



20th ANNUAL WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME LUNCHEON AND AWARDS CEREMONY

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**ALAMEDA COUNTY WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME TO CELEBRATE
20TH ANNIVERSARY BY HONORING 10 NEW INDUCTEES**

The Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame will celebrate its 20th Anniversary by honoring 10 new inductees at a luncheon in Oakland on March 23, 2013.

This year's inductees are **Ophelia Basgal of Oakland**, Business and Professions; **Gilda Gonzales of Oakland**, Community Service; **Rita Sahai of Berkeley**, Culture and Art; **Ruth B. Love, Ph.D. of Oakland**, Education; **Carolyn Bloede, Director of Alameda County's Sustainability Program**, Environment; **Sherry Higgs of Fremont**, Health; **Sandra Pitts-Johnson of Oakland**, Justice; **Debra Pryor, Retired City of Berkeley Fire Chief**, Non-Traditional Careers; **Hope A. Michelsen, Ph.D., of Livermore**, Science; and **Alice V. Deng of Pleasanton**, Youth.

"Each of these outstanding inductees contributes to life in our community in ways that help make Alameda County a place that is second-to-none in terms of its vibrant culture and the rich diversity," said Alameda County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi, an event co-chair. "Our Women's Hall of Fame also continues to flourish, and we believe our newest inductees will help make 2013 our best year ever."

To learn more about the 2013 inductees to the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame, go to <http://www.acgov.org/cao/halloffame/>.

This year's Women's Hall of Fame luncheon and awards ceremony is set for 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, 2013, at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 4700 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland. The event will be hosted by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women.

The program raises money for local charities providing needed resources to women and children in our community. The Women's Hall of Fame also sponsors a Youth Scholarship to help a young woman further her education or training. Sponsorships are available, providing the opportunity for business, government, and community partners to support women's leadership. Individual tickets to the luncheon and awards ceremony are \$75. For sponsorships and tickets, visit <http://www.acgov.org/cao/halloffame/>.