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Diamond Awards luncheon honors women

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STAFF REPORT

The Western Carolina Business Journal recognized thirteen outstanding women at the 2007 Diamond Awards luncheon held at the Crest Center on August 15. Victoria Dunkle of WLOS TV-13 was the emcee, and the keynote address was presented by speaker and humorist Marianne Frederick.



Janice Brumit of Brumit Development Corporation was honored with the inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award.

Congressman Heath Shuler presented the award to Brumit and spoke about her impressive list of accomplishments.

Twelve other women were honored with Diamond Awards—Wendy Banks of Carolina Management Team; Suzanne DeFerie of Asheville Savings Bank; Caroline Earley of Clear Channel Radio; Beth Farmer of NTCA/SMC; Donna Hammett of Charter Media; Karen Johnson of Imaging Technologies; Paula Latta of Eaton Corporation; Jenn Mayer of Charlotte Street Computers; Kathy Milner of American Quality Foods; Kathi Peterson of KP Communications; Carol Rovello of Strategic Workplace Solutions; and Reeta Wolfsohn of the Center for Financial Social Work.

Presenting sponsors for the event were AdvantageWest Economic Development Group, RBC Centura Bank, and Ingles Markets. Biltmore Commercial Real Estate was a supporting sponsor.

This was the second annual event to recognize outstanding women who own or are employed by for-profit businesses in Western North Carolina. WCBJ accepted nominations from March through July, and the winners were chosen by an independent panel of judges from other business journals around the US.

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