

## **The Nomination and Donation Process**

Every year Fresno County Women Lawyers is working with the Fresno Women's Network, the La Raza Bar Association, the Hugh Goodwin Bar Association, Larcs, Fresno Madera Medical Society and the Women's Democratic Club for nominations to honor women with displays on the sixth floor of the Fresno Courthouse who made a made a substantial contribution to Fresno County in one or more of the following areas of Agriculture, Athletics, Art, Business, Cultural, Charity, Educational, Entertainment, Environment, Legal, Medical, and Political. We also welcome the participation of groups that advocate on behalf of women and minorities. If you or your group wants to become involved contact **insert**.

The current honorees with displays are Frances Goodwin - Education, Judge Annette LaRue – Legal, Margie Wright – Athletics, Coke Hallowell - Environment, Margaret Hudson - Art, Betty Rodriguez - Charity, Senator Rose Ann Vuich - Political, and Cynthia Curry, M.D – Medical.

The process is simple. Complete the nomination form by clicking \_\_\_\_\_ and submitting the form in a word or wordperfect format by **March 1** to \_\_\_\_\_. If you have not heard back from a committee member by June 1 contact **insert** regarding the status of the nomination.

If your nominee has been selected, we will contact the person or group that filled out the nominee application form and so that a second form, the honoree biographical information form can be completed by **clicking here**.

Please remember that we have lots of women who have made a difference in Fresno County, but we are looking for nominees who have made a **substantial contribution** to Fresno County who may be either deceased or alive. We are also limited on the number of honorees we can honor each year, so if your nominee is not honored this year, she may be honored the next year if another honoree application form has been submitted.

The cost of creating and installing a display for an honoree is approximately \$1,300. The displays contain a personal biographical statement, photographs of the honorees and memorabilia and/or art that is associated with the honoree. There is an approval process for the displays and uniformity in the framing of the displays but each display is unique to the honoree and is meant not only to honor the women who have been selected but also to educate the public so that more women will be encouraged to do great things through the support of the community in Fresno County.

From time to time, Fresno County Women Lawyers will hold receptions or other functions to continue this project. If you would like to contribute, you can draft a check to the Court Facilities Foundation, which is a 501(c) organization (Tax Identification Number **77-045-7294**) that was set up to support the improvement of the Fresno Courthouse, and send the **check to** \_\_\_\_\_ so we can earmark your contribution for the Fresno County Women Lawyers Women's Hall of Fame. Currently,

there are three sponsors who are listed below the Vision plaque on the first floor of the Courthouse which have donated \$2,000 each. A person or business may donate \$2,000 over a two year period with payments of \$500 every six months prior to a name plate being added to the list of sponsors.

Women's Hall of Fame was created to honor outstanding women who The logo for the Fresno County Women Lawyers Women's Hall of Fame was designed by local graphic artist Joe Garcia and the metal sculpture of the logo is by local artist Chris Sorenson. The border of two torches with flames symbolizes eternal honor--the olive branches caring and hope--the ribbon connects reflect the connection between all humanity. The Latin phrase "Possunt quia posse videntur" means "they can because they think they can", or in other words, the power of positive thinking.

The initial primary committee members, and the group they represent which made the idea to have displays honoring Fresno County woman a reality are:

Karen L. Lynch, Esq., Fresno County Women Lawyers  
Linda K. Durost, Esq., Fresno County Women Lawyers  
Sister MaryAnne DiVincenzo, Fresno Women's Network  
Carole Laval, Fresno Women's Network  
Mary Stanley, National Women's Political Caucus  
Rosalie Kelly, Women's Democratic Club  
Lorrie Anthony, Esq., Fresno District Attorney  
Melissa L. White, Esq., Fresno District Attorney  
Pat Kourafas, LARCS  
Priscilla Craft, Esq., LARCS  
Sarah Wolfe Esq., Fresno County Women Lawyers  
Kay McKenzie Parker, Esq., Hugh Goodwin Bar Association  
Marina Sorlie Gonzales, Esq., LaRaza Lawyers  
Carole Rau, Fresno Madera Medical Society

The sponsors of the project to date are:

McCormick Barstow LLP  
Baker Manock & Jensen.  
Fresno Women's Network