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Words from the President

Ladies:

As your newly appointed President, I cannot begin to tell you how excited I am about the upcoming year. The Board and I have met and have a few new suggestions and ideas to possibly stimulate the growth of our membership. So at our September luncheon, we will not have a specific speaker; *except for all of you*. We want to open the floor and hear your thoughts as well, so please plan on attending the luncheon/general membership meeting on September 16th at The Flint Golf Club. Along with this brain-storming session, we will also have a financial report from our 2007-2008 year.



One of the best opportunities in belonging to the FWF is the networking opportunities and sharing news and events that your company/organization might be having. So be sure to bring flyers or information with you to the meeting so it can be given to our newsletter editor. If you are unable to attend but would like something to go in, you can always email our editor, Diane Wojciechowski at: dwojo@flintima.org.

Until our paths cross again on the 16th I leave you with these wise words from Albert Einstein:

“There is no doubt that a single creative thought has the power to change the world.”

Sincerely,

Valerie Bradley

Valerie Bradley
President, Flint Women's Forum

Our Mission

The Flint Women's Forum brings together people of professional achievement and influence. Through educational programs and the exchange of ideas, experiences and resources, the members contribute to one another's professional advancement, increase the visibility of women leaders and facilitate the effectiveness of women in the community.

The Sharing Section – *Submission Deadline is the 3rd Friday of the Month*

Flint Institute of Arts:

In the Galleries:

Flint Institute of Arts presents: *Ed McGowin: Name Change*, through September 28; *A Celebration of Everyday Life: Work by Maya Photographers from Chiapas, Mexico*, September 6 – October 12. For details, call 810.234.1695 or visit flintarts.org.

At the Cinema:

Flint Institute of Arts Theater presents: *Run Fatboy Run*, September 5, 6, 7; *Young@Heart*, September 12, 13, 14; *Out 'N About Festival*, September 19, 20, 21; *The Grocer's Son*, September 26, 27, 28. For details, call 810.234.1695 or visit flintarts.org.

- **Save the Date** for the IMA's **Wine, Women and Chocolate** Women's only event coming up on Saturday, February 7, 2009. For additional information visit the website at www.winewomenandchocolate.org.
- Let **Avon** be your source for holiday ideas, great gift deals and convenient shopping. Visit Lynn Barbee's website, www.youravon/lynnbarbee to place an order and have the items shipped directly to your home or office. Lynn is also available by phone and email: 810-743-1036; lookbeautifulwithavon@yahoo.com.

Forum Meeting

When: Tuesday, September 16, 2008 - Noon
Where: The Flint Golf Club – Fireside Room
Speaker: Open Forum – Review 2007-2008 Financial Report
Cost: Members – \$17, Guests \$20

Website www.flintwomensforum.org

Membership

Recruitment Incentive

Building our membership strengthens the resources of the Flint Women's Forum and increases the networking benefit for all members. As an incentive for membership recruitment, any member who sponsors a new member is entitled to a certificate good for one free lunch at a regular meeting. Certificates are distributed upon new member induction.

August Birthdays

- Sara Jo Gallock – August 7
- Diana Hedderman - August 4
- Kathy Rometty – August 18
- Kathy Zandstra - August 20

August Anniversaries

- Sheree Blazejewski - 5 years
- Mona Hendrickson - 3 years
- Ruth Kramer - 15 years
- Kathy Rometty – 1 year



Member News

Welcome new FWF member, **Monica Lariviere!** Monica was invited to join the FWF by Sherry Stewart. She was inducted at the August 19. Monica works for The View Newspapers.

Congratulations to **Mona Hendrickson** who has announced her retirement as of December 2008.

Congratulations to **Ruth Kramer** who will now be working for A-Frame Awards in Flint.

Beverly Brown has started a one-year sabbatical from her position at the GASC to complete her doctorate. Please note her email and phone contact change listed in the

Do you have news to share or know some news about a fellow FWF member? This section is used for celebrating notable accomplishments, special occasions, and recognition. Send details to Membership Chair or Newsletter Editor. See below for contact information.

Membership Benefits

Financial Advisors, Sheree Blazejewski and Mona Henderickson are offering a 401(k) analysis to help FWF members properly allocate funds within their plan. Contact either of them or fax your statement to (810) 733-6122 and they will be happy to review it for you.

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Sustaining Membership

To recognize past membership involvement and a continued desire to be supportive of the Forum and its mission, a sustaining membership level was developed. Benefits and requirements for this membership level include:

1. Members in good standing of the FWF for a minimum of three years (not necessarily consecutive).
2. Must pay an annual membership fee of \$45.00.
3. Must have the ability to attend two monthly meetings per year at the member rate; additional meetings will be at the visitor rate.
4. Will be included in the member directory and identified as a 'Friend of the Flint Women's Forum'.

Our Board Members

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