



## Ruth McCartney to speak at forum

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Ruth McCartney, stepsister of singer Paul McCartney and CEO of McCartney MultiMedia, will speak tonight at the East Valley Partnership 2002 Economic Forum about communicating more effectively with customers.

The eighth-annual forum begins with a reception at 5 p.m., followed by dinner and the program at 6:30 p.m. in the Mesa Centennial Center, 201 N. Center St.

The theme of this year's event is "Women in Business." As part of the program, an annual economic forecast for the East Valley also will be presented by Scottsdale economist Elliott D. Pollack.

In 1995, McCartney founded Los Angeles-based McCartney Multimedia, a digital marketing and

multimedia company. She co-owns the company with her husband, Martin Nethercutt. Her presentation will discuss the importance of "Knowing Thy Customer."

"I'm an absolute believer in communication," she said. "Using e-marketing we can get a one-on-one with our customers like we never have before."

McCartney said women are born communicators and by using digital marketing, their businesses can excel further.

She suggests going beyond an e-mail address and basic Web site. Some of the products her clients use include jingles and video; netspots; advertisements embedded in e-mail messages; musical CDs on-demand, which are recorded as needed; and merchandise on-demand, which allows companies to have their logos

placed on merchandise as needed instead of ordering in bulk.

She created iFanz.com, an Internet database program that allows performers to keep in touch with fans through e-mail blasts tailored to specific demographics, and sell personalized merchandise and musical CDs. Next year, versions will be released for the hospitality industry, religious sector, colleges and small business owners.

Her clients include Clint Black, LeeAnn Rimes, Chevron, Korean Airlines, MGM and several small businesses.

McCartney became an entrepreneur at age 6 when she helped her mom with The Beatles Fan Club. She will discuss her experiences tonight.

She was a singer in Eastern Europe and Russia and a songwriter in Europe and the United States.

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## FORUM SPEAKER “Know Thy Customer”

Ruth McCartney is CEO of McCartney Multimedia. McCartney Multimedia, Inc. is a privately held Los Angeles, CA based Digital Solutions Provider with affiliates in Las Vegas, Nevada, Nashville, Tennessee, Sydney, Australia, and Munich, Germany.

Ruth grew up in Liverpool, England in a very famous household. She began her business career at age six with her mother Angie in creating and developing the Beatles Fan Club. This family home based business grew into one of the largest fan based enterprises in the world.

Ms. McCartney followed her older sibling into the music business and became a top-selling artist in Eastern Europe and Russia. Over a million tickets worldwide have been sold to Ruth's performances.

Putting her performing career on hold Ruth and her husband Martin Nethercutt founded McCartney Multimedia and the company has grown to encompass three divisions: Multimedia, Music and Marketing. The world's best digital talent on a project by project basis augments their core team.

The company's focus is to facilitate comprehensive communication, e-commerce and marketing solutions by developing and deploying world class technology, on line/off line database technology and visionary marketing solutions.

Among MMI clients are: Clint Black, LeAnn Rimes, America, Bon Jovi's Richie Sambora, MGM, Chevron, Dodge, Deutsche Telecom, Bellagio, American Express Travel, Korean Airlines and Loyola Marymount University.



**Ruth McCartney**  
CEO,  
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*Forum Co-Chair*  
*East Valley Partnership*

President's Award ..... **Dr. Chuck Backus**  
*President*  
*East Valley Partnership*

History of East Valley Partnership ..... **Karen Wittmer**  
*Publisher*  
*East Valley Tribune*

Cox Communications Excel Awards ..... **Steve Rizley**  
*Cox Communications*

## ***Economic Forum Speakers:***

Women In Business..... **Becky Jackson**  
*President, Community Banking*  
*First National Bank of Arizona*  
*President*  
*National Association of Women Business Owners*  
*Economic Forum Co-Chair*  
*East Valley Partnership*

Know Thy Customer..... **Ruth McCartney**  
*McCartney MultiMedia Inc.*

East Valley Economic Outlook..... **Elliott Pollack**  
*President*  
*Elliott D. Pollack & Company*

Closing Remarks and Evaluations ..... **Susan Anable**  
*Government Relations Manager*  
*Cox Communications*