

# Women's Leadership Roundtable Presenters

Friday October 6, 2017  
Hilton - Pasadena

168 S. Los Robles Ave, Pasadena, CA 91101



**Gloria "Ginger" Cole, Ed.D.**, is the 2016-18 Camino Real Region Governor of Soroptimist International of the Americas. The Region has 22 clubs in the counties of Los Angeles, Ventura, and Santa Barbara and is part of a network consisting on 28 Regions with over 30,000 members in 20 countries. Soroptimist is known for its mission: To improve the lives of women

and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

Dr. Cole is the Founder and President of Parent Resources and Educational Partnerships (PREP) which is under the umbrella of its parent company Cole Avent & Associates, Inc. PREP partners with community and faith-based organizations to facilitate workshops which focus on teaching parents how to advocate for and support their children in school. She is currently an Educational Consultant with American Education Solutions, where she conducts site visits and tracks magnet-theme implementation at schools receiving the U. S. Department of Education Magnet Schools Assistance Program grant funds. She is a retired administrator from the Los Angeles Unified School District.

**Registration & Networking 9:30 am – 11:30 am**

**Round Table Panel (Complimentary) 10:00 am – 11:00 am**

**Luncheon & Awards 11:30 am – 1:30 pm**

Individual Luncheon Ticket \$85.00 (General Admission)

Table of Ten reservation \$1,000.00

RSVP to [women@businesslife.com](mailto:women@businesslife.com)

## BusinessLife.com

2829 West Burbank Blvd, Suite 207  
Burbank, CA 91505 • 818-240-7088



**Linda Wah** is an elected Trustee of the Pasadena Area Community College District Board of Trustees. She also serves on the California Community College (CCC) Trustees, representing trustees across the state, and is a member of the Board of Governor's Strong Workforce Task Team and the Chancellor's Institutional Effectiveness Division. Linda is also co-founder of the CCC Asian Pacific Islander Caucus Trustees & Administrators (APITA). She is committed to the success of students and has advocated for early college access, workforce achievement, student Veterans, and college affordability. Linda also sits on the CSULA President's Circle and advises on issues affecting our community, including 4-year transfer and transit. In addition to education issues, Linda has been a strong advocate for women in leadership and serves on the Board of the National Women's Political Caucus.



**Robin McCarthy** is Principal at Ste. Marie Specialists, a nonprofit consulting firm focused on board growth, budgeting, development, strategic marketing and more for nonprofit causes. Ste. Marie Specialists' maxim is "Nonprofit knowledge for growth, because nonprofits matter."

She currently serves as the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Chair. With a broad background in nonprofit work as well as partnerships with local businesses and elected officials, Robin brings a deep

understanding of the business climate.

Throughout her career, Robin has raised millions of dollars for nonprofit causes while enhancing the presence of each organization, including American Red Cross, YMCA, and local organizations Women At Work and Fire Family Foundation. As the Executive Director of Women At Work, Robin established important workplace development programs, like Training At Work and new technology programs aimed at helping women improve their employment prospects.



**Aida Dimejian, CRB, GRI, SRES**, is a former Huntington Hospital Registered Nurse who found her niche and her passion in the field of real estate, joining her husband Hovig who founded Century 21 Golden Realty in 1987. Aida oversees the management of their three businesses, which are real estate, mortgage and escrow. She was the president of the Pasadena Foothills Association of Realtors in 2002 and currently serves the organization on various committees and task forces.

Aida has been active in the Armenian community: She chaired the Armenian National Committee of America Pasadena Chapter for many years and was chair of the organization's Western Region in 2010. Her other volunteer affiliations include the Pasadena Police Foundation board, Housing Affordability Task Force, Human Services Commission and Pasadena Armenian People's Advisory Committee. She is currently a board member of the Armenian Cultural Foundation's Western Region, CREPAC trustee for the California Association of Realtors, national board member for the Armenian National Committee and a board member for the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce.