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### STATUS UPDATE



Angela Ratzlaff has the latest on movers and shakers in Orange County.

Send items about business expansion, milestones and promotions to Angela Ratzlaff at [aratzlaff@ocregister.com](mailto:aratzlaff@ocregister.com)



### Three 'Remarkable' women in business to be honored

Three Orange County women will be honored today for their work as business owners and entrepreneurs.

Around 600 are expected to attend the 19th annual 2014 Remarkable Women Awards, sponsored by the National Association of Women Business Owners Orange County.

"Not only are they accomplished business women who have each founded and grown successful companies, they are committed to giving back through community and philanthropic involvement. In every aspect of their lives, these women are indeed remarkable," Dee Elliott, incoming president of NAWBO Orange County, said.

Jeannie Lawrence of Newport Beach will receive the organization's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Lawrence is the founder and president of Rancho Las Lomas, a 32-acre private resort in Silverado that hosts more than 150 events every year.

"Not only has Rancho Las Lomas blessed my life but also my children's lives, as well as they will one day carry on with the legacy that I love," Lawrence said.

Mahyar Ghassemian of Laguna Niguel is being honored as the Entrepreneur to Watch. She is the founder and CEO of Ghassemian Law Group APC, a boutique law firm that focuses on construction, business and



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From left are Penny Fox, Remarkable Women Gala chairwoman; honorees Jeannie Lawrence, Linda Kang and Mahyar Ghassemian; and Dee Elliott, NAWBO Orange County president.

personal injury law.

Linda Kang of Anaheim is being honored as the Business Owner of the Year. Her company, KoreL Design Tiles, creates tiles.

"This award and recognition gives me tremendous momentum, energy and confidence that I must be headed to the right direction," Kang said.

For information about last-minute registration to the event, call the NAWBO Orange County office at 714-630-2983.

- Hannah Madans

### NEW VENTURES

**Orange Label Art + Advertising** in Newport Beach has acquired new clients on the Big Island in Hawaii. The company will work as an agency of record for **Hawaii Forest & Trail**, a popular adventure and excursion group.

**Swift Real Estate Partners**, a real estate investment company in San Francisco, has expanded to Southern California with the addition of an office in Irvine. Malcolm O'Donnell will lead the Southern California region for SREP. He previously served as vice president of acquisitions for **Beacon Properties** in Rancho Cucamonga.



COURTESY OF SWIFT REAL ESTATE PARTNERS  
Swift Real Estate Partners, a San Francisco-based real estate investment firm, added an Irvine office.

### ON THE MOVE

Bob McKnight will retire Oct. 31 as senior executive of **Quiksilver**. McKnight, the co-founder of the Huntington Beach-based surf brand, stepped down as CEO last year. Although he will have no day-to-day role in the company, McKnight will remain on the board of directors. Quiksilver's CEO Andy Mooney has been elected as chairman, and Pierre Agnes, president of **Quiksilver Europe**, has been promoted to president. Both moves will be effective Nov. 1.

**Sunwest Bank** in Irvine has expanded its board of directors with the addition of Steve Reenders. Reenders is president of **The Reenders Co.**, a consulting and investment company in San Clemente. Before joining Sunwest, he served on other banking industry boards, including **American Security Bank**, **Harbor National Bank** and **Empire Bank N.A.**



Quiksilver co-founder  
Bob McKnight

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### GOOD WORKS

**Electron Beam Engineering**, a welding company in Anaheim, made a donation of \$10,000 to **Bethesda Lutheran Communities**, a nonprofit that provides residential care for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The money in turn will benefit the **Mosquero House**, a supportive living home in Mission Viejo. Funds will help with structural alterations for internal and external flooring foundations as well as wheelchair accessibility.

### MILESTONE

**Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian** received the 2014 Women's Choice Award as one of the nation's Best Hospitals for Patient Experience by women. The hospital also was recognized as one of America's Best Hospitals in Heart Care as well as Best Hospitals for Obstetrics.