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Press Release

Mitch Garner recipient of ZONTA M.A.T.E.S. Award for his work in promoting equality for women in the workplace and community.

MELBOURNE, FLORIDA, January 14, 2010 — Mitch Garner, President and CEO of Symetrics Industries was recognized with a *M.A.T.E.S.* (Men Acting Toward Equality of the Sexes) *Award* from the Zonta club of Melbourne. Representing the local Zonta club at the presentation were Doris Larson, Judy Walden-Bell and Sandy Michelson. Mr. Garner was selected for providing a foundation of support and encouragement along with the resources necessary for women employees of Symetrics to do and be their very best every day. In addition,



Sandy Michelson, Courtney Culver, Mitch Garner, Judy Moran, Judy Walden-Bell, Doris Larson

he participates in and supports community programs that annually recognize the accomplishments of women such as the Melbourne Regional Chamber of East Central Florida (formerly, Melbourne/Palm Bay Area Chamber of Commerce) *Women of Excellence* and the March of Dimes *Women of Achievement* awards. He was nominated by two of Symetrics' outstanding women leaders, Judy Moran, Business Manager and Executive Assistant and Courtney Culver, Manager of Contracts and Compliance.

Mitch's leadership style provides positive reinforcement of the ZONTA philosophy. In managing Symetrics, he looks at ways for placing the right person in a job regardless of gender; as a result, several women hold key managerial positions within the company. Mitch values the ideas, opinions and suggestions of all persons at Symetrics with his open door policy. He further empowers women to represent our company with participation in many organizations, community and charitable events, as well as marketing our products through tradeshow and face to face meetings with customers.

The Zonta Club of Melbourne was chartered in 1983. The club serves the community through scholarships and service projects that serve Brevard County women; Human Trafficking Awareness, Joshua's Closet/Job Link (provides clothes and shoes to Job Link graduates) and the Sue M. Pridmore Center for Homeless Women and Children to name a few. To learn more about our local Zonta club and their activities, visit www.zontaspacecoast.org.

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