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2009 “E” Award Recipients Announced

The Council and Foundation are excited to announce the recipients of the 2009 “E” Awards for Economic Excellence and Equality. This year, a woman from each of the State’s three grand divisions who has distinguished herself in a specific field or life commitment that has contributed to improving the lives of girls and women in Tennessee will be recognized. The 2009 recipients are Lisa Smithgall of Johnson City, Mary Clement of Nashville, and Dr. Shirley Raines of Memphis.

Lisa Smithgall currently serves as Vice President of Women’s and Children’s Services for Mountain States Health Alliance. Ms. Smithgall’s work, more than 25 years dedicated to improving the health of women and children, recently culminated in the opening of Niswonger Children’s Hospital on the campus of Johnson City Medical Center.

She is also an active member of the community outside the hospital. For 13 years, she was a volunteer for the Girl Scouts of the USA and served as a Group Leader. She is a current board member for the Northeast TN Council of the American Lung Association and is also now

serving on the Board of Directors for the Tennessee Hospital Association. Mary Clement is Director of Consumer Affairs for the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance. Over the years, Ms. Clement has been involved with various non-profit organizations. She serves on the Advisory

Board for Congressional Families for Breast Cancer Awareness, Congressional Families Cancer Prevention program of the Prevent Cancer Foundation, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee, the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center at Vanderbilt, the Dyer Observatory, the Described as “powerful, prepared and personable,” she has become known for her effective work in building productive partnerships on and off the campus. As a community leader, Dr. Raines serves as a past chair of the Memphis Regional Chamber of Commerce and on the board of directors of several non-profit organizations, including Memphis Tomorrow, local PBS station WKNO, and the Higher Education Division of United Way.

The 2009 “E” Awards will be presented during the Summit luncheon featuring Gloria Steinem.



Award Winners (l to r): Lisa Smithgall of Johnson City, Mary Clement of Nashville and Dr. Shirley Raines of Memphis

Nashville Children’s Theatre and The Hermitage, home of President Andrew Jackson.

Dr. Shirley C. Raines became the 11th president of the University of Memphis on July 1, 2001. She is the first woman to hold the presidency of the University, which was founded in 1912.

If you would like to honor one of the 2009 “E” Award winners with a congratulatory ad in the Summit program book, please contact Yvonne Wood at ycwood@aol.com or (615) 444-9663.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW ONLINE!!

Application deadline is Sept. 14, 2009

www.womenseconomicfoundation.org

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Early Bird Registration Closes OCTOBER 1st



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The Council and the Women’s Economic Council Foundation recognize that by continuing their education women can drastically increase their earnings potential. In recognition of this fact the Foundation first added scholarships to the Summit program two years ago. For the third Summit in a row six women will be awarded \$1,000 scholarships at this year’s Economic Summit for Women. Three scholarships will be awarded to graduating senior high-school girls and three will be awarded to non-traditional students. Scholarships will be presented by Tennessee First Lady Andrea Conte at the Summit’s opening session.

The criteria for selection will be academic achievement and financial need as well as leadership and participation in community activities. The deadline for submissions this year is September 14th. All scholarship materials and more information on submissions can be accessed on the Foundation website: www.womenseconomicfoundation.org.

PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT:

TENNESSEE WOMEN’S POLITICAL CAUCUS

In 1998, the Women’s Economic Council was created by the General Assembly thanks to the hard work of many talented and dedicated women who realized that policy changes require reliable and timely information. The Tennessee Women’s Political Caucus was at the forefront of that effort and the Council is proud to continue that partnership with the Economic Summit for Women.

“Partnering with the Summit is a way for the Caucus to showcase the work accomplished by both organizations and

to provide continuing support for the Council,” said Sandra Bennett, President of the TWPC.

The Caucus, a bipartisan organization, is an active voice on Capitol Hill for women and families in Tennessee and is involved in passing legislation relating to health care, insurance, property rights, divorce and custody and equal pay and many other topics vital to the improvement of our economic status. If you are not a member of the Caucus, please consider joining your voice to their cause.

“Everyday Politics for Everyday Women” Legislative Advocacy Workshop Returns

Last year the Council offered this half-day workshop on political and legislative processes for the first time. It returns this year with another round of great speakers to answer questions about politics and how you can become involved.

The workshop will take place October 18th at the Cool Springs Marriott (the same location as the Summit) from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

During first session, “Women’s Political Legacy—Passing It Forward,” Carole Bucy, founder of the Tennessee Women’s History Project, will present “Women’s Political Legacy—Passing it Forward.” Representative Brenda Gilmore and Erica Gilmore, Metro Davidson County Coun-

cilwoman, will present “Leading Our Daughters to a Political Life.” The second session, “Real Women in a Political World,” will be a panel made up of Manchester City Mayor Betty Superstein, Morgan County Executive Becky Ruppe, and Tennessee State Representative Karen D. Camper.

Registration information is available on the Foundation’s website. This year’s event will also include networking opportunities with organizations that encourage women to be involved in the political process. If your organization would like to be a part of presenting this invaluable workshop, please contact Sandra Bennett at sgbennett-tecw@hotmail.com.

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Monday, October 19, 2009

Marriott Cool Springs

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Franklin, TN 37067

Room Reservations: 615-261-6100

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Please return registration form by October 9, 2009. Enclose Check made payable to Women's Economic Council Foundation or Credit Card Information (see below) to: Yvonne Wood, Summit Coordinator, 405 Westland Drive, Lebanon, TN 37087. Fax: 615-444-6611. You may register online at www.womenseconomicfoundation.org or www.tennesseewomen.org.

Early Registration Ends October 1, 2009

Registration Options	Rates before October 1	Rates after October 1	Total Cost
Registration – Includes Sunday afternoon Political Workshop and Monday Summit (Includes Breakfast, Lunch, two breaks, and Summit conference)	\$125.00	\$135.00	
Registration for Summit only (includes breakfast, two breaks, lunch, and Summit program)	\$90.00	\$95.00	
Luncheon Only	\$60.00	\$65.00	
Student Fee – Includes Breakfast, Lunch, two breaks, and Summit program (For full time students only. Student ID will be required at Registration)	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Sunday Workshop- “Everyday Politics for Everyday Women”	\$35.00	\$40.00	
Workshop Partnering Organizations	\$75.00	\$80.00	
Special Corporate/Organization Rates for Table of 10 Luncheon (Buying a Table for 10 saves \$100.00)	\$500.00	\$560.00	
CIRCLE the Credit Card you are using: Mastercard or VISA Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____ Signature _____ Cancellation Fee is \$30.00. No refunds will be made after September 30, 2009			

Accommodations: Make hotel reservations directly with Franklin Marriott Cool Springs Hotel; ask for the special Women's Economic Council Foundation rate of \$101.00 plus tax. Absolute Cut-off for rooms at special rates at the Marriott is September 25, 2009. Make your room reservations early.

If you need assistance, you may contact: Yvonne wood at ycwood@aol.com, 615-444-9663 or 615-969-2857, or Jennifer Rawls at jennifer.l.rawls@state.tn.us, 615-253-4264.