



# inspiring achievement

## **DEBBY HERMAN AND NEVADA STATE BANK LEAD 2017 WOA**

Debby Herman, Senior Vice President and Region Manager for Nevada State Bank, is chair of the 2017 Salute to Women of Achievement luncheon. With 28 years of experience in the banking industry, including seven with Nevada State Bank, Debby is a former Chair of the NWF Board of Directors and in 2016 was recognized as a Woman of Achievement. "I am honored to serve the Nevada Women's Fund as its event chair for 2017," said Herman. "It is always exciting to recognize and applaud the accomplishments of northern Nevada women that *achieve* in their profession and in the community. Nevada Women's Fund provides important opportunities for women in our region and this event helps to fuel those ongoing efforts." As a regional manager of 19 branches, serving 12 cities and nine counties, Debby represents professional achievement in banking and demonstrated service to our deserving community. The Fund is proud of our partnership with Nevada State Bank.



**Debby Herman, Event Chair**  
Senior VP and Region Manager,  
Nevada State Bank

Adrienne Haslet, survivor of the Boston Marathon bombing, is the featured keynote speaker. "You realize what kind of life you lived, and that flashes before you, and then you realize what kind of life that you want to live after," says Adrienne. She survived the unimaginable bombings at the 2013 Boston Marathon, where she lost her leg below the knee. Adrienne is quickly rising to meet her daily challenges with a unique perspective. As an internationally acclaimed ballroom dancer and former Fortune 500 corporate manager, at the peak of her career, she has had to re-learn her craft and an entirely new meaning to the word patience. "I refuse to be called a victim. I am not defined by what happened in my life. I am a survivor, defined by how I live my life."



**Adrienne Haslet, Keynote Speaker**

The Nevada Women's Fund's 26th annual Salute to Women of Achievement luncheon takes place Thursday, May 25 at the Grand Sierra Resort Ballroom. In its 25 years, the event has recognized over 1,600 women throughout the community by providing an opportunity for businesses and organizations to highlight a woman who has demonstrated true leadership, passion and dedication through impacts in her professional career as well as locally.

## **NWF Establishes Alumni Council**

In August 2016, the Nevada Women's Fund created the Alumni Council to encourage and enable past board members to stay connected to each other and the organization. The Council will be self-sustaining and blend socializing and networking opportunities with the ability to choose and support one of the Fund's programs as a group.

Leading the effort in the inaugural year of the Council are Nancy Fennell, President, Dickson Realty and Stephanie Kruse, President of KPS3. Both Ms. Fennell and Ms. Kruse hosted the inaugural meeting of the Council on November 1, 2016.

The Council will meet regularly, and discuss priorities for the year. The current board of directors will also rely on the Alumni Council's rich expertise and history with the organization and a member of the board Executive Committee will serve as liaison to the Council.

There is still time to join and to be involved! To learn more or to request a membership form, call (775) 786-2335 or email [info@nevadawomensfund.org](mailto:info@nevadawomensfund.org).

## President's Message



Isabelle Rodriguez Wilson, President and CEO  
Photo by: Johnstone Studios

As an organization, we have a lot to be grateful for. Personally, February marks five years as President & CEO of the Nevada Women's Fund. What an amazing experience this has been for me. I have met and engaged with remarkable community members who provide extraordinary service and financial resources to support our continuing mission of *inspiring achievement* in women and families.

I am *honored* to succeed the heartfelt work of former Presidents Fritsi Ericson and Denise Yoxsimer; *proud* to live in a community that comes together to benefit higher education for women in our northern Nevada region; *rewarded* when I come across scholarship recipients serving important professions like nursing, education, social services, medicine, public service, and engineering; and *motivated* by your response to our outreach for donations to continue our work. For that I thank you.

More importantly, I am *enthusiastic* for the Fund's future. Since 2012, the Fund has reached \$1.4 million in general donations, our scholarship funding grew by \$1 million and we've increased the endowment by \$725,000. During the same period the Fund has awarded a total of \$754,000 in scholarships and nearly \$580,000 in community nonprofit grants. These are impressive numbers for our organization and it's due to your dedication and support.

Last year we received a tremendous bequest in the amount of \$500,000 that allowed us to form the June S. Wisham Endowment. Her commitment to invest in women aspiring to achieve is nothing short of extraordinary. This gift paves the way for the NWF Legacy Society and estate planning opportunities that will soon be announced.

Truly, your continued trust in the Nevada Women's Fund to invest these donations wisely into the women and families of our community is admirable and valued. Thank you for making the Nevada Women's Fund an important resource for our deserving community.

## 2017 Board of Directors

The Nevada Women's Fund is pleased to announce its 2017 board of directors. This governing body meets throughout the year to provide support and direction to the organization. In addition, board members serve as representatives on five working committees including: allocations, board leadership, development, marketing and investment and finance.

Executive officers serving for one-year terms include: Joey Orduna Hastings, CEO, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, chair; Kristen Chinarasopak, partner, Eide Bailly, vice chair; Kerry Eaton, attorney, Drinkwater Law Offices, treasurer; Jennifer Crowe, recorder; and Dawn Ahner, executive vice president, Renown Health, immediate past chair.

All members of the board serve staggered six-year terms and each donates to the Fund. Current board members include: Carolyn Barbash, vice president, energy market policy, NV Energy; Alexia Bratiotis, senior account director, KPS|3; Debby Bullentini, co-owner RAWBRY; Ann Burns, promotion director, KTVN; Michele Casey, corporate retirement director, Morgan Stanley; Valerie J. Clark, president, Clark & Associates; Ronele Dotson, president, RAD Strategies Inc.; Heidi Gansert, executive director, external relations, University of Nevada, Reno; Joanna Jacob, vice president, Ferrari Public Affairs; Denise Kline, HR director, Heritage Bank of Nevada; Eugenia Larmore, principal/owner, EKAY Economic Consultants; Kaitlyn Ovard, director of finance, Silver Legacy; Fayth Ross, executive director, Urban Roots; Kelly Ann Scott, executive editor, RGJ Media; Candie Slider, physician's assistant, Reno Orthopaedic Center; Dawn Welsh, director, IT management and client services, Renown Health; Ann Wilkinson, chair, Nevada Transportation Authority; Sharon Wurm, director of financial aid and student success, TMCC; and Christina Stoever Young, president, Sunshine Tahoe.

### Meet New Board Members



**Sarah E. Baley**  
Attorney  
McDonald Carano Wilson



**Megan Brown**  
Fiduciary Controller  
Beacon Trust Company



**Jamie Gazza**  
VP of Corporate Banking  
Nevada State Bank



**Jamii Uboldi**  
Dir. of Business Development  
and Marketing Communication  
Saint Mary's Health Network



**Abbi Whitaker**  
Owner  
The Abbi Agency



**Kathy L. Williams**  
Realtor  
Coldwell Banker Select

Not pictured: *Kathy Picollo*—VP of Human Resources, Nugget Resorts.

# 2016 Power of the Purse

The Nevada Women’s Fund 9<sup>th</sup> annual Power of the Purse was held this past November 18th at the Grand Sierra Resort. Power of the Purse, which is growing into one of the largest attended pre-holiday events in northern Nevada, enjoyed its largest turnout yet! “We were excited at the turnout for 2016”, said Isabelle Rodriguez Wilson, President & CEO. “The attendance grows every year.” In 2016, the Power of the Purse attracted 89 vendors showing their wares to holiday shoppers as well as 29 purses raffled to benefit the Fund’s mission of *inspiring achievement*. A fun time was had by all and the Fund looks forward to an even bigger and more profitable POP in 2017. Mark your calendar now for November 17, 2017!

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- Board of Directors**
- Joey Orduna Hastings, Chair
  - Kristen Chinvarasopak, Vice Chair
  - Jennifer Crowe, Recorder
  - Kerry Eaton, Treasurer
  - Dawn Ahner, Immediate Past Chair
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| Debby Bullentini | Candie Slider     |
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| Denise Kline     | Sharon Wurm       |
| Eugenia Larmore  |                   |

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## Our Mission

The Nevada Women's Fund is dedicated to strengthening its community by empowering women to improve their lives and those of their families. We identify critical social needs and address those needs through scholarships and community grant making.



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## Mark Your Calendar!

**2017 Salute to Women of Achievement**  
**Grand Sierra Resort ~ Grand Ballroom**

May 25, 2017 | 11:30am—1:30p.m.

Tickets—\$125 | Table of 10—\$1,250

### **2017 Power of the Purse**

November 17, 2017

Non-profit org.  
US postage  
**PAID**  
Reno, NV  
Permit # 568

## **YES ! I WANT TO *INSPIRE ACHIEVEMENT* IN HOPEFUL WOMEN & FAMILIES TODAY**

The Nevada Women's Fund is a Nevada corporation and IRS designated 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization formed to strengthen its community through education scholarships and community grant making. Your generous donation may be tax deductible.

**Federal Tax # 94-2860375**

*Checks payable to:*  
Nevada Women's Fund  
770 Smithridge Drive, Suite 300  
Reno, NV 89502

### NWF makes inspiring achievement simple:

- Make a general donation to support NWF's mission of inspiring achievement in women and families.
- Form a restricted scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 annually.
- Become a member of the NWF Giving Circle by making a minimum 3 year pledge of \$2,500 or more annually to award grant funds for needed community services.
- Establish an endowment account with a minimum and principal donation of \$10,000, held in perpetuity.

\$1,000    \$500    \$250    \$100

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