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St. Petersburg Times ' Publisher wins Business Woman of the Year Award

St. Petersburg, FL – *St. Petersburg Times* Publisher and Executive Vice President, Marty Petty, was named Business Woman of the Year by the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce at their annual Women's Symposium Awards luncheon held Thursday, March 24 at the Renaissance Vinoy Resort in St. Petersburg.

Marty Petty, 52, was one of 19 women nominated as Business Women of Distinction, while an equal number were nominated as Community Service Women of Distinction. The award recognizes those women in business and volunteerism who have demonstrated a lasting and positive contribution to their community and a record of outstanding professional accomplishment.

The awards were presented at a Symposium and luncheon featuring Shelley Broader President and CEO of Sweetbay Supermarkets/Kash 'n Karry as the keynote speaker.

Ms. Petty joined the *St. Petersburg Times* from the *Hartford Courant* in 2000.