Women’s Foundation taps 6 for Annual Legends Award

Six women whose work embodies the mission of the Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis will be honored at the group's Annual Legends Award Reception on Tuesday (April 16).

The Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis (WFGM) was founded 18 years ago. It's mission is to "encourage philanthropy and foster leadership among women and support programs that enable women and children to reach their full potential."

This year's honorees are:

**Rosie Phillips Bingham, Ph.D.**

Dr. Rosie Phillips Bingham, the first African-American to serve as Vice President of Student Affairs at the University of Memphis, is a prolific writer, presenter and leader in the field of psychology.

**Kathy Buckman Gibson**

As Chairman of the Board at Buckman Laboratories International, Inc., Kathy Buckman Gibson succeeded her father, Robert Buckman, as head of the company that her grandfather, Stanley J. Buckman, created in 1945. She has devoted much time and attention to improving education and the local economy, as well as the arts.

**Carolyn Chism Hardy**

A Memphis business executive for 30 years, Carolyn Chism Hardy started Hardy Bottling Company in 2006, becoming the first African-American female to own a major brewery with the ability to manufacture over 100 million cases.

**Hazel G. Moore**

The sole proprietor of Hazel's Hair Fashion, Hazel G. Moore has spent more than 40 years as a cosmetology professional and licensed instructor. For 20 years, she has served on the Tennessee Board of Cosmetology.
Barbara U. Prescott, Ph.D.

Dr. Barbara U. Prescott has worked on the front lines to improve the education system for 30 years. She is executive director of PeopleFirst Partnership, the education and talent component of Memphis Fast Forward. A former school board member, Dr. Prescott was elected chair of the Transitional Planning Commission, which was designed to create the plan for the merger of Memphis City Schools and Shelby County Schools.

Rachel Shankman

The first woman president of Beth Shalom Synagogue, Rachel Shankman is the daughter of Holocaust concentration camp survivors. Born in a displaced persons camp in Munich, Germany and brought to the United States at an early age, Shankman in 1991 joined the staff of Facing History and Ourselves, later becoming senior director.

At A Glance:

The Legends Award Reception will be held at The Columns at One Commerce Square, 40 South Main St., from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., April 16.

The 2013 Annual Tribute Luncheon and Symposium will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Friday, April 26, at the Cook Convention Center, 255 N. Main. The featured speaker will be Shoshana Bean, Broadway actress/recording artist.

For more information, visit www.wfgm.org or call 901-578-9346.