



Keynote Speaker

**Alan
Gladstone**

Chairman, CEO,
and Founder



Professional Biography

The OCBJ is thrilled and honored to announce that Alan Gladstone, Chairman, CEO, and Founder of Anna's Linens has agreed to be our Keynote Speaker for the 2013 Family Owned Business Awards. Working with his children at the corporate office for the 260-store chain, Alan is uniquely qualified to speak on the issues that family owned businesses face today.

Alan Gladstone graduated from The University of California Irvine with a major in Economics. He worked from 1970 to 1973 with Whitefront Stores, through their management-training program and as buyer of domestics. From 1973 to 1983 he was Senior Vice President, General Merchandising Manager and Board Member of Three D Bed & Bath, a domestics, 100-store chain. From 1983 to 1986 he was President of a division of US Shoe called HomeFront, an 80-store chain. In 1987 he worked as an independent consultant for Von's, TG&Y, and Cook United. In 1988 he founded Anna's Linens, named after his mother, and has grown the business into a successful 260-store chain, located in 18 States. Alan has been married to his wife Shawn for 40 years. They have two married children, Scott and Carie, and three granddaughters, Tyler, Annabella, and Casandra. Both Carie and Scott have joined the family business and are employed at the Corporate Office. Alan is involved in many charitable causes. He is committed to making Anna's Linens a national chain of 1,000-stores and currently employs over 2,500 people throughout the US.