



# Economic Summit for Women

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## 2008 Summit a Stellar Success

More than 600 Tennesseans attended the 2008 Economic Summit for Women on October 27, 2008. "It was a record breaking day for us," said Dr. Carol Berz, Chair of the Council and Women's Economic Council Foundation. "We appreciate the support and encouragement from all

those who attended. Even more, however, we appreciate the time and expertise they offered." Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Robin Gerber and DeLores Pressley spoke to standing-room only crowds. "The excitement and energy was palpable," said Berz.



**SUMMIT** - (from top right) 2008 Scholarships Chair **Pat Pierce**, Retired Supreme Court Justice **Sandra Day O'Connor** & Council Chair **Carol Berz**; Tennessee Senator **Thelma Harper** and Keynote speaker **DeLores Pressley**; First Tennessee's **Tony Thompson**; 2008 "E" Award Winners **Mary Wilder**, **Susan Lodal**, **Betty Nixon**, **Cynthia Moxley**, **Kathy Walsh**, **Joan Bolden** & **Carolyn Tucker** with presenting state legislators Rep. **Nathan Vaughn**, Rep. **Janis Sontany**, Rep. **Sherry Jones**, Sen. **Mike Williams** & Rep. **Mary Pruitt**; Summit keynote speaker, author **Robin Gerber**; Tennessee Supreme Court Chief Justice **Janice Holder**.



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**October 19th**

**Cool Springs Marriott**



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# Congratulations to 2008 WECF Scholarship Recipients

First Lady Andrea Conte presented seven scholarships at the 2008 Economic Summit for Women. "These young women represent the very best of Tennessee's future," said Patricia Pierce, Co-Chair of the 2008 Scholarship Committee. "The accomplishments these women have already achieved is remarkable and we are privileged to play a part in their continued success."

Three scholarships were awarded to non-traditional students and four were presented to high school seniors who will begin college next year. Joining the Foundation in awarding these scholarships was the Girl Scouts who selected the first Gold Award Girl Scout scholarship.



Rachel Dix  
Siegel High School  
Girl Scout Recipient



Ashley Montooth  
Livingston Academy  
High School Recipient



Melissa Moore  
Bolton High School  
High School Recipient



Ashley Story  
Halls High School  
High School Recipient



LaShonda Boyd-Williams  
Bartlett, TN  
Non-Traditional Recipient



Kenisha Frierson  
Nashville, TN  
Non-Traditional Recipient



Madonna Fajardo Kemp  
Chattanooga, TN  
East Tennessee

## EVERYDAY POLITICS FOR EVERYDAY WOMEN

On Sunday, October 26, 2008, the Foundation presented the first "Everyday Politics for Everyday Women" workshop. The workshop was designed to help women identify ways they can become involved in the political process, regardless of their political party affiliation, their level of experience or their economic status.

"This year we've seen again what women's interest in the political process means," said Sandra Bennett, Chair of the workshop. "We were thrilled with the interest in this work-

shop and the comments received were extremely positive."

As a result of the popularity of and need for continued information and encouragement, the workshop will be offered again with the 2009 Summit.



Tomeka Hart  
of the Memphis Urban League, Inc. addresses the workshop audience.



(L to R) Kim McMillan, Leslie Hafner, Mary Francis Lyle and Mayor Jo Ann Graves offered their insights about women in politics at the Every Politics for Everyday Women workshop.



Nashville Vice Mayor Diane Neighbors, Blount Co. Commissioner Wendy Pitts Reeves (top l to r) and St. Thomas Chief Operating Officer Bev Weber (bottom right) at Summit.

## MONEY DAY

You may have seen information about an upcoming Council event in your Summit information packet. Due to scheduling conflicts, Money Day will not be held on March 2, 2009. Information will be forthcoming about the event.



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