Wegwert, Lesley Guthrie, Cassandra St. John, Carmen Pagan)

Commissioner and Vice Chair Carmen Pagan and Executive Director Lesley Guthrie represented the Texas Governor's Commission for Women at the National Association of Commissions for Women's (NACW) 42nd annual conference and business meeting in Charleston, West Virginia. NACW is a non-partisan membership organization composed of regional, state, county and local commissions created by government to improve the status of women.

In an effort to assist female veterans, the Texas Governor's Commission for Women's non-profit sponsored the F7 Group's travel to the conference. The F7 Group provides resources, training, support and mentoring to female veterans and women in military service. Other conference keynote speakers included Lilly Ledbetter, equal pay activist, Gayle Manchin, former First Lady of West Virginia, Lucia Bruce, Regional Administrator for the U.S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau, Catherine Ormerod, Director of Vision 2020, and Deputy Administrator Nancy Leppink of the U.S. Department of Labor Wage & Hour Division.

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