

NOTABLES SPOTLIGHT

EXECUTIVE WOMEN OF THE PALM BEACHES

Equal-rights advocate to speak at awards

Event: Women In Leadership Awards

When: May 2, 11:30 a.m.

Where: Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, West Palm Beach

What: Equal-rights advocate Lilly Ledbetter is the keynote speaker for the 30th annual luncheon. She will share her inspirational story of perseverance against overwhelming odds, from rural Alabama to the White House.

Ledbetter worked as a supervisor at a Goodyear tire plant in Gadsden, Alabama, for 19 years. There, she suspected that she wasn't getting paid as much as her male counterparts. The rest is history. In the battle for equality in the workplace, her name is now etched in the nation's law books as the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009.

Pressing on, she is now working to pass the Paycheck Fairness Bill, which will offer more protection for women and minorities. She tells her compelling story in *Grace and Grit: My Fight for Equal Pay and Fairness at Goodyear and Beyond*. A movie about her life is in discussion.

At the Women In Leadership Awards Luncheon, three women will be honored from the volunteer, public and private community sectors – women whose talents and qualities have made an impact in their business and charitable activities.

This year's recipients



From left: Women In Leadership Award (WILA) recipients Jane Kreusler-Walsh, Michele Poole and Anne Gannon, with WILA Honorary Chair Patricia Lebow

are Michele Poole, owner and Chief Financial Officer of North Ridge Electric Inc. and shaken-baby syndrome activist (volunteer sector); Anne Gannon, Constitutional Tax Collector of Palm Beach County (public sector); and Jane Kreusler-Walsh, a lawyer with Kreusler-Walsh, Compiani & Vargas, P.A., specializing in civil appeals and litigation support (private sector).

Who: Honorary Chair Patricia Lebow, Kids' Dreams; Co-Chairs JoAnne Berkow and Syndie Levien

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Proceeds: Through its Women In Leadership Awards, Executive Women of the Palm Beaches (EWPB) strives to honor women in leadership roles to raise funds to empower women and to promote them to positions of leadership.

Proceeds benefit EWPB's scholarship and grant programs that are administered through its charitable foundation, Executive Women Outreach.

Tickets: Members \$110, nonmembers \$130

Information: (561) 684-9117 or visit www.ewpb.org