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COME CELEBRATE 20.4% WOMEN ON RUSSELL 3000 BOARDS!
COME CELEBRATE SHEILA PENROSE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
COME CELEBRATE with CORPORATE DIRECTORS OF 60+ FIRMS
COME CELEBRATE KATE BENSEN AS 1ST CHAMPION OF WOMEN

4PM Networking for Board Inclusion PreLaunch **November 21, 2019** Union League Club, 65 W. Jackson, Chicago

The 8th Annual National Conversation on Board Diversity:

Winning Together Now: Engaging Allies to Increase Gender Diversity

Please join us for an evening of:

- Discussing the topics of interest to you with different corporate board directors in two separate 30-minute table breakout sessions
- Listening to a 45 minute Keynote Panel discussion by:
 - **Anna Catalano** - Board Director: HollyFrontier (NYSE), Kraton (NYSE), Frontdoor (NASDAQ), Willis Towers Watson (NASDAQ)
 - **Nelda Connors** - Board Director: Boston Scientific (NYSE), Delphi Technologies (NYSE), EnerSys (NYSE), Echo Global Logistics
 - **Eileen Kamerick** – Board Director: Associated Bank (NYSE), Legg Mason Closed-End Funds (NYSE), Hochschild Mining (LSE)
- Applauding and hearing the corporate board governance and gender diversity stories from:
 - **Christie Hefner**, Board Chair of HatchBeauty Brands, Board Director for R.D. Offutt and Edge Beauty
 - **Doug Waggoner**, CEO and Chair of Echo Global Logistics (NASDAQ); Board Director for SP Plus (NASDAQ)
 - ...and 4 more outstanding C-suite and Board Directors highlighted in 2-3 minute spotlights of interest throughout the evening.
- **Applauding 2 phenomenal women of achievement who in their own special ways have contributed to women breaking through the 20% women on corporate boards goal 1 year earlier than 2020 Women on Boards established as their goal in 2010:**
 - **SHEILA PENROSE: 2020 Women On Boards CHICAGO LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER**
 - Non-Executive Chair of Jones Lang LaSalle (NYSE), Board Director for McDonald's Corporation (NYSE)
 - **KATE BENSEN: 2020 Women On Boards CHICAGO 1ST EVER CHAMPION OF WOMEN AWARD WINNER**
 - CEO, The Chicago Network, a membership by invitation only for Chicago professional women at the apex of their careers.

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Anna Catalano



Nelda Connors



Meredith Mendes



Eileen Kamerick



Doug Waggoner



Christie Hefner

EVENT SPEAKERS (latest full list [HERE](#))

- **Sheila Penrose, LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, AMBASSADOR AWARDS.**
Board Director: Non-Executive Chair, Jones Lang LaSalle (NYSE), McDonald's Corp. (NYSE).
- **Kate Bensen, CHAMPION OF WOMEN AWARD. CEO,** The Chicago Network.
- **Rodrigo Garcia, Deputy State Treasurer, Chief Investment Officer, & Chief Financial Officer, Illinois State Treasury. STATE OF IL DIVERSITY UPDATE. Board Director:** Thirty Percent Coalition.
- **Anna Cheng Catalano, KEYNOTE PANELIST, AMBASSADOR AWARD, CORPORATE BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERT.**
Board Director: Willis Towers Watson (NASDAQ), Kraton Corporation ((NYSE), HollyFrontier (NYSE), Frontdoor (NASDAQ).
- **Nelda J. Connors, KEYNOTE PANELIST, AMBASSADOR AWARD, CORPORATE BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERT.**
Board Director: Echo Global Logistics (NASDAQ), EnerSys (NYSE), Boston Scientific (NYSE), Delphi Technologies (NYSE).
- **Meredith Mendes, KEYNOTE PANELIST, AMBASSADOR AWARD, CORPORATE BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERT.**
Board Director: Kronos Worldwide (NYSE), NL Industries (NYSE), Quanax Building Products (NYSE).
- **Eileen Kamerick, KEYNOTE MODERATOR, AMBASSADOR AWARD, CORPORATE BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERT.**
Board Director: Associated Banc-Corp. (NYSE), Legg Mason Closed-End Mutual Funds (NYSE), Hochschild Mining (LSE), and AIG Funds/Anchor Series Trust.
- **Christie Hefner, CHAIR AMBASSADOR AWARD, CORPORATE BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERT.**
Board Director: HatchBeauty Brands, R.D. Offutt, Edge Beauty (all private companies).
- **Donna Smith, 2020 WOB CHICAGO SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD, CORPORATE BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERT.**
Board Director: First Bank of Chicago (private company recognized as a 2020 WOB national "W" company).
- **Douglas Waggoner, CEO AMBASSADOR AWARD, AMBASSADOR AWARD, CORPORATE BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERT.**
Board Director: Chair/CEO, Echo Global Logistics (NASDAQ), SP Plus (NASDAQ).
- **Cindie Jamison, AMBASSADOR AWARD, CORPORATE BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERT.**
Board Director: Big Lots (NYSE), Darden Restaurants (NYSE), Tractor Supply (NASDAQ), and Office Depot (NASDAQ).
- **Dorri McWhorter, YWCA CEO, CORPORATE BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERT.**
Board Director: William Blair (private employee owned company).
- **Paul Williams, NACD CHICAGO CHAIR, AMBASSADOR AWARD, CORPORATE BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERT.**
Board Director: Compass Minerals (NYSE).
- **Venita Fields, AMBASSADOR AWARDS, CORPORATE BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERT.**
Board Director: IMA Financial Group (private employee owned), Superior Group of Companies—SGC (NASDAQ), David's Bridal (private equity owned), Derry Enterprises (private company), LifeSpace Communities (private company).
- **Andrea Hunt, Biotech/Healthcare, CORPORATE BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERT.**
Board Director: Catalyst Biosciences (NASDAQ), OX2 Therapeutics (private).
- **Marie Allen, AMBASSADOR AWARD, CORPORATE BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERT.**
Board Director: National Director & Chicago Board President, Cancer Treatment Centers of America (private company).
- **Janet Viane, CORPORATE BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERT.**
Board Director: Scot Forge (the oldest U.S. ESOP).
- **Sandra Wilson, AMBASSADOR AWARD, CORPORATE BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERT.**
Board Director: Sasser Family & United Generations Family Holdings, Midtronics, SS White Dental(all private companies).
- **Chris Edwards, AMBASSADOR AWARDS, CORPORATE BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERT.**
Board Director: BMO Financial Corp. (NYSE, TSE), Bank of Montreal (TSE).
- **Sara Hays, CORPORATE BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERT.**
Board Director: Apogee Enterprises (NASDAQ), Draper & Kramer & ECI US Real Estate Holdings (both family-owned).
- **Kym Hubbard, AMBASSADOR AWARD, CORPORATE BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERT.**
Board Director: State Auto Financial Corporation (NASDAQ), PIMCO (Allianz subsidiary [FWB]).
- **Ellen Rudnick, AMBASSADOR AWARD, CORPORATE BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERT.**
Board Director: First Midwest Bancorp (NASDAQ), HMS (NASDAQ), Patterson Companies (NASDAQ).
- **Mary Josephs, CORPORATE BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERT.**
Board Director: Hisco, Manson, Performance Contracting (all ESOP companies).

EVENT SPEAKERS LIST CONTINUES!!!!

- **Imran A. Qureshi, OPENING REMARKS, AMBASSADOR AWARD, WILLIS TOWERS WATSON (NASDAQ).**
Willis Towers Watson Region Leader, US Midwest & Willis Towers Watson North American Inclusion & Diversity Council Chair.
- **Angie DeWitt, CHRO AMBASSADOR AWARD.**
Associated Bank (NYSE)—and always a 2020 WOB “W” Winning Company since inception with >20% women on its board.
- **Regina Curry, CHIEF DIVERSITY OFFICER AMBASSADOR AWARD.**
Legg Mason Closed End Mutual Funds (NYSE).
- **Cindy Burrell, LIFE OF SERVICE AWARD.**
2020 WOB Chicago Chair Emeritus 2017 – 2018; 2020 WOB Chicago Chair 2015 – 2016; 2020 WOB Chicago Member 2013 – 2018.
- **Megan Roudebush, LAUNCHPAD PRE-EVENT: NETWORKING AS BOARD INCLUSION.**
Founder, keepwith, a networking advisory company.
- **Willie Miller, Jr., CORPORATE BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERT.**
Board Director: First Bank of Highland Park (private company recognized as a 2020 WOB national “W” company).
- **Rebecca Sasser Peterson, AMBASSADOR AWARD, CORPORATE BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERT.**
Board Director: Sasser Family Holdings (4th Generation Family Member Board Director).
- **Joan Steel, CORPORATE BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERT.**
Former Board Director: Hershey Trust Company (NYSE).
- **Gaye van den Hombergh, CORPORATE BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERT.**
Board Director: Tablesapes Event Rentals (ESOP).
- **Kathy Dvorak, AMBASSADOR AWARD, CORPORATE BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERT.**
Board Director: Acco Brands (NYSE), American Hotel (private).
- **Brett J. Hart, AMBASSADOR AWARD, CORPORATE BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERT.**
Board Director: Abbvie (NYSE).
- **Kay McCurdy, AMBASSADOR AWARD, CORPORATE BOARD DIRECTOR EXPERT.**
Board Director: Arthur J. Gallagher & Company (NYSE).

...and more still in process—coming soon!

AGENDA for Thursday 11/21/19 4PM-8PM
2020 WOMEN ON BOARDS – 2019 CHICAGO

Food tables and passed drinks available entire event.

4:00PM – 4:30PM: LAUNCHPAD PRE-EVENT: free for attendees/speakers

Networking As Board Inclusion: Megan Burke Roudebush, keepwith Founder, shows how.

4:30PM – 5:15PM: Registration and networking

5:15PM – 5:40PM: Welcome, **Sheila Penrose Lifetime Achievement Award**, Special Mentions

5:40PM – 6:10PM: 1st Table breakout session—corporate board director at each table

6:10PM – 7:10PM: **Kate Benson, Champion of Women Award.** Research/IL Diversity Update,

Special Mentions, & **45 minutes for Keynote Panel**

7:10PM – 7:55PM: 2nd Table breakout session—a different corporate board director at table

7:55PM – 8:00PM: Closing remarks; networking until 8:30PM

4 networking sessions with 40+ corporate board directors!

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