

Business leaders in the news

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■ **Mary Anne and Eugene Gargaro Jr.** received lifetime service awards from the Detroit Institute of Arts. The Gargaros have been museum members for more than 30 years. Mary Anne Gargaro has served on the Associates of the American Wing auxiliary board as a member of its learning and interpretation committee and with the women's committee auxiliary. Gene Gargaro has been a member of the DIA board for more than 20 years, including 12 as chairman.

■ **Brian Wassom**, a partner at Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn, earned a special service award from the Macomb County Bar Association for his work with Judge John Foster on establishing and developing the Macomb County Business Court. He received a law degree from Case Western Reserve University and a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University.

■ **Barbara Holland** joined Truscott Rossman in Lansing as senior account executive. She has more than 20 years of experience. She was director of communication and business development for Memorial Healthcare in Owosso, and is an adjunct business instructor at the Baker College Owosso campus. She is a member of the Society for Healthcare Strategy and Market Development.

■ **Impco Automotive**, a Sterling Heights subsidiary of Fuel Systems Solutions, was awarded General Motors' bi-fuel Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD Cab Chassis 3 years program. Fuel Systems Solutions is a designer, manufacturer and supplier of alternative fuel components and systems.

■ **Rick Palmer Jr.** was named president of Hazen Transport in Taylor. He was promoted from chief operating officer. Hazen Transport, which has more than 90 employees and contract drivers, opened in metro Detroit as an affiliated company of Palmer Moving and Storage.

■ **Mike Medici, Russ Sykes** and Troy Thompson were named managing partners of SmithGroupJJR in Detroit. They were elected by the board of directors and replace **Carl Roehling** and **Randy Swiech**.

Medici became the firm's president. He has been with the firm for 34 years. He graduated from Lawrence Technological University with a bachelor's degree.

Sykes joined the firm as an electrical engineer. He graduated with a bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University.

Thompson is a specialist in historic preservation. He has a master's degree from George Mason University, and two bachelor's degrees from Gall State University.

■ **Brett Miller** and **Christina Nassar** joined Butzel Long in Detroit.

Miller is a senior attorney who focuses on labor and employment-law and fair-housing litigation. He received a law degree from the University of Detroit Mercy. He has been recognized by Super Lawyers and DBusiness Magazine.

Nassar, an associate attorney, focuses on automotive-litigation and insurance defense litigation. Prior to joining Butzel Long, she worked in a Toronto firm. She has law degrees from the University of Detroit Mercy, University of Windsor and Wayne State University.

■ **David Tirella** joined McKeen & Associates in Detroit as an associate. He has 25 years of experience. Before joining the firm, he was a partner at a firm in Tampa. Tirella was an adjunct professor of law at Stetson University and Thomas M. Cooley Law School of Tampa.

■ **The Thome Rivertown Neighborhood** in Detroit received the Leading-Edge Care and Services award by LeadingAge Michigan. This statewide award recognizes innovation and service at assisted living centers who serve seniors, and adults with disabilities.

■ **Taleen Najarian** joined Integrated Health Systems, a medical clinic in Birmingham, to lead the the physical therapy and performance body composition practice. She has a doctorate degree from Oakland University and a bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit Mercy. She has certifications in nutrition, Olympic lifting, sports performance and active release technique.

■ **Bonnie Fales** and **Randey Fisher** received the Ray Kroc Award, an annual award to recognize McDonald's top-performing restaurant managers.

Fales began working at McDonald's nearly 30 years ago, and has been a manager of the Allen Park store for 10 years. She is involved with events to support Allen Park police, schools, churches and nonprofit groups, including the Red Cross.

Fisher works at McDonald's McNamara Terminal. He is a member of Oak Grove American Methodist Episcopal Church and volunteers at the Ronald McDonald's House of Detroit.

■ **Donna Murray-Brown**, president and CEO of Michigan Nonprofit Association, was accepted to Harvard Business School's executive education program, Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management.

■ **Karen Harris** was promoted to chief nursing and operations executive at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital. She has been at the hospital for nearly seven years and held various leadership positions. Previously, she was vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer. She also is president of the national Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses. She has won several awards, including the Nightingale Award in Education and Research from Oakland University.

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