

Greater San Antonio 8th Annual Women in Leadership Symposium



Panelists from left to right: Matari Jones-Gunter, Deb Schroeder, Sally Aguilar, Urvi Bhandari, Lt. Colonel Joanne MacGregor, Janet Pollock, SPHR, and Elizabeth Zeno, AIA

The 8th Annual Greater San Antonio Women in Leadership Symposium was held at The Club at Sonterra on Thursday, March 8th, 2012. A lively, diverse group of leaders from numerous organizations in the local area attended the Symposium, where topics relevant to women in leadership and those aspiring to become leaders were addressed. This year's event presented the theme of "Women Leaders as Architects of Change".

With a capacity-filled room of business leaders, HR Professionals, leaders from higher-education institutions and students, this annual event brought together participants from various backgrounds and professions. Although the event began early, there was a great energy in the room as women and men alike networked and took advantage of the opportunity to make contacts and create connections before

settling into their seats. At the conclusion of the networking period, the tables were completely full as the attendees were served a delicious plated breakfast. The informative topics of discussion were:

- "Becoming a Person of Influence"
- "Cross-Cultural Leadership: Women Bridging the Racial Divide"
- "The 'M' Factor in Mentoring for Leadership and Success"
- "I'm a Woman. I'm Invincible... and I'm Exhausted! (Work-Life Balance)"
- "Personal Branding: Accessorizing Your Assets"
- "Leading the Pack: Women Innovators in the Military"

The aim of this year's discussion was to share what it means to be a

woman in a leadership role; how to succeed in personal business and finance' and the importance of creating a stable circle of support within as well as out of the workplace.

Many of the guests commented as they left the venue, "It was a great event and we're looking forward to next year's Symposium!"