

Graduates of Global Women's Leadership Network's WLW Program Achieve Amazing Success with Projects around the World

June 19 event will showcase accomplishments

“In one year the 2005 graduates of the GWLN Women Leaders for the World program have already accomplished so much.” These are the words of Maureen Ross, Network of Care, a Women Leaders for the World (WLW) graduate.

The Global Women's Leadership Network (GWLN) is hosting an event from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM on Monday, June 19 at Xerox Parc in Palo Alto to showcase last year's WLW graduates and introduce some of the women who will participate in the July 22-30, 2006, program.

Meg Taylor, founder of Lending Promise, a micro lending organization for Nepalese women; Joan Banich, founder of the G.O.O.D driver program; and Patricia Rain, the Vanilla Queen, will report on their first year's progress.

The keynote speaker will be Lydia Bakaki, a women's land rights advocate. Through Lydia's effort, last October, fifty Ugandan women – survivors of domestic violence – received one acre of farmland each. This land will enable the women and their children to own a home and to have a livelihood for life, after many years of surviving through the charity of relatives and friends.

The July 2006 WLW participants will speak about their projects ranging from the environment to coral reef reconstruction to a women's center in Santa Clara County.

The public is invited to this celebration and forward looking event. There will be a nominal fee for admission and a chance to support the Global Women's Leadership Network through a silent auction and raffle.

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If space permits, here are some words about the organization.

About The Global Women's Leadership Network

Today's economic, social, political, technological, spiritual, and environmental challenges demand new levels of creativity, talent, and innovation. The Global Women's Leadership Network sponsored by the Leavey School of Business at Santa Clara University is working to meet this demand by building an international network of women leaders who dare to transform the future of their organizations, communities, and the world.

GWLN provides programs that cultivate powerful international leaders and establish worldwide connections that will support their success. Through these women, we touch the lives of many more.