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Ninth Annual Tribute to Abigail Adams

"I desire you would remember the ladies... if attention is not paid... we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice, or representation."

Abigail Adams, 1776

June 6, 1996
Bank of Boston
100 Federal Street, 2nd Floor, Boston

Abigail Adams was born in Weymouth, Massachusetts on November 11, 1744. The wife of John Adams, the second president of the United States and the mother of John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States, Abigail Adams was a woman of extraordinary insight and talent who wrote prodigiously about the role of women in the family and society. Her strong beliefs in the partnership of men and women and her commitment to equal political, economic and social rights for women, continue to guide us today.

We honor Abigail Adams by annually recognizing outstanding Massachusetts women leaders who embody her principles. This year is especially important because it marks the MWPC's 25th anniversary of supporting women in politics.

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Ninth Annual Tribute to Abigail Adams 1996 Award Recipients

Mary Maples Dunn of Cambridge is the Director of the Schlesinger Library at Radcliffe College, and was President of Smith College from 1985 to 1995. Prior to her tenure at Smith College, Ms. Dunn held a number of positions at Bryn Mawr, including Academic Deputy to the President, Dean of the Undergraduate college, Acting Dean and Professor. Ms. Dunn is renowned for her work as Editor of Papers of William Penn and for her writings on women's issues. She holds Honorary Doctor degrees from Marietta College, Amherst College, Lafayette College, College of William and Mary, Brown University, Transylvania University, Haverford College, and the University of Pennsylvania.

Sally Greenberg, Esq. of Cambridge has been legal counsel to seven Anti-Defamation League(ADL) offices in the Eastern States since 1985, addressing first amendment, employment, discrimination and hate crime issues, and monitoring extremist group activity. Previously, she was Assistant Director for the ADL Maryland Office, where she trained law enforcement officials, helped draft legislation and founded the first Black/Jewish women's dialogue in the region. She has an extensive record of public service and has received leadership awards recognizing her service and effectiveness. Ms. Greenberg is a member of many boards and is past president of the Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts and the Women's Bar Foundation of Massachusetts.

Kija Kim of Concord is co-founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of Harvard Design and Mapping Company, Inc. (HDM) of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Ms. Kim directs all of HDM's major projects, marketing efforts and client relationships. She has over twenty-five years experience in geographic information systems (GIS) and computer aided design (CAD) technology. Ms. Kim has been active in business, political and community affairs. She is on the Massachusetts Asian American Commission, the Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence, and is co-chair of the MassJob Council. Ms. Kim has received many awards, and has been featured in many newspaper articles and television segments. She is an advocate for minority and women in business issues.

Paula Meara of Longmeadow was named Chief of Police to the Springfield Police department on February 1, 1996, the only woman in New England to hold Chief of Police position in a metropolitan city. Chief Meara commands a municipal police force consisting of 515 sworn in police officers and over 100 civilians. She rose through the ranks of Springfield Police Department after starting as a police officer in 1974, and became one of the first three women in Massachusetts to be promoted to Captain in the history of the Department. She has received many awards and honors, including five certificates of Commendation from the Springfield Police Department, the 1992 Person of the Year Award from the Springfield Chapter of the National Organization for Women, and an Outstanding Professionalism Award from Governor Dukakis.

Barbara Quiroga of Newton has worked in marketing and public relations in Boston for over fifteen years. Ms. Quiroga's firm, BQ&A, specializes in cause related marketing. Her company works to build partnerships between corporate, community and non-profits, creating public relations campaigns and special events to benefit both the private sector and social service agencies. She is widely known for her work with campaigns to eradicate violence in our communities as it affects women and children. Ms. Quiroga is a board member of Stop Handgun Violence and was co-initiator of the billboard "Fifteen Kids are Killed Each Day by Handguns." She is the former project director of the Jane Doe Safety Fund and continues to be associated with Casa Myrna Vazquez and Accion International, helping to raise funds through special events and media relations.

Nassrine Farhoody & Wendy Murphy Team

Nassrine Farhoody of Worcester is the Executive Director of the Rape Crisis Center of Central Massachusetts. She provides oversight and financial management for two offices, 11 paid staff and approximately 100 volunteer counselors who provide direct counseling services and community educational professional training regarding sexual violence. A staunch defender of rape victims' rights, Ms. Farhoody refused to turn over counseling records to criminal defense lawyers, giving rise to an appeal to the Supreme Judicial Court. She is represented by co-team winner, Attorney Wendy Murphy.

Wendy Murphy, Esq. of Belmont is an attorney concentrating in advocacy and education for crime victims. She represents Ms. Farhoody in her challenge to the ruling which gives criminal defense lawyers access to rape victims' counseling records. Ms. Murphy is also special counsel to the Chief Medical Examiner's office, the Massachusetts Coalition of Rape Crisis Centers, and various other rape and domestic violence crisis centers on issues of privilege, confidentiality, policy, legislation and victims' rights. She is founder and Director of a non-profit Crime Victim Advocacy and Research Group. Ms. Murphy was recently invited by President Clinton to attend a forum on violence against women and she co-hosted a White House Women's Issues Round Table. She is completing several chapters in a book called Sexual Abuse Litigation: A Practical Handbook for Attorneys of Survivors. The May 1996 issue of Glamour Magazine recognized her as one of five activist mothers for her role defending children's rights.

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Evening Program

Opening	Jamy Buchanan & Jean Inman Co-Chairs, MWPC Special Events			
Welcome	Senior Vice President, Bank of Boston			
Remarks	Samantha M. Overton President, MWPC			
Abigail Awards Presentation				
Recipient	Introduction			
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MWPC 25th Anniversary Proclamation	on Dr. Susan R. Weld			
Closing	Jamy Buchanan			

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Constance H. Buchanan • Sarah Buel • Caroline Chang • Kathleen E. Caron • Teresa Contardo
• Priscilla Douglas • Dawn-Marie Driscoll • Nicki Nichols Gamble • Freida Garcia • Jane Garvey •
Honorable Nancy Gertner • Former Representative Mary Jane Gibson • Ellen Goodman • Senator Lucile Hicks
• Sister Therese Higgins • Dr. Miriam Hirsch • Arline Isaacson • Deborah Jackson • Jackie Jenkins Scott •
Anna Faith Jones • Mary-Lee F. King • Nancy Korman • Diana Lam • Leslie Tarr Laurie • Polly Logan
• Sheryl Marshall • Former State Senator Patricia McGovern • Loretta McLaughlin •
Margaret Merry, posthumously • Frances K. Moseley • Former Lt. Governor Evelyn F. Murphy • Barbara Neely
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