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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.

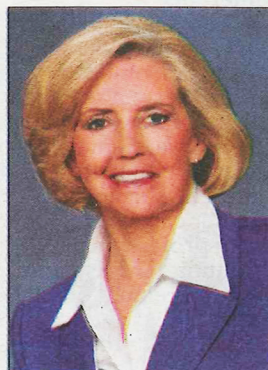
Where: Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, West Palm Beach

What: Three women who have distinguished themselves as leaders in the community have been selected by Executive Women of the Palm Beaches (EWPB) to receive its 2013 Women In Leadership Awards. Anne M. Gannon, Jane Kreusler-Walsh and Michele Poole will be recognized at the annual Women In Leadership Awards Luncheon. Equal-rights activist Lilly Ledbetter will be the keynote speaker.

The Women In Leadership Awards honor three women in the volunteer, private and public sector – recognizing their outstanding achievements, generosity of spirit, and commitment to integrity and diversity.

Honored in the volunteer sector, Michele Poole is owner and CFO of North Ridge Electric Inc. She served her industry on a local, statewide and national basis for many years, including working with Secretary of Labor Elizabeth Dole, setting standards for women in jobs traditionally held by men. However, it is her remarkable accomplishments as a volunteer leader that truly sets Poole apart.

When one of her twin granddaughters sustained a traumatic brain injury as a result of being shaken after birth, Poole went into action. She learned



Equal-rights advocate Lilly Ledbetter is the keynote speaker for the 30th Annual Women In Leadership Awards Luncheon.

all she could about shaken-baby syndrome (SBS) and attended conferences. Armed with information, she created a presentation and contact centers, day-care centers, drug rehabilitation centers, women's shelters and other agencies, giving them literature and requesting to speak at events. Poole has been recognized many times for her efforts, including 2012 Advocate of the Year: National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome.

Honored in the public sector, Anne Gannon serves as the Constitutional Tax Collector. She is the first female Tax Collector in Palm Beach County. She is responsible for collecting and redistributing over \$3 billion in tax revenue and the issuance of Real ID-compliant driver licenses for Palm Beach County.

The agency employs more than 290 in the central office and eight service centers that collectively handle over 4,000 transactions daily.

Gannon is Chair-elect

of the JFK Medical Center Board of Directors for the term beginning January 2014, and she is Honorary Chair of the 2013 Brain Cancer 5K Run.

Jane Kreusler-Walsh will be honored in the private sector. She and her firm, Kreusler-Walsh, Compiani & Vargas, P.A., specialize in civil appeals and litigation support in state and federal courts. Kreusler-Walsh is a Board-Certified Appellate Lawyer by the Florida Bar and is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

Her all-woman firm recently won the 2012 Athena Business Award given by the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches, honoring the firm's efforts in mentoring women. Kreusler-Walsh serves on the Board of Directors of the Palm Beach County Family and Delinquency Drug Court, on the Board for the Guild of Catholic Lawyers, and she is a past Board member of the Center for Children in Crisis.

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

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