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The Founding Values Initiative



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Grand Rapids, MI: We are pleased to announce the award winners for the Monday, April 23rd Second Annual Founding Values Initiative Luncheon celebrating the era of Gerald R. Ford at the Peninsular Club in Grand Rapids from 12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.

The awards will be presented to honor both the recipients and the individual public servants the awards are named in honor of. The Congressman Paul Henry award for continued commitment to principles of integrity through transparency in public service will go to **Congressman Vern Ehlers**. Congressman Ehlers has served West Michigan in congress for 14 years. He has built a reputation for honesty and hard work.

The Ambassador Peter Secchia award for community activism through commitment, enthusiasm and encouragement of others will go to **Mary Ann Keeler**. Mary Ann Keeler has served and continues to serve on many community organizations. Her dedication has made West Michigan a better place.

The Congressman Hal Sawyer award for acting within the judicial system to promote respect for a government of laws will go to **Rep. Bill Van Regenmorter**. Bill Van Regenmorter served as the Chair of the Judiciary committee in the Michigan Senate for twelve years. He became known as a tireless worker on behalf of the victims of crime.

The special Gerald R. Ford Appreciation Award will be presented to **Marty Allen** this year. Marty Allen has publicly shown true love and appreciation of President Gerald R. Ford and has demonstrated his values of integrity, commitment and justice.

Scholarships to Calvin College, Aquinas College, Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids Community College, Grand Valley State University and a gift to Millennium Park for Secchia Grove will also be presented at the luncheon. Seating for the event is limited to 150 people. Individual tickets are available at \$125 each. Amounts raised through ticket sales will fund the five scholarships, as well as the gift to Millennium Park. Donations are also being accepted

from those unable to attend. Major sponsors who contribute \$1,000 or more will be noted during the awards ceremony.

For more information and pictures from last years event go to www.foundingvalues.com or contact Hank Fuhs by phone: (616) 437-9059 or email: hankfuhs@juno.com .