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KNIGHTS OF AK-SAR-BEN COURT OF HONOR INDUCTEES ANNOUNCED

August 3, 2009, Omaha, NE - The Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation in conjunction with the Ak-Sar-Ben Women's Ball Committee announced the individuals who will be inducted into the 2009 Ak-Sar-Ben Court of Honor. The ceremonies will take place at the annual Ak-Sar-Ben Coronation Ball scheduled for Saturday, October 10, at the Qwest Center in Omaha, Nebraska.

The Ak-Sar-Ben Court of Honor, established in 1988, is one of the Foundation's most prestigious awards. The recognition is given annually to individuals who have excelled in one of the following categories: Agriculture, Arts, Business and Industry, Community Service, Education, Philanthropy, Professions, Public Service, Sports or Youth.

This year's inductees are:

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| Anne Thorne Weaver | Omaha, NE | Arts |
| Alice M. Dittman | Lincoln, NE | Business and Industry |
| Delmer and Phyllis Toebben | Omaha, NE | Community Service and Philanthropy |
| Dr. Kim Hoogeveen | Omaha, NE | Professions |

Anne Thorne Weaver was born and raised in Des Moines, Iowa and graduated from Roosevelt High School and Bradford Junior College. She married Philip Weaver and they moved to Omaha, Nebraska.

Weaver, a philanthropist has served on numerous boards and provided expertise to organizations such as Opera Omaha, Omaha Community Playhouse, Museum of Nebraska Art, Nebraska Methodist Hospital Foundation, Nebraska Humane Society Foundation, Family and Child Service, United Way and Western Heritage Museum. She is currently on the Omaha Symphony Governing Board and the Salvation Army and Lied Center for Performing Arts Advisory Boards. Her leadership skills have benefited Planned Parenthood, the Volunteer Bureau, Town Hall and the Salvation Army Auxiliary.

Anne has received many recognitions and awards such as the Methodist Hospital Foundation Community Service Award, Silver Rose Opera Omaha Award, Salvation Army Evangeline Booth Award, Junior League of Omaha Roll of Honor, and the YWCA Award for Community Service.

In May of 2008, the Omaha Performing Arts announced the Anne Thorne Weaver Lounge located inside the Orpheum Theater in honor of Anne.

Anne's children are Wendy Clark, Philip Weaver, Laura Weaver and two grandchildren, James and Ashley Clark.

Alice M. Dittman was born in Lincoln, Nebraska to George and Cecile Meyer Frampton and moved to Des Moines, Iowa where her father started Iowa State Bank. Years later the family moved back to Lincoln, Nebraska where Alice spent her senior year at Lincoln High School. She went on to attend four years at University of Nebraska Lincoln as a Business major. The following year she was at the Harvard-Radcliffe Program in Business at Cambridge, MA. With a Masters from UNL in Finance and Management and a thesis on what makes some small banks more profitable than others, she went to work in Davey, Nebraska at the Farmers State Bank. In 1955, following his tour in the Navy, Alice married Marcus W. Dittman, a fellow UNL student and Agriculture Major. In 1959 they both started a new bank in Central City, Nebraska and began their family. Being the first woman bank President in Lincoln and Omaha led to many opportunities in community service. Mrs. Dittman has served as chairman of the Bryan Hospital Board of Directors, as chairman of Nebraska Electronic Transfer System, St. Paul United Methodist Church Fiancé Committee, YWCA Capital Funds Campaign, and as President of Winding River Girl Scout Council, to name a few. She has held numerous positions in the banking industry. Alice has served as chairman for the American Bankers Association and Nebraska Bankers Association, as well as President of Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Dittman has three children; Dawn Dittman Coronado, John Frampton Dittman, and Douglas Scott Dittman and seven grandchildren.

Phyllis J. Toebben was born and raised in Blue Hill, Nebraska and graduated from Blue Hill High School in 1950. In 1954, she graduated from University of Nebraska with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work and Psychology. She was employed from 1954 to 1958 as a Medical Social Worker at University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Her early volunteer involvement was with school and church organizations, 4-H, Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls; and other related activities. She later became involved in community services such as President of the University Hospital Auxiliary Board, Meyer Children's Rehabilitation Institute and Salvation Army Auxiliary Board. Phyllis has served and chaired numerous committees for Omaha Symphony Show House, Clarkson Hospital Style Show, Joslyn Art Museum, Henry Doorly Zoo, Lutheran Hospital Auxiliary Board, Quality Living Institute Guild Board, and Friends of Lied Center for Performing Arts.

Phyllis is the recipient of the Salvation Army Evangeline Booth Award and the Concordia University Crest of Christ Award.

Delmer L Toebben was born and raised in Arlington, Nebraska and graduated from Arlington High School in 1948. He attended University of Nebraska, Lincoln, and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration in 1952. Del served in The United States Army in Korea, completing active duty in August 1954. He then pursued his graduate studies at the University of Nebraska Lincoln in 1954-1955. Toebben was employed by Wiebe Enterprises in 1955, then Valmont Industries, Inc., and eventually served as President of Curzon Advertising and Display until retirement in 1999.

Del has served as President for the American Cancer Society, and Combined Health Appeal Drive (CHAD), as well as served on Higher Education Boards at Concordia University, [Nebraska], and on Methodist College in Omaha. Del has served as an Ak-Sar-Ben Area Ambassador for over 30 years, as well as an officer and board member of numerous non-profit organizations, charities and his church.

Del is the recipient of Ralston Area Chamber of Commerce, Citizen of the Year Award; Ak-Sar-Ben Centennial Jubilee Award; Concordia University, Nebraska, Crest of Christ Award; and Meritorious Service Award, Korea, US Army.

Phyllis and her husband Del are 4th generation Nebraskans and they have three children; Jennifer Link, Mark Toebben and Scott Toebben, and 5 grandchildren.

Dr. Kim Hoogeveen was born in Cherokee, Iowa and at age two moved to Elliot, Iowa and graduated from Griswold Community High School. He then attended Iowa State University for six years and earned three degrees-Bachelors, Masters and Specialist degree-all in psychology.

Dr. Hoogeveen is the founder and current President and CEO of Quality Living, Inc. (QLI) which has grown to employ 500 people and become the largest and most comprehensive service provider of its kind in the nation. He developed QLI's unique clinical model, Tri-Dimensional Rehabilitation and the leadership at QLI is based on his "Seven Principles of Leadership". QLI has been awarded the #1 Best Place to Work in Omaha in 2005, 2006, and 2007. In 2002, Dr. Hoogeveen created a massive and innovative leadership training curriculum and started a new company, MindSet. Kim is a public sector arbitrator, an adjunct faculty member at the University of Nebraska Lincoln, a founding member of the Bellevue Community Foundation, served as a long-time member of the board for Nebraska Special Olympics, and served as a member of the advisory board for Bellevue University as well as consultant to numerous non-profit organizations. Dr. Hoogeveen has been honored as a "Champion for Children" by the Bellevue Community School District, recognized by Goodwill as the Outstanding Person of the Year, Distinguished Lecturer for American Healthcare Association, and Keynote Leadership Award at the American Brain Injury Association.

Kim and his wife Lu, have two sons, Brett and Blake.

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