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LOCAL WOMEN HONORED ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Everett, WA: - In celebration of International Women's Day activities March 8, 2004, the Zonta Club of Everett awarded ten local women with a symbolic yellow rose of thanks for their community achievements and for helping to advance the status of women in Snohomish County. The Rose Day Award recognizing women of distinction in the community was established twenty years ago when the yellow rose became a living symbol of Zonta International.

The Rose Day Award recipients for 2004 are:- **Rebecca Roby** (Everett), Regional Director of YWCA of Snohomish County for her community leadership in programs involving housing, employment, mental health counseling, children and youth services, parenting classes and as a member of Human Services Executives, the Workforce Development Council, Community Health Center and Housing Consortium of Everett and Snohomish County; **Betty Cobbs**, (Everett), Principal Hawthorne Elementary School for her 30+ years as pioneer, leader and inspiration in education and in service with the Volunteers of America, Luther Child Center and Everett Performing Arts; **Ginger Desy** (Lynnwood) Executive Assistant, Alderwood Water and Wastewater District for her work as Board President for the Cross Valley Water District, the Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts and as chair of the customer service committee for the American Water Works Association; **Nancy Weis** (Everett) for her 30+ years of community service including work as the first woman President of United Way, on the Compass Health Board, President of the Assistance League of Everett and as a long standing 'professional volunteer' for Zonta; **Laura Van Slyck** (Everett) attorney, for her strong leadership in training law enforcement officers in the dynamics of domestic violence and her work on the Board of Directors of the Snohomish County Center for Battered Women, with Everett Rotary Club, Leadership Snohomish County, the Snohomish Regional Drug Task Force and Campfire USA; **Carol Johnson** (Everett) Assistant Executive Director of Campfire USA and Director of Camp Killoqua for her tireless efforts with the American Camping Association, the Women's Soccer League of Snohomish County, as chair of the Professional Development Conference for Campfire, Leadership Snohomish County and for her many years as a member of Zonta; **Liz Loomis**, Mayor, City of Snohomish, for her work with United Way, Snohomish County Health District, Washington State Fire Protection Policy Board, Business and Professional Women of Washington, the Snohomish Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis and as owner of her own strategic communications firm Liz Loomis Public Affairs; **Sarri Gilman**, (Everett) founder of Cocoon

House which assists local youth with special needs and for her work as developer of One Childhood Lasts A Lifetime which aids children facing homelessness; **Joan Thomasson** (Lynnwood) Maintenance and Operations Superintendent of Alderwood Water & Wastewater District for her work with March of Dimes, Beverley Elementary School PTA, for her 13 years with Zonta , currently as editor of the Zontagram newsletter; **Janice Henning** (Everett) CEO owner of Puget Press for her exceptional community service as past Chair and Board member of Providence Foundation, Assistance League, Our Saviors Lutheran Church, United Way, Campfire USA and currently as President of the Zonta Club of Everett.

The Zonta Club of Everett is an international service organization dedicated to improving the status of women worldwide. The official heritage rose was developed for Zonta by the world famous Harness Rose Nursery in England and Ross Roses in Adelaide, Australia. The rose is registered internationally under the name 'Hartanna'. It goes by the name 'Princess Alice' in Canada and the U.K. and by 'Bright Lites' in the United States.

More information can be obtained on the web at www.zontaeverett.org or by calling 425-348-3501. The Zonta Club of Everett meets the first and third Thursdays of each month at the Everett Golf and Country Club.

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