



The 2018 OWL Award recipients are (from left) Jennifer Prell, Karen Lambert, Susan McConnell, and Joy Wagner.



Inaugural OWL Awards Recognize Outstanding Women Leaders

ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2018 the Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) Women’s Biz Net (WBN) honored four local women leaders during the Chamber’s inaugural Outstanding Women Leaders (OWL) Awards Luncheon at the Biltmore Country Club in North Barrington.

The first class of OWL Award Recipients recognized at the luncheon are Karen Lambert, president of Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, for Professional Excellence; Joy Wagner, RN, BSN, and founder of fitMS® NeuroBalance Center, for Community Impact; Susan McConnell, founder and executive director of Let It Be Us, for Non-profit Leadership; and Jennifer Prell, founder and president of Paxem, Inc. and Elderwerks, for Mentorship and Education.

“These four amazing women leaders serve as role models, breaking barriers and setting the bar high for their accomplishments professionally and to the community,” said BACC President/CEO Suzanne Corr. “We developed the OWL awards to thank women leaders who make a tremendous impact on the lives of others. They have important stories that others should hear.”

The OWL Awards were created by the BACC WBN Council to recognize women for their inspiring work in one of four categories: Professional Excellence—excelling in their profession and setting the standard in their field; Community Impact—giving back and making an impact on the Barrington community; Nonprofit Leadership—working to provide important resources to the community and excelling an important cause; and Mentorship and Education—mentoring and improving the lives of others through education.

MEET THE HONOREES

Karen Lambert is president of Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, an institution that has earned numerous distinctions under her leadership, including Magnet nursing designation and recognition among the Nation’s 50 Top Cardiovascular Hospitals by Truven Health Analytic.

Joy Wagner, RN, BSN, is founder of fitMS® NeuroBalance Center, a not-for-profit 501(c)3 public charity started in 2010 to provide services to address the unmet needs of the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) population and all those with neuromuscular conditions that threaten independence.

Susan McConnell is the founder and executive

director of Let It Be Us, the first nonprofit in the state dedicated to the adoption and education of children within the Illinois foster care system.

Jennifer Prell is founder and president of Paxem, Inc., a Senior Move Management and Senior Relocation Company, and Elderwerks, a complimentary service helping to find assisted-living or any type of senior housing or elder care solutions.

ABOUT WOMEN’S BIZ NET

The Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce’s Women’s Biz Net (WBN) is a network of women empowering women. WBN offers monthly meetings and programs that bring relevant topics, networking opportunities and a forum for building relationships that can enhance your business aspirations and enrich your life. The monthly meetings are dedicated to gather professional women to inspire, enrich, empower and benefit from the unique talents of extraordinary women. For more information, contact the Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce at 847-381-2525 or visit www.BarringtonChamber.com.





BACC President Suzanne Corr



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