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LEE DUCAT
NATIONAL DISEASE
RESEARCH INTERCHANGE

CEO FILE

'Carry a big stick, covered in velvet.'



MIKE MORGAN

Lee Ducat in the projection room of the Prince Theater. An avid movie fan, Ducat cites 'The Quiet Man' as her favorite.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: Lee Ducat
Title: President and CEO
Company, City: National Disease Research Interchange (NDRI), Philadelphia/Chicago
Type of company: Provider of human biomaterials for research in areas such as cancer, diabetes, HIV and rare diseases.
Recent project: Providing adult human biomaterials and isolated stem cells for stem cell research.
Education: Medical College of Pennsylvania, doctor of humane letters; University of Pennsylvania, BS.
First job: Singing on the Horn & Hardart Children's Hour.
Little-known fact about you: I love the movies.
Home: Philadelphia/Chicago.

BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY

Essential business philosophy: Carry a big stick, covered in velvet.
Best way to keep a competitive edge: Keep informed on the latest developments in science, stay tuned into the research community.
Yardstick of success: Quality of collaborations, affiliations and partnerships.

Goal yet to be achieved: Grow awareness of NDRI so that families will understand that by donating their loved one's organs and tissue to research they are potentially saving millions of lives.

JUDGMENT CALLS

Best decision: Founding the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (JDF) and NDRI.
Worst decision: To travel the world starting JDF chapters when my children were young.
Toughest decision: Whether to move to Chicago or stay in Philadelphia.
Mentors: My husband Harold D. Schwartz and Paul E. Lacy, foremost diabetes researcher.

TRUE CONFESSIONS

Word that best describes you: Compassionate warrior.
Like best about your job: Having the opportunity to meet the most extraordinary people throughout the world in the JDF, through organ donor associations, and in the sphere of scientific research.
Like least about your job: Commuting from Philadelphia to Chicago.
The most important lesson you've learned: When you encounter roadblocks and you

fall, "pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and start all over again."

Life motto: Always keep your eyes on your goals.

Greatest fear: That I will be late for an appointment.

Person most interested in meeting: Benjamin Franklin.

Company you respect most: Universal Health Services Inc.

First choice for a new career: Producing theater or films.

Greatest extravagance: My grandchildren.

ET CETERA

Award/honor most proud of: Doctor of humane letters from Medical College of Pennsylvania.

Most influential book: "Gone with the Wind" by Margaret Mitchell.

Favorite movie: "The Quiet Man," directed by John Ford.

Favorite restaurant: RL (Ralph Lauren) in Chicago.

Favorite vacation spot: Italy/Lake Como, Canyon Ranch and Spain.

Favorite way to spend free time: Seeing the latest movies.

Automobile you drive: 2005 Jaguar. ■■■