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Melanie LeMay named Network Birmingham Woman of the Year

Melanie LeMay has been named 2010 Woman of the Year by Network Birmingham, a business group for professional women and entrepreneurs.

LeMay, who serves on the group's Board of Directors as communications chair, was recognized for her work in redesigning, writing and producing Network Birmingham's monthly newsletter and revamping the group's website at www.networkbham.net.

"Social media is the new face of networking," LeMay said. "We still have monthly meetings and a monthly newsletter, but we're using the internet in every possible way to communicate with our members and recruit new ones."

LeMay was one of Network Birmingham's original members when it was founded in the mid-1980s. She was an active Board member in the group's early years and was named Woman of the Year in 1994 as well.

She is also a member of the Women's Exchange and the American Society of Journalists and Authors. She holds a master's degree in English and education from Samford University.

LeMay has worked in communications throughout her career in positions ranging from high school and college teaching to public affairs management for the U.S. Air Force at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery. She is a longtime freelance writer, editor and designer, having worked with such clients as *Central Alabama Business Journal*, Legal Services Alabama, Vulcan Chemicals, Alabama Power, *Southern Living* magazine, *Birmingham* magazine, and Samford University.

In addition to her freelance work, LeMay currently serves as marketing and property manager for Acton Road Self Storage, a three-story, state-of-the-art climate and humidity-controlled facility in the Altadena area near her home.

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