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Marin Women's Hall of Fame Class of 2019 Announced

(Marin, CA, January 30, 2019) We are pleased to announce the five women who will be inducted into the 2019 Women's Hall of Fame, and we invite the community to attend the event on Thursday, March 28, 2019. Though the areas of impact vary greatly among the honorees, shared passion, dedication, wit and hard work drive this inspiring group of women to ensure the progress and well-being of Marin's citizens.

Tickets may be purchased at bit.ly/MWHF2019 and more information can be found on our website at www.mwhf.org.

Before the Marin Women's Hall of Fame, virtually no records of women's achievements had been recorded in Marin County. In its mission to empower women and eliminate racism, YWCA San Francisco and Marin stewards this annual event, ensuring a legacy for future generations that documents not only successes, but also represents a diverse sisterhood of women supporting each other, standing together and moving the needle on progress for all women.

Please join the Marin Women's Hall of Fame in welcoming and congratulating this year's 2019 Honorees:

Afaf Ibrahim Meleis, Ph.D., FAAN

Dean Emerita, University of Pennsylvania, Professor Emerita, University of California, San Francisco, Trustee Board Member, Buck Institute for Research on Aging and Aga Khan University

Afaf Meleis has worked tirelessly globally for the advancement of women's health and the discipline of nursing, first in her 34 years of professorship at UCSF, later as Dean Emerita of the University of Pennsylvania's School of Nursing, and through leadership in organizations such as CARE, Global Health Council and International Council on Women's Health Issues. She continues to inform and transform the landscape of healthcare education, scholarship, and social policy through her publications, books, consultations and keynote speeches, and through her mentorship and memberships as a trustee at the Buck Institute for Research on Aging, Aga Khan University and the Macy Foundation Faculty Scholars Review Committee.

Cheryl Sorokin, J.D.

Group Executive Vice President and Corporate Secretary (fmr.), Bank of America, President, Marin Villages, and Board Secretary, AAUW

Cheryl Sorokin started at Bank of America as a lawyer working on major corporate lending and leasing transactions, and eventually became Group Executive Vice President and Corporate Secretary. Despite considerable gender discrimination, she climbed the corporate ladder and provided crucial mentorship and insight to many women along the way. Cheryl has devoted countless hours to leadership in multiple nonprofits, sharing her governance expertise, and using her networking and mentoring skills to help make a difference in the community at large. She is currently President of Marin Villages and has served as President of AAUW Marin and is now the AAUW National Board Secretary.

Frances White, Ph.D.

Superintendent/President Emerita, College of Marin

Frances White has served as a faculty member and administrator for a number of Bay Area community colleges for over 40 years, including as President of Skyline College in San Bruno and College of Marin in Kentfield. Frances has continued her work in education as an educational consultant, and university lecturer in the Ed.D. educational leadership program at San Francisco State University for the past 10 years. She has earned numerous local, state and national awards, and accolades for her leadership in higher education. She is a passionate supporter of the arts and has also served as Board Chair of the Marin Symphony. Frances is a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow, and is a past president of the Rotary Club of San Rafael.

Jeannine Herron, Ph.D.

Research Neuropsychologist, Director, Talking Fingers, Inc.

In the early 60's, Jeannine was active in the civil rights revolution in Mississippi, where she co-founded the first Head Start project in the country. That experience led her to a lifetime of interest in how the brain learns to read, and how to improve reading instruction. She carried out research at UCSF investigating the organization of the brain in left-handers and dyslexics. She later founded Talking Fingers, Inc., winning five Small Business Innovative Research grants from NIH to develop software curricula for early literacy. She is currently donating her software, training services, and her book *Making Speech Visible* in Mississippi, collaborating with the Department of Education and other agencies, optimistically planting seeds for a "literacy rights revolution" there.

Lynn O'Malley Taylor, J.D.

Marin County Superior Court Judge (ret.)

Lynn O'Malley Taylor began her career as a teacher, attending law school at night before joining a private practice and later becoming the first woman elected to the Marin County Municipal Court in 1982. Judge O'Malley Taylor has served as a faculty member at the California Judicial College, President of her rotary chapter, and President of the Marin Council of the Boy Scouts of America, one of the chapters that labored tirelessly to eliminate the BSA National Council's sexual orientation discrimination policy. She has also served as volunteer faculty providing continuing legal education for judges and lawyers at numerous prestigious institutions including the California Center for Judicial Education and Research, Stanford University Law School and University of San Francisco Law School.

ABOUT MARIN WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

Since 1987, MWHF has publicly honoring the achievements of Marin women, preserving their stories, educating the public and inspiring the continued achievements of women and girls. YWCA San Francisco & Marin is thrilled to act as the stewards of the Marin Women's Hall of Fame, and we celebrate the successes and growth of women's contributions each year. We look forward to welcoming these exceptional women into the Marin Women's Hall of Fame on Thursday, March 28th, 2019 at Peacock Gap Event Center, and we hope to see you there.

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