

2018 Outstanding Women of Today Small Business

Gillian Allen



- Owner of The Cat's Pajamas and North DFW Mobile Notary
- Cat's Pajamas provides shirts for charity organization, churches, as well as fundraising groups
- Volunteered her Notary skills to help the Dallas County District Attorney
- Very active in the Dallas Altrusa Club serving as President and other capacities
- Donated time and shirts for Susan Komen walk for Breast Cancer
- She started a Helping Hands group for the wives when her husband was in the British Royal Navy
- Regularly "pays things forward" with no fanfare or recognition

Donna Collins-Yamini



- Chef & owner of Jelly Queens
- 13-time world award winning Champagne Jelly product
- Committed to her staff's happiness with a values' driven organization
- Not concerned with income but making a good environment for staff and clients they serve
- Master instructor in Chinese Physics art of Feng Shui
- Chosen to be one of the top 100 chefs in America out of 39,000 on MasterChef with Gordon Ramsey
- Dedicated community activist and spiritual leader
- "Leave every person, space and thing better than you found them."

Marylynne Henry



- Owner of Friends Place Adult Day Services in De Soto a franchise of Friends Place, Richardson
- Left a successful corporate job to care for her husband with brain injury
- Bought and renovated a building near her home. Turned it into a person-centered facility with accessibility to the entire family
- Used her experience to help as Technology Director for both Baylor Healthcare services and imc2 (an Interactive Marketing Firm)
- Serves on the Pastoral Care Committee at her church and maintains a 40+ person care concerns list
- Works with and for Veterans in the community organizing events and donations

Marcie Johnson



- Attorney with the Johnson Firm
- JD from Texas Tech in 2005
- Does estate planning and elder law – volunteers herself to other attorneys for help with complicated Medicaid issues
- Volunteers in the community as an Ad Litem attorney
- Authored several books on these subjects
- Selected as one of the Best Lawyers in Dallas 2016 and 2018 by D Magazine

Sandy Palisch



- Owner and CEO of Simply Organic Soap and Good, Clean Fun, Inc since 2015
- Also, with Mary Kay, Inc. since 1996
- Certified Soap Maker through the Handcrafted Soap and Cosmetic Guild
- MBA from the University of Alaska
- She and husband Terry are married 30 years and have 3 wonderfully educated and successful sons
- Serves on Richardson's Cultural Arts Commission, and mentored for 3 years in Leadership Richardson
- Very active as Volunteer Coordinator and other duties for Jesuit High School sports

Crystal Walker



- Founding Partner of Idea Fountain, Inc.
- Area of concentration is Team Building and Casino events
- Helpful to others in the hospitality industry
- Very passionate about her work and about promoting and helping the next generation of event professionals
- Active in professional organizations related to her field often holding major offices
- Uses extreme creativity and strong leadership to put on her events and encourages her employees to do the same