

Keiretsu Forum Hosts Summer Solstice Event for Women Investors

Bay Area's Most Active Angel Investment Group Reaches Out to Women Angel Investors

SAN FRANCISCO, CA -- (MARKET WIRE) -- 05/31/2006 -- On June 21st the Sun will appear to pause in the sky, creating the longest day of the year. This phenomenon is known as the Summer Solstice and in San Francisco it is the date of the premier event for women angel investors.

More than ever, the angel community is eager to attract women investors. A compelling report by the Kauffman Foundation explains that while "women own half of this country's wealth... [they] make up no more than eight percent of angel investors." Women investors are conveyed as an untapped market, which, the Kauffman Foundation argues, if incorporated, could increase the "financial and mentoring support for new companies."

"Our greatest strength is mindshare," said Keiretsu Founder Randy Williams. "It's an opportunity for members to share their thoughts and insights regarding the potential businesses we may invest in. A strong female constituency increases our probabilities for greater perspective and, ultimately, greater business opportunities."

Keiretsu Forum's Summer Solstice event will take place at the law offices of Hanson, Bridgett, Marcus, Vlahos & Rudy, LLP in the San Francisco financial district at 5:30 p.m. on June 21st. It will draw leading women from the business world such as Andrea Zulberti, former managing director and head of global operations of Barclays Global Investors, who will share, as she puts it, "Why I Angel." Judith Iglehart, Keiretsu Forum member and former CEO of Technology Ventures Network, will also attend the event.

"We live in the heartland of the investment community, Northern California. Most professional women here are over-achievers competing in various businesses. For years women were only too familiar with the concept of 'angel.' It's time they added the word 'investor' to it," said Judith Iglehart.

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