



## Women of Vision Breakfast Overview

For many years, the Atlanta Business League (ABL) has recognized African-American female business owners, professionals, community and civic leaders in Metropolitan Atlanta. In 1994, the Atlanta Business League (ABL) published its inaugural list of "**Atlanta's Top 100 Black Women of Influence.**" The list reflects the names of black women in the metro Atlanta community who have reached senior level positions within their profession, are leading entrepreneurs in their industry or have attained the ability to influence large public bodies politically and in government. In addition to professional accomplishments, the "**100 Black Women of Influence**" have demonstrated their commitment to the citizenry of Metro Atlanta by maintaining significant involvement and participation in community and civic activities.

Each year hundreds of key African-American business owners and professionals participate in the **Women of Vision (WOV) Breakfast** because this program has proven to provide productive dialogue and increased exposure for the individuals. The **WOV Breakfast** provides an educational opportunity for individuals at all levels representing middle school to corporate America to meet and interact with women in leading positions throughout Metro Atlanta. For many it is a source of hope displaying living examples and an enlightening experience to know that opportunities avail themselves for African-American women.

In February 2000, ABL instituted the **Women's Hall of Fame** as a part of Women of Vision Breakfast. Female pioneers who have paved the way for others to follow in their respective arenas are inducted into the Hall of Fame. The 2010 inductee Rev. Dr. Juel Pate Borders-Benson joins the inaugural inductees from the 2000 inductees Mrs. Billye Aaron, Xernona Clayton-Brady, Dr. Johnnetta Cole, the late Mrs. Coretta Scott King and Dr. Barbara King. The **Women's Hall of Fame** also includes 2001 inductees Chief Beverly Harvard, Monica Kaufman, Renee Lewis Glover, Ingrid Saunders Jones, Evelyn Lowery and Lottie Watkins; 2002 inductees Dr. Shirley Bradley Carmack, Judge Glenda Hatchett, Mayor Patsy Jo Hilliard and Mrs. Evelyn Lowery; 2003 inductees Hattie Dorsey, The Honorable Mayor Shirley Franklin and the late Orah Belle Sherman; 2004 inductees Henrietta Antoinin, Juanita Baranco, and the Honorable Judge Thelma Wyatt Cummings Moore; 2005 inductees Myrtle R. Davis, Christine King Farris, and Sheryl Riley-Gripper; 2006 inductees Juanita Abernathy, Evern Cooper Epps; 2007 inductees Alice White Bussey, Dr. Beverly Hall, and Dr. Brenda Jones Justice Leah Sears; and 2008 inductees Juanita Sellers Stone and Dorothy Norwood, and 2009 inductees Vicki Palmer and Stephanie Hughley.

Each Woman of Influence receives a pin commemorating her selection and the Hall of Fame inductees receive a crystal award from Tiffany's.