

Media Alert
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**NAWBO Chicago's Annual Celebration of Achievement Luncheon Gala:
The Power of Ideas
Sponsored by Harris N.A.**

Lessons on turning powerful ideas into business success

- WHAT:** The National Association of Women Business Owners, Chicago Chapter (NAWBO Chicago) Annual Celebration of Achievement Luncheon Gala: The Power of Ideas sponsored by Harris N.A.
- During the event, an audience of close to 1,000 will hear from keynote speaker, Kay Koplovitz, founder of USA Network and the first woman network president in television history, about how she turned a powerful idea into one of the most successful media businesses of our time.
- The organization will recognize an outstanding female entrepreneur as the Woman Business Owner of the Year and an exceptional organization member as Member of the Year.
- WHEN:** Tuesday, April 22, 2008
Reception: 11:00 a.m.
Luncheon and Program: 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Chocolate Hour: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** Hilton Chicago
720 S. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL
- DETAILS:** Kay Koplovitz, founder of USA Network and the first woman network president in television history, will speak to Chicago-area women business owners and the Chicago business community during the NAWBO Chicago Annual Celebration of Achievement Luncheon Gala.
- Koplovitz is the author of *Bold Women, Big Ideas*, which she wrote to inform and inspire women entrepreneurs to create wealth through equity. Koplovitz also created Springboard Enterprises, a national organization that fosters venture capital investments in women-led high growth companies. Koplovitz currently serves as chairman of Liz Claiborne, Inc.
- Through Springboard, Koplovitz has helped the following companies in the Chicago area: CommunicationScience, Strategic Messaging Capital, ExtendMed, Information Development Consultants, Nia Enterprises, Celergo, Kim & Scott's Gourmet Pretzels, Star Farm Productions, Errand Solutions, zuChem, InformMed and Ohmx.
- Additional event highlights will include the presentation of the Woman Business Owner of the Year, Corporate Woman of Achievement and Member of the Year Awards; a Gala raffle; and the ever-popular Chocolate Hour - a networking reception with a wide array of fabulous desserts donated by NAWBO Chicago members and friends.
- Registration:
Individual ticket: \$80.00
Table of 10: \$700.00
Register online at www.nawbochicago.org
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About NAWBO Chicago

NAWBO was founded in Washington D.C. in 1974 by a group of businesswomen who met regularly to discuss mutual experiences, exchange information and develop business skills. They began recruiting other members in 1976 and the first chapters were formed in 1978. The Chicago Area Chapter is among the largest of NAWBO's more than 90 chapters in the U.S. The Chapter's more than 600 members represent businesses in all major industrial, service and retail sectors. Formed in 1978, the Chicago Area Chapter provides women business owners with leadership, education, procurement and networking opportunities, with the goal of propelling women entrepreneurs into economic, social, and political spheres of power. Visit www.nawbochicago.org for more information.

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