



## Awards

The National Association of Women Business Owners Greater Detroit Chapter presented awards to the following top Michigan business women at its annual awards luncheon: **Florine Mark** , president & CEO, WW Group Inc./Weight Watchers, Farmington Hills, Pinnacle Award; **V. Diane Freeman** , senior manager supplier diversity, General Motors Corp., Detroit, Diversity Champion Award; **Sarah Bates** , president & CEO, New Technology Steel LLC, Detroit; Rainmaker Award; and **Karen Kendrick-Hands** , owner, City Knits, Detroit, Up and Coming Award.

Also receiving awards were: **JoAnn Gibson** , owner, Non-Stop Customer Service, Detroit, Words of Wisdom Award; **Cathy Gase** , economic development specialist, U.S. Small Business Administration, Detroit Red Tape Buster Award; **Lesley Delgado** , president, StaffPro America Inc., Southfield, Warrior Award; **Corliss Barnes-Darnell** , MSCEE Skin Care Inc., Detroit, Global Business Award; **Cheryl Bush** , managing partner, Bush Seyferth Kethledge & Paige PLLC, Troy; Breakthrough Award; and **Vanessa Ghant** , owner, Person 2 Person Associates, Southfield, Giving Spirit Award.

In addition, the chapter recognized the leadership of **Susan Sherer** , executive director, Detroit Super Bowl XL Host Committee with the Greater Good Award.

## Finance

Citizens Bank appointed **John Timmerman** branch manager of the downtown Royal Oak office.

## Health care

Kadima, Southfield, hired **Marc Wiliford** of Commerce Township as accounting manager.

## Law

Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP, Detroit, elected **James B. Cunningham** of Macomb Township, a member of the corporate and securities practice area, and **Rebecca L. Donnini** of Grosse Pointe Park, a member of the trusts and estates practice area, partners.

Dykema added the following litigators to its staff: **Joel R. Bennett** (Los Angeles), antitrust, business competition and intellectual property law; **Matthew J. Fairshter** (Los Angeles), corporate, transaction and litigation matters; **Stephen N. Besser** (Los Angeles) served as director of operations on the national staff of the Legal Services Program in

Washington, D.C.; and **Betty Chia** (Los Angeles), business, health care, construction, intellectual property, real estate and securities litigation.

Also added by Dykema: **Dean E. Short** (Los Angeles), business consulting and advisory services for clients in the corporate, health care, intellectual property, banking, finance, international trade, real estate, entertainment and media matters; **Todd A. Gale** (Chicago) practices in products liability and consumer financial services; **Todd Grant Gattoni** (Detroit) practices on complex civil litigation; and **Aaron L. Vorce** (Lansing) practices on general litigation matters.

#### Market research

Morpace International Inc. appointed **Marianne Scullin** vice president of business development and will be based in Birdsboro, Pa. In addition, **Jason Mantel** was appointed research director on the automotive team in Farmington Hills.

#### Recreation

Suburban Sports Group of Farmington Hills promoted **Jeff Mitchell** as general manager at Suburban Ice-East Lansing in East Lansing and **Julie Pardoski** as general manager at Suburban Ice-Macomb in Macomb.

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