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Association says ‘Bravo’ to local women in business

Awards dinner honors female entrepreneurs

The Ventura County Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) will honor women business owners for their work and their contributions to the community at the Bravo Awards Dinner from 6 to 10 p.m. Fri., Oct. 19 at the Wood Ranch Golf Club, 301 Wood Ranch Parkway, Simi Valley.

The recipients of the 2012 Bravo Awards are:

Woman Business Owner of the Year: Alison Balter, founder of InfoTech Services Group Inc.

Innovator of the Year: Michelle Stevens, owner of The Refill Shoppe.

Rising Star of the Year: Heather Bernardi, owner of Rocket Fizz Soda and Candy, Thousand Oaks.

Community Advocate of the Year: Leigh Nixon, president/ CEO of Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Young Woman Entrepreneur of the Year: Gabriella Brignardello, founder of Mi Casa de Angeles.

NAWBO-VC Member of the Year: Carol Gravelle, owner of Carol Gravelle Graphic Design.

Military Woman of the Year: Chief Petty Officer Deanna Robison.

The keynote speaker at the dinner will be Ann Deal, founder and CEO of Fashion Forms, an international company started in 1987 and based in Ventura since 1993. Deal has built a multimillion dollar business and is an active philanthropist.

Tickets are \$60 by Oct. 9 and \$75 after that date. For reservations or more information, visit www.nawbovc.org or call (877) 629-2682.