

Philip H. Power

Philip H. Power is founder, owner, and chairman of the board of HomeTown Communications Network Inc. (HTN), a group of community newspapers throughout Michigan, around Cincinnati, Ohio, and in the upper Midwest. His company also publishes various local “yellow pages” telephone directories, specialty publications, and shopping guides. The company is engaged in linking community newspapers, telephone directories and the Internet into the HomeTown Communications Network. In September 2000, the company launched *The Livingston County Daily Press & Argus*, the first new daily newspaper started in Michigan in 45 years.

Power served as regent of the University of Michigan from 1987 to 1998. As a regent, he led the effort to rewrite U of M rules governing the transfer of technology from university laboratories into the commercial world.

From 1983 to 1990, Power chaired the Michigan Job Training Coordinating Council. He was a member of Michigan Governor Blanchard’s cabinet Council on Human Investment and Commission on Jobs and Economic Development and served as a primary advisor to the governor on human investment and job training. Power is widely recognized for his innovative redirection of Michigan’s job training programs as well as for the development of an integrated human investment policy for the state. His work is featured in David Osborne’s book, *Reinventing Government*. In 2000, Governor Engler appointed him to the Executive Committee of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation; he is now the vice chair of the MEDC and chair of the Finance Subcommittee.

In 1991, Power helped found the Corporation for a Skilled Workforce, a not-for-profit organization that helps communities, states, employers and others achieve world-class workforce development systems. He currently serves as its chairman.

Power is a director of SenSyTech Technologies Inc., chair of the Michigan chapter of The Nature Conservancy, and president of the Power Foundation, and a member of the board of the University Musical Society, in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Power graduated *summa cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Michigan. He received a Marshall Scholarship to study at Oxford University in England, where he received a MA in philosophy, politics, and economics.

He was awarded an honorary degree, Doctor of Public Service, by Eastern Michigan University in 2003 and received the Distinguished Alumni Service Award from the U of M Alumni Association in 2000. In 1993, he received the Leshner Award, the highest honor in the suburban newspaper industry. His award-winning column appears regularly in his Michigan newspapers.