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| **Women of Influence: Kathie J Lyman - Nominee** |  |
| To Whom It May Concern:  It goes without saying; Kathie J Lyman has been a compelling figure in the city of Des Moines and an advocate for enhancing lives of central Iowans and people in the state of Iowa. I could not nominate her without being compelled to write of her accomplishments which have touched so many lives. Kathie started out in administration at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines. She was promoted to a leadership positon as Administrative Director of the Medical Staff and Medical Education of Mercy Hospital Medical Center for 20 years.  Kathie was approached in 1990 by the Polk County Medical Society to become Executive Director of this 154 year old association, formed in 1851. Under her leadership, membership has grown to more than 1200 members making the PCMS the largest county medical society in Iowa. In 2010 the PCMS Executive Board and members created an annual scholarship (the Kathie J Lyman Scholarship) in her name in recognition for her work on behalf of physician, medicine and patient for medical students in Iowa.  Kathie has been instrumental in creation of several major community initiatives and partnerships including the Volunteer Physician Network which she was instrumental in designing and developing with physician specialists that brings access to charity specialty medical services to those in need and or 200% below poverty level. She has served on multiple boards relating to public health and national Medical Society initiatives. She has always worked closely with physicians, community, state, national and congressional leaders advocating for physicians and their patients.  Membership In Civic and Charitable Organizations:  Healthy Polk Health Planning Committee  Health Iowans 2010  Lead Coalition of Polk County  Des Moines Health Improvement Task Force  Mayor Select Committee on Taxed  Association of Business and Industry Health and Safety Committee  American Medical Association’s Communications Committee  Regional Tuberculosis Elimination Coalition  Midwest Rural Telemedicine Consortium  Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce Health Committee  Professional Organizations:  American Association of Medical Society Executives  American Society of Association Executive  American Medical Association – Affiliate Member  Association of Business and Industry  Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce  Des Moines Downtown Rotary  Iowa Medical Society – Affiliate Member  Iowa Society of Association Executive  Iowa Public Health Association  National Credentialing Organization – Board Member  Publications:  Editor of the Polk County Medical Society BULLETIN published bimonthly.  Professional Activities:  Ms. Lyman participates serving on many committees of the various organizations she belongs to.  Lastly, she is a woman of faith with a tremendous capacity for love, tolerance and patience. She has been a pillar and has been a business mentor not only in the community, but as an amazing strong independent and capable woman who was a single mother who raised four children on her own, successfully – now that is a role model and Woman of Influence!  Thank you,  Paula Noonan |  |