

61ST ANNUAL MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON
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Valley Leadership is proud to present the

61st Annual Man & Woman of the Year Luncheon

Honoring the 2009 Man & Woman of the Year

Frank Fairbanks & Christine Wilkinson, Ph.D.

Thursday, March 25, 2010 • 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Sheraton Downtown Phoenix • 340 North Third Street • Phoenix, Arizona

Honorary Event Co-Chairs

Martin L. Shultz and Denise Resnik, 2008 Man and Woman of the Year

About the Event



Valley Leadership's Man & Woman of the Year award luncheon is one of the premier business and community recognition programs in the Phoenix Metropolitan area. It is attended by more than 800 of the Valley's most prominent business and community leaders, and serves as a fundraiser for Valley Leadership, the oldest and largest leadership development organization in the greater Phoenix metropolitan area.

For each of the past 60 years, the Man and Woman of the Year awards have honored an outstanding man and woman for their long-term contribution and commitment to our community. Past honorees comprise a list of the most notable and influential leaders in our Valley over the last six decades.

Nominations for the awards are accepted each fall from the public at large. A committee of the past honorees and community leaders then selects a single man and woman to be honored at a spring luncheon as Man and Woman of the Year.

This year's luncheon will take place in the setting of Sheraton Phoenix Downtown, the Valley's Phoenix's newest luxury and business hotel.

About Valley Leadership



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For more than 30 years, Valley Leadership has been dedicated to engaging, educating and challenging current and emerging leaders to

take an active role in strengthening and transforming communities. To date, more than 1,600 men and women have participated in Valley Leadership.

Today, these alumni comprise a broad leadership network that spans the public, private and non-profit sectors into the highest levels of Arizona government, community and business leadership.

Many alumni serve in elected office at the national, state and local levels. Others are executive managers in government, corporations and non-profit organizations, and most all are also volunteers in the community, civic and nonprofit world.

The Honorees

Valley Leadership is pleased to announce the selection of Christine Wilkinson, Ph.D., Senior Vice President and Secretary of Arizona State University, as the 2009 Woman of the Year, and recently-retired Phoenix City Manager Frank Fairbanks as 2009 Man of the Year. In these difficult times, Dr. Wilkinson and Frank Fairbanks represent the best values of public service. Both have dedicated their careers to improving life in the Valley through dedicated service to their communities and leadership in their respective institutions.



*Frank
Fairbanks*

Described as a visionary leader who “cares passionately” about Phoenix, its residents and its employees, Frank

Fairbanks guided Phoenix government as City Manager with dedication, integrity and compassion for nearly 20 years through prosperous and hard times. Through good management year in and year out, he built an international reputation for Phoenix as one of the nation’s best run cities.

Mr. Fairbanks, a Phoenix native, earned a bachelor’s degree in finance from Loyola University, Los Angeles, and a master’s degree in business administration from the University of California. After two years in the Peace Corps in Costa Rica and a short stint with the Small Business Administration, Mr. Fairbanks joined the City of Phoenix in 1972 as a management assistant. He retired in 2009 after an unprecedented 19 years as City Manager.

Mr. Fairbanks has demonstrated leadership in his profession as a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration and as chair of the Strategic Planning Committee of the International City/County Management Association. He’s been active on the boards of the Downtown Phoenix Partnership, the Arizona Housing Fund Board and Public Technology Incorporated, an organization that develops technology solutions to urban problems.



*Christine
Wilkinson, Ph.D.*

While Christine Wilkinson Ph.D., holds the title of Senior Vice President and Secretary of Arizona State University, she is best known as a longtime mentor and friend to countless students, faculty administrators and the community, and an advocate for developing students into community leaders.

In her 30-year association with Arizona State University, Dr. Wilkinson also has served as Director of Undergraduate Admissions and Vice President of Student Affairs. In that role, she initiated student leadership programs that insure access to post-secondary education to numerous young people who have demonstrated leadership potential, engaging them in development programs that led to many becoming active, adult leaders in our Valley community today.

She’s served on organization boards as diverse as the Phoenix Symphony, the St. Luke’s Health Initiatives, the Hon Kachina Awards Board of Governors, the Arizona Women’s Forum, Tempe Leadership and Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association. She has also served as chair of the American Red Cross Central Arizona Board of Directors and honorary chair of Tempe Leadership. Currently, she is the chair of the St. Joseph’s Hospital Foundation Board and is President of the Arizona State University Alumni Association.

Past Honorees

On March 25th, Frank Fairbanks and Christine Wilkinson, Ph.D. join the distinguished company of 60 men and 58 women who have earned the title of Man & Woman of the Year. This tribute was established in 1949 to honor those among us who make a difference, those who are instruments of progress, of goodness and of service to others. Valley Leadership will be honoring these two individuals for their tireless commitment to improving our community. We hope you will be able to join us, not only to celebrate their outstanding service, but the remarkable legacy they represent.

Past Men of the Year

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| 2008 Martin L. Shultz | 1988 A.J. Pfister | 1968 Herman Chanen |
| 2007 Dan Coleman | 1987 Thomas N. Fannin | 1967 John Armer |
| 2006 Bill Post | 1986 Keith L. Turley | 1966 Frank Snell |
| 2005 Dr. Lattie Coor | 1985 Jerry J. Wisotsky | 1965 James Patrick |
| 2004 Ernest Calderón | 1984 Donald E. Cline | 1964 Newton Rosenzweig |
| 2003 Ivan Makil | 1983 Dennis E. Mitchem | 1963 William P. Reilly |
| 2002 Richard Mallery | 1982 Samuel Mardian, Jr. | 1962 Walter Bimson |
| 2001 Robert Bulla | 1981 James P. Simmons | 1961 Arthur Schellenberg |
| 2000 José A. Cárdenas | 1980 John D. Driggs | 1960 George Christie |
| 1999 Judge Maurice Portley | 1979 Duncan Jennings | 1959 John Mills |
| 1998 Gordon Murphy | 1978 Leonard W. Huck | 1958 Alexander Raisin |
| 1997 Dennis A. Garrett | 1977 Karl Eller | 1957 Ben Projan |
| 1996 Mayor Herb Drinkwater | 1976 Dr. John F. Prince | 1956 Walter Ong |
| 1995 Edward Eisele | 1975 Harry Rosenzweig | 1955 Eli Gorodesky |
| 1994 Richard B. Snell | 1974 J. Edward Jacobson | 1954 Read Mullan |
| 1993 Allen Rosenberg | 1973 Bill Shover | 1953 Gov. Jack Williams |
| 1992 Jerry Colangelo | 1972 John Van Hengel | 1952 Charles Hoover |
| 1991 O. Mark DeMichele | 1971 Harry Montgomery | 1951 Stephen Shadegg |
| 1990 William Bombeck | 1970 Yale Simons | 1950 Gov. Howard Pyle |
| 1989 Eddie Basha | 1969 Lawson V. Smith | 1949 Sen. Barry Goldwater |

Past Women of the Year

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| 2008 Denise Resnik | 1988 Betsy Taylor | 1968 Anna Phelps Kopta |
| 2007 Dr. Carol Peck | 1987 Kathryn K. Gammage | 1967 Arlena E. Seneca |
| 2006 Luz Sarmina | 1986 Erma Bombeck | 1966 Laura Daniella |
| 2005 Betsey Bayless | 1985 Cheryl L. Watkins | 1965 Mary Beth Tompane |
| 2004 Nadine Basha | 1984 Katherine Herberger | 1964 Lucille Hicks |
| 2003 Diana Yazzie Devine | 1983 Glenna Jones Shapiro | 1963 Benita Fennemore |
| 2002 Shirley Agnos | 1982 Billie Axline Gentry | 1962 Margaret Kober |
| 2001 Judy Schubert | 1981 Hila Jo Hawk | 1961 Placida G. Smith |
| 2000 Jewell M. Lewis | 1980 Maxine Lakin | 1960 Patty Clifford |
| 1999 Jacque Steiner | 1979 Judge Dorothy Carson | 1959 Barbara Williams |
| 1998 Martha Hunter | 1978 Mary Dell Pritzlaff | 1958 Ann Colby |
| 1997 Gov. Rose Mofford | 1977 Mayor Margaret Hance | 1957 Peggy Hurley |
| 1996 Barbara Ralston | 1976 JoAnn Schmitt Graham | 1956 Helen Shoemaker |
| 1995 Carolyn Taylor Bosworth | 1975 Peggy Aste | 1955 Carmen Torrez |
| 1994 Linda Brock | 1974 Judge Lorna E. Lockwood | 1954 Lucille Eisenbeiss |
| 1993 Marlene Klotz-Collins | 1973 Shirley Singer | 1953 Betsy Frederickson |
| 1992 Barbee Cromack | 1972 Justice Sandra Day O'Connor | 1952 Harriet Churchill |
| 1991 Pearl E. Marr | 1971 Essie Mae Jones | 1951 Marjorie Suggs |
| 1990 Barbara Cahill Melendez | 1970 Jane Rider | |
| 1989 Alice Snell | 1969 Thelma Kieckhefer | |