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Tapestry Dedication Award Winner Announced

Tapestry Speakers and Sponsors Introduced at Media Event

Tapestry—A Day for Women, is less than a dozen weeks away, and today, (Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009) several major announcements concerning the April 24th event were made, including the main speakers, sponsors, and the recipient of the annual Dedication Award.

Indianapolis native Elliott Engel returns to Tapestry as the morning keynote speaker with his presentation on the lives of Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning. Using anecdotes, analysis, and large doses of humor, Engel will recount their story of engagement, marriage, and poetic contributions. Engel is an international lecturer and professor at North Carolina State University.

The luncheon keynote speaker is Clinton Kelly, co-host of TLC's *What Not To Wear*. His presentation, "Seven Steps to Developing Healthy Style-Esteem," outlines how building a wardrobe for your outside can improve how you feel on the inside. Kelly has served in numerous editorial positions at major fashion magazines. He received a bachelors degree in communications from Boston College and a masters degree in journalism from Northwestern University.

Parkview Health was recognized as Tapestry's founding partner and sponsor. Ruth Stone, Tapestry project manger, thanked all the other businesses and groups who have supported Tapestry with their funds, products, and or services, and announced there will be 14 breakout sessions at this year's event.

A highlight of the afternoon was the announcement of the recipient of the Dedication Award. Each year, Tapestry is dedicated to a female role model whose positive activities have encompassed all

Key Info

➤ *Tapestry, A Day for Women*

➤ *Friday, April 24, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

➤ *Memorial Coliseum*

➤ *Registration begins February 27th at www.ipfw.edu/tapestry*

aspects of her life. The 2009 recipient is Patty Martone, who for decades has touched and enriched the lives of many as an educator and administrator with Fort Wayne Community Schools, as a writer and chronicler of Fort Wayne, and as a tireless volunteer who is passionate about whatever she commits to. Martone and her husband, Tony, have been married for more than 54 years and have two grown children. “I awaken every morning with a purpose. My activity has been my salvation,” said Martone. As she puts it, “I may be rapidly approaching 80,” but she hasn’t slowed down a bit.

Tapestry, A Day for Women, is designed to provide a day of renewal and self-growth for women of all ages through educational, motivational, and inspirational activities in an atmosphere of camaraderie. Proceeds raised support the tapestry Parkview Endowment Fund and provide IPFW scholarships to select women in the field of health sciences. Since its inception, Tapestry has raised more than \$200,000 and seventeen women have received scholarships.

For more information on *Tapestry, A Day for Women*, go to www.ipfw.edu/tapestry where you’ll find downloadable images of the Engel, Kelly, and Martone, a schedule of events, and details on how to register. For media inquiries, contact Ruth Stone at 260-481-6854 or 260-402-2490 or stonerl@ipfw.edu.

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