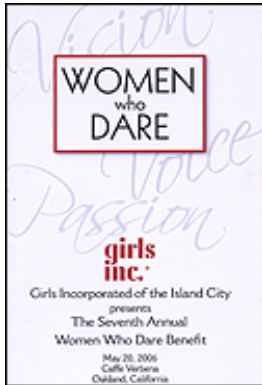




# Girls Inc of the Island City

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## 7th Annual Women Who Dare Luncheon 2006

Saturday, May 20, 2006  
11:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Caffe Verbena  
Oakland, California

**Event Host:** Carolyn Tyler, ABC7 News *(see bio below)*

**Pre-Event Performer:** Edna Cabcabin Moran *(see bio below)*

**Vision Award:** Adult Awardee – Roma Pauline Guy *(see bio below)*

Youth Awardee – Dawn Carraway *(see bio below)*

**True Voice Award:** Adult Awardee – Daisy Newman *(see bio below)*

Youth Awardee – Jasmine Walls *(see bio below)*

**Passion Within Award:** Adult Awardee – Anna Towata *(see bio below)*

Youth Awardee – Morgan Turner *(see bio below)*

### Event Production

#### Committee:

- Dawn Wade, Board Chair
- Kristin Butler, Staff Chair
- Susan Adams, Board Member
- Karla Dayton, Community Volunteer
- Alicia Faugier, Board Member
- Tristen Fredrickson, Meyers Center Program Director
- Karen Granados, Board Member
- Karen Kenney, Executive Director
- Mary Kenney, Community Volunteer
- Melissa Marsh, Board President
- Sgt. Jill Ottaviano, Board Member
- Kate Rezucha, Board Member
- Arlette Walls, Community Volunteer

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- Audrey Lord-Hausman, Community Volunteer
- Paige Pryor, Community Volunteer
- Gina Vittori, Girls Inc. Teen Specialist
- Natasha Walls, Girls Inc. Member
- Pam Williams, Activity Center Program Director

#### Event Staff:

- Dawn Wade, Event Coordinator
- Carolyn Tyler, Event Host
- Jill Ottaviano, Auction Host
- Annie Anderson, Stage Manager
- Tristen Fredrickson, Best Foot Forward Coordinator
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- Arlette Walls, Logistics
- Karla Dayton, Logistics
- Tessa Drake, Logistics
- Natalie Duarte, Logistics
- Gina Vittori, Logistics

*Event Host:* Carolyn Tyler, ABC7 News



Carolyn Tyler joined ABC7 in May 1986 and served as a weekend co-anchor from September 1989 through September 1995. She is the co-anchor of the ABC7 Sunday Morning News at 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. and is also a general assignment reporter for ABC7 News at 5 and 6 covering the San Francisco City Hall beat.

Ms. Tyler has produced several special reports including an Emmy-nominated series on the impact of the Civil Rights movement on Bay Area students. She has been honored for her work by the National Association of Black Journalists and by American Women in Radio and Television.

Ms. Tyler has served as a writing coach at San Francisco State University and as a mentor for students at Chabot College. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Broadcasting from the University of Wyoming. Most recently, she was nominated for an Emmy for her series on San Francisco's homeless crisis.

*Pre-event  
Performer:*

Edna Cabcabin Moran



Edna Cabcabin Moran is a hula dancer with the critically-acclaimed hula company, Na Lei Hulu, under the direction of Patrick Makuakane. Edna has performed hula with Na Lei Hulu in New York, Los Angeles, New Orleans and in the SF Bay Area, most recently for Cal Performances at the Zellerbach. Please visit [www.NaleiHulu.org](http://www.NaleiHulu.org) for information on upcoming performances.

*Award  
Recipient:*

Roma Pauline Guy - Vision Award, Adult Awardee



A social justice activist and policy leader in public health, women's rights, poverty, and homelessness, Roma Guy has worked all her adult life to improve conditions for women.

Ms. Guy is the founder of the Women's Building in San Francisco and developed community-based institutions such as La Casa de las Madres (a battered women's shelter), The Women's Foundation (Northern California), and the Stay-in-School Family Resource Center (San Francisco State University)

Ms. Guy has been at San Francisco State University for the past 14 years, building on the Health Education's Department interest and support of popular education and case-based learning. A faculty member in the College of Health and Human Services within the Department of Health Education, Ms. Guy currently serves as Clinical Faculty for the Master of Public Health program and teaches one undergraduate course, Civic Engagement Institute, which is part of the Urban Curriculum program.

Ms. Guy also chairs the Population Health and Prevention Joint Conference, is serving her third term on the Health commission of San Francisco, and has served for eight years on the Health Commission of San Francisco. She also serves on the Policy Committee and is a member of the Local Homeless Coordination Board where she has served also for the past eight years.

Since 1999, Ms. Guy has been the recipient of the Heart and Hand Award from the AGAPE Foundation which she has used to support non-profit organizations that support the rights of displaced populations such as homeless, migrants, and populations who experience forced labor. In 2005, Ms. Guy was nominated as one of the 1,000 Women for the Nobel Peace Prize.

*Award  
Recipient:***Dawn Carraway - Vision Award, Youth Awardee**

Ms. Carraway, 16, is a junior at Bay Area School of Enterprise (BASE) in Alameda. She identifies problems and then vigorously pursues solutions. Recognizing the need for a shopping market at Alameda Point, Ms. Carraway secured a job at the Growing Youth Project of the Alameda Point Collaborative (APC), a youth-led action research project around community food security for APC residents. Recently, Ms. Carraway was nominated to be the group representative at two youth trainings in the food security issues and at the Bioneers Conference Food and Farming Youth track.

No stranger to hardship, Ms. Carraway has already overcome many obstacles in her life and yet she maintains an indelible sense of humor and wisdom. A prolific budding artist, she has taken on a second job to supplement her family's income and teaches a class at her high school on how to write and illustrate comic books. In the future, she plans to go to college and become a lawyer, game designer, veterinarian, real estate agent, or go into the military.

*Award  
Recipient:***Daisy Newman – True Voice Award, Adult Awardee**

Daisy Newman joined the UC Berkeley Young Musicians' program as their director in 2003 and brings a wealth of musical and administrative experience to the young musicians in that program.

Before assuming her position with YMP, Ms. Newman was director of education for Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) for eight years. In that capacity, she designed and implemented a range of programs serving both inner city and suburban youth that included a school partnership program involving eight school districts; the DSO Summer Institute, an orchestral training program; Sinfonia, a training orchestra; the Jazz Youth Initiative, linking young musicians with legendary jazz masters; a partnership with the Detroit School for the Performing Arts; and the Civic Jazz Orchestra, DSO's first big band for middle and high school students. Prior to her Detroit tenure, Ms. Newman worked for the New York Philharmonic as assistant to the Director of Education and assistant to the Chief Financial Officer.

A highly regarded musician, Ms. Newman enjoyed an international career as a soprano soloist in opera, oratorio, and recitals, and worked closely with such musical figures as Leonard Bernstein, Robert Shaw, Erich Kunzel, James Conlon, Seiji Ozawa, Rudolph Serkin, Mstislav Rostropovich and Boris Goldovsky.

Ms. Newman's production of *Porgy and Bess* was nominated for a Tony Award following a three-month run at radio City Music Hall in New York City. She sang the role of Bess in five different productions during her career. However, her most performed role was Cio-Cio San in *Madame Butterfly*. She also toured England, Germany and Russia with Leonard Bernstein as soprano soloist for his 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Tour, which was filmed by BBC. Seiji Ozawa, conductor of the Boston Symphony, awarded Ms. Newman "Most Outstanding Vocal Soloist" at the Tanglewood Music Festival.

*Award  
Recipient:*

**Jasmine Walls – True Voice Award, Youth Awardee**



Jasmine Walls, 15, is a sophomore at Oakland School for the Arts (OSA). Her thirst for knowledge and no-nonsense attitude are a driving force in her life. A talented artist, poet and writer, she attends OSA where she is able to hone these creative skills.

Ms. Walls has been a leading member of Girls Inc.'s Teen Program since its inception three years ago and is currently participating in Blueprint: Preventing Dating Violence, Blueprint: Preventing Teen Depression, and *Out Loud*, a for-teens, by-teens magazine.

In addition to volunteering with Girls Inc., she is a part of the Gay Straight Alliance, which initiated a Day of Silence in commemoration of the difficulties gay youth face today. She has also recently visited the state capitol to advocate for gay rights in schools. Ms. Walls is a shining example of the importance of finding the strength within to speak-out against the injustices in one's community.

*Award  
Recipient:*

**Anna Towata – Passion Within Award, Adult Awardee**



Anna Towata, a true civic inspiration, was born and raised in Sonoma, California, along with her eight siblings. After graduating from Sonoma High School, Ms. Towata went on to attend Heald College and San Francisco Junior College. In 1942, she met her husband, John, at a dance, fell in love, and married. However, three days after their wedding, they were ordered to report to Tanforan "Assembly Center" in San Bruno, California, where 8,000 Japanese-Americans were interned during World War II.

From Tanforan, they were transferred to Topaz, an internment camp in Utah for three years. During this time, not only did the family endure the indignities of the camps, Ms. Towata's mother, an American citizen, was stripped of her citizenship. After their release from Topaz, they went to New York City, then to Chicago, and finally settled in Alameda.

In Alameda, Ms. Towata worked for the US Navy, and her husband was employed in a local flower shop, which they eventually purchased and where you can now find her on most afternoons.

Re-establishing a life following the hardships and injustice of her internment, Ms. Towata immersed herself in Alameda life, becoming increasingly more active in the community. In 1964, she became involved with the Alameda Girls Club, now known as Girls Inc. of the Island City, and over the years supported not only Girls Inc., but a wide variety of other local, service-based organizations such as Alameda Boys and Girls Club, Family Service League, the PTA, Children's Hospital, Alameda Welfare Council, Alameda Family Service League, and Meals on Wheels. In addition, Ms. Towata has served on the Alameda Hospital Foundation Board and was president of UMW of the Buena Vista United Methodist Church for 24 years.

Ms. Towata has one son, John Towata Jr., daughter-in-law, Christine, and six grandchildren. She is still active in Kiwanis, the Elks, and the Japanese American Citizenship League and continues to be a source of incomparable inspiration in and around the Alameda community.

*Award  
Recipient:***Morgan Turner – Passion Within Award, Youth Awardee**

Morgan Turner, 16, is a sophomore at Bay Area School of Enterprise (BASE). She is a compassionate leader who presses forward even in the face of adversity. After struggling through her first year of high school with little support in the classroom for her learning disabilities, she reexamined her options for school and made the decision to attend BASE high school where she could get the personal attention she needed to be successful.

During her time at BASE, Ms. Turner has become an impassioned role model for youth at her school and in her community. She serves as a member of the Executive Group at her high school, volunteers as a Youth Coach for HOMES's after school program, and created and implemented "In Our Shoes," a unique day for adults to shadow teens for a significant part of the school day.

Though challenged with learning disabilities, she is passionate about educational opportunities for youth and truly understands the importance that all students have access to learning environments that fit their needs. In the future, Ms. Turner plans to run her own school.