

Press Club to honor headliners

University of Oklahoma President David Boren and Oklahoma Secretary of Commerce and Tourism Kathryn Taylor have been selected as the Tulsa Press Club's Headliner recipients for 2004.

Boren and Taylor will be recognized at the Press Club's Headliner dinner on Oct. 26. A reception begins at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7.

Robert E. Lorton III, president of the Tulsa World, is honorary chairman of this year's event. Patron chairs are Ken Lackey, chief executive officer of Nordam, and Mollie Williford of Williford Companies and past Headliner recipient.

The Headliner Award, first bestowed in 1956, recognizes Oklahomans who have had significant impact on the city and state.

Taylor was appointed secretary of Commerce and Tourism by Gov. Brad Henry in February 2003. She also serves as Henry's small business advocate for the state.

Before her appointment, Taylor was an attorney with Crowe & Dunlevy and president of the Lobeck-Taylor Foundation. She serves on the Board of Visitors for OU College of Arts and Sciences and on the University of Tulsa Board of Trustees. She has served on the board of directors of Sonic Industries, Dollar Car Rental, National Car Rental and the Grand River

Dam Authority and as a trustee for the OU Foundation.

She is a member of the Tulsa County Bar Association, the Oklahoma Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the International Bar Association.

Taylor's community involvement has also included the Gilcrease Museum, Resonance Support Center for Women, Domestic Violence Intervention Services, Tulsa Zoo Friends and the Philbrook Museum of Art. She was also active in serving the Holland Hall School and Community Service Council of Greater Tulsa, among others.

As chair of two major Tulsa fund-raising events, the Opera Ball and Philbrook Wine Experience, Taylor promotes both the state and the arts. For both the Opera and Philbrook, she was able to make a significant impact. Revenues from the Wine Experience, the museum's largest fund-raiser, grew to more than \$1 million for the first time in its history, which placed the event in the top wine events in the country.

Taylor was the first Commerce secretary to be tasked with three state agencies — Commerce, Tourism and Recreation, and Workforce Development/Oklahoma Employment Security Commission. She received the 2003 Pinnacle Award for Community Service from the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women and the 2003 Mona Lambird Spotlight Award from the Oklahoma Bar Association.

Boren became the 13th president of the University of Oklahoma in November 1994. Under his leadership, OU has added 20 major new programs.

The number of new facilities started or completed on the campus during his tenure has matched the expansion in programs. Among the many new facilities is the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History, the largest natural history museum of its kind based at a university.

A Rhodes Scholar, Boren teaches a freshman-level course in political science each semester.

A member of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, Boren is the first person in Oklahoma history to have served as governor, U.S. senator and president of OU.

Boren's political career spanned nearly three decades in elective office. He was the youngest governor in the nation when he served from 1974 to 1978. In the U.S. Senate, he was the longest-serving chairman of the Senate's Select Committee on Intelligence.

The Headliner dinner benefits the Tulsa Press Club and Benevolent Association, an association of media and related professionals established in 1932.

Proceeds from the dinner support several of the club's endeavors including scholarship programs, the Page One monthly speakers' luncheons and "meet the candidate" bipartisan receptions held prior to legislative and municipal events, as well as some operating expenses.

The most recent Headliners were Nancy Feldman and Ron King. Previous honorees include Nancy Meinig, Robert E. Lorton, Mollie Williford, Jack Zarrow, Keith Bailey, Sister Sylvia Schmidt, Roxana Lorton and Stan Lybarger.

Event co-chairs for the dinner this year are Jesse Boudiette with Schnake Turnbo Frank, Inc. and Stacey Roggendorff with the Tulsa World. More information about tables and individual ticket sales is available at 582-9151.

Chamber chairman to speak

Robert C. Poe, chairman of the Tulsa Metro Chamber, will speak at Tulsa Press Club's Page One luncheon Thursday. Poe will speak about the region's political and economic climate.



Poe

Poe holds bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering as well as a master's in civil engineering from the University of Oklahoma.

Poe is founder and chairman of both Penterra Co., a real estate development firm, and Poe and Associates Inc., an engineering and consulting firm with offices in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Wichita, Topeka, Kan. and Kansas City, Mo.

He is chairman of the Community Bank and Trust Co. and the Center for Legislative Excellence. His board memberships include the Oklahoma Heritage Association and Southern Hills Country Club. He serves on the Oklahoma Bankers Association Government Relations Council.

Cost of the luncheon is \$12 for club members and \$15 for nonmembers. Lunch is served beginning at 11:15 a.m. Poe will speak at noon, and a short question-and-answer session will follow.

The Tulsa Press Club is in the lobby of the Atlas Life Building at 415 S. Boston Ave. For reservations, call 583-7737.

Homeowners can apply for aid

Rebuilding Together Tulsa is accepting applications through Oct. 31 for its annual workday to be held on April 30, 2005.

The volunteer organization spends the day completing various projects for homeowners who have disabilities, are low-income or are older than 60.

Applications can be requested at 742-6241, Ext. 1.

Homeownership criteria include: living in the Tulsa city

limits, homeownership in the applicant's name, age 60 or older, living with a disability or having income at 80 percent or less of the Tulsa median family income.

The annual income levels for one person would be \$30,500 or less or \$43,600 or less for a family of four.

The organization accepts applications year-round for special needs.

Don't give Social Security data to callers

STILLWATER — The Stillwater Police Department is urging people not to give out their Social Security number over the phone to callers who claim to be with "the election services" seeking voter registration information.

Stillwater-area residents have been receiving such phone calls, asking that they update their voting status by giving such personal information — which should not be disclosed, police spokesman Ron Benningfield said.

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Secretary Glenna Craig told Stillwater police that it is not her practice to phone people and request information.

"The only time voters will be asked to provide their Social Security number is in person, when they are completing the registration forms," Craig said.

For more information on possible scams, contact the Stillwater Police Department's crime prevention office at (405) 742-8303. For possible voter registration fraud or questions, contact the Payne County Election Board at (405) 747-8350.

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