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Midland Center for the Arts and Midland County Historical Society present:

**What:** **VOICES: Women in Leadership – A Panel Discussion**

**When:** **July 12, 2011 • 7 pm**

**Where:** **Little Theatre, Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews Rd.,  
Midland, MI 48640**

**Cost:** **\$15 Adults | \$10 Seniors | \$10 Students**

**Information:** Call Ticket Office at (989) 631-8250 or (800) 523-7649 or [www.mcfta.org](http://www.mcfta.org)

**Find this on our website:** <http://www.mcfta.org/ExhibitionsMCHS.html#womenspanel>

MIDLAND – Four notable women leaders will share their individual insights, experiences, and inspirational thoughts at **VOICES: Women in Leadership**, Tuesday, July 12, at Midland Center for the Arts.

In conjunction with the original exhibition, *VOICES: Extraordinary Women of Midland County*, the special event is moderated by **Katie O'Mara, WNEM TV5 News Anchor**, and includes notable women leaders of business, media, philanthropy and education. Panelists are: **Anne Doyle**, former radio and TV broadcast journalist; **Margaret Ann (Ranny) Riecker**, President of the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation; **Dr. Ruth G. Shaw**, retired CEO of Duke Power Company; and **Kathleen M. Wilbur**, Central Michigan University's VP for Development and External Relations. As part of the evening, audience members will have the opportunity to present their own questions and comments for discussion among the panel members.

After the panel discussion, the audience is invited to meet the speakers during a reception in the Brick Lobby, free and open to the public. Panelist Anne Doyle will have available for sale and inscription her book, *POWERING UP: How America's Women Achievers Become Leaders*, which includes her own personal experiences as well as insights from her interviews with 125 formidable female leaders from across the globe.

"The VOICES exhibit currently on display at the Doan History Center has set new records for attendance. Featuring more than 300 women of the community from pioneer days to contemporary times in a unique and colorful format, it showcases the contributions and influences of women who have been recognized for their achievements as well as those working quietly behind the scenes to improve their world," remarks VOICES Chairwoman Tina S. Van Dam. "This panel discussion will give us deeper insight into the roles and experiences of four interesting and vibrant leaders."

*VOICES: Women in Leadership* takes place in the Little Theatre of Midland Center for the Arts on July 12 at 7 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors (age 62+), \$10 for students, and can be purchased through the MCFTA Ticket Office, (800) 523-7649, or at [mcfta.org](http://mcfta.org). For information on group rates, contact Katie Merkle, (989) 631-5930 x 1275. Sponsored by The Dow Chemical Company and Dow Corning Corporation.

**SPEAKERS:**

### **Ms. Anne Doyle**

Ms. Doyle is the author of *POWERING UP! How America's Women Achievers Become Leaders*. She brings three decades of trailblazing news media, business and political credentials to her work. She earned a listing in "Who's Who of American Women" and is a member of the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame. *Automotive News* named her one of the "100 Leading Women in the North American Auto Industry" for her work at Ford Motor Company. Upon retiring from Ford, Ms. Doyle founded Anne Doyle Strategies, a leadership and communications consulting practice. A graduate of the University of Michigan, she serves on the Leadership Detroit Board of Trustees and was recently elected to the Auburn Hills City Council. [www.annedoylestrategies.com](http://www.annedoylestrategies.com)

### **Ms. Margaret Ann (Ranny) Riecker**

Ms. Riecker is an active leader and volunteer at the community, state and national levels. Locally, her community volunteer activities include serving as President of the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation, serving on the Board of Directors of the MidMichigan Health System and the MidMichigan Medical Center. Additionally, she serves on the boards of Midland Downtown Development Authority; Greater Midland Community Centers, Inc.; Midland Kids First; Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network; Michigan Molecular Institute; Chair of the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy Leadership Council at Grand Valley State University; and Alma College President's Advisory Council. She has also served as a member of the Council of Michigan Foundations Board of Trustees.

### **Dr. Ruth G. Shaw**

Dr. Shaw is retired from Duke Energy Corporation where, among numerous other roles, she served as President and CEO of Duke Power Company. Prior to joining Duke Energy in 1992, Dr. Shaw was a leader in community college education, serving as President of Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, NC, and as President of El Centro College in Dallas, TX. She currently chairs the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and heads an executive task force on community relations and incident response for the Nuclear Energy Institute. She was elected to The Dow Chemical Company Board of Directors in July 2005.

### **Ms. Kathleen M. Wilbur**

Ms. Wilbur is Vice President for Development and External Relations for Central Michigan University. Prior to that, she served as Interim President for CMU (July 2009 – March 2010) and Vice President for Government Relations and Public Affairs, and various other positions. She is a member of Governor Rick Snyder's Transition Team. Other past state-level work includes director of the Michigan Department of Commerce and memberships on the Michigan Council on Economic Education, Michigan Health Council, and Governor's Workforce Commission. Her awards include the Central Michigan University's Woman of the Year Award (2010) and membership in the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame.

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## **CHANGING ROLES • CHANGING LIVES • CHANGING OUR COMMUNITY**

**VOICES: *Extraordinary Women of Midland County***, an original exhibition, presents dynamic stories highlighting the lives of hundreds of women who have impacted Midland County through the years, and celebrates their lives and contributions. Visitors of all ages will gain insight into the important role women play in shaping Midland County. Engaging stories, photographs and personal artifacts, as well as unique video conversations from contemporary women, and a centerpiece photo mosaic, all speak to the power of women to affect innovation, progress and change.

From the early Native American women, to women who call Midland County home today, they made their distinctive mark on all phases of life: the arts, science, rural life, healthcare, business, law, education, and so much more. They were known as pillars of society, hell-raisers, or just ordinary folk. They acted in the public eye and behind the scenes, alone with private conviction or with a group of like-minded colleagues. These women each made their world better

in ways small and large. Many of the institutions, programs and benefits we take for granted each day were born of their wisdom, energy, and hope. Come hear their voices and see their faces, celebrate and honor their achievements, take inspiration from their lives, preserve their legacies and tell the stories of others who also make a difference.

*VOICES* is on display through October 29 at the Herbert D. Doan Midland County History Center, 3417 W. Main St., Midland, MI 48640. \$5 Adults | \$3 Children ages 4 to 14 | FREE to ages 3 and younger and MCHS Members. Open Wednesday – Saturday, 11 am – 4 pm.

*VOICES: Extraordinary Women of Midland County* is co-sponsored by The Dow Chemical Company, Dow Corning Corporation, Chemical Bank, Merrill Lynch – The Iles Group and Gerace Construction.

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The Midland County Historical Society maintains Heritage Park, which includes the Herbert D. Doan Midland County History Center, 1874 Bradley Home Museum and Carriage House and the Herbert H. Dow Historical Museum. The Historical Society was founded in 1952 and is dedicated to fostering the understanding, appreciation and preservation of Midland County's heritage.

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