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Words from the President

Greetings To All!

The Flint Women's Forum "Celebration of Women" luncheon was a great success! The event has experienced continued interest and annual growth with approximately 130 guests attending this year. The program included the Outstanding New Member Award, which was bestowed to Sherry Stewart, FWF program chair. Sherry has indeed been a truly outstanding member to the Forum and a very dedicated board member. Many congratulations to Sherry who so deserves of this honor! Laurie Prochazka, Corporate Director of Marketing and Communications, accepted an award on behalf of the McLaren Regional Medical Center's Marketing, Art and Print Departments for their in-kind printing services to the Forum over the past several years. Laurie was very surprised and pleased to be recognized. A special gift was also provided to John Tracy, in care of Laurie, for his role in actually creating the printed materials, which are an addition to his already heavy work demands at the hospital. Many thanks to LaSalle Bank, UBS Financial Services, and ABC12 for their financial support of the event, and to Ketzler's Florist for the in-kind donation of flowers, and to bd's Mongolian Barbecue for the gift certificates raffled as door prizes.

As for our guest speaker, Stephannie Bailey delivered an inspiring presentation encompassing her background as a young woman attending GMI and building her career in a male dominated field. She then focused on the developing work of The Leadership Institute – Women with Purpose Inc. and how that will impact career women as they strive to succeed in their professions, and find balance between personal and work life. Stephannie would like to stay connected to the FWF and link members with The Leadership Institute as it unfolds resources and programs that will be beneficial to our members. Stephannie also included very inspiring words encouraging and promoting the need for women to mentor each other at various stages in their lives. She recited the following poem, which several attendees asked for copies:

Another woman . . .

*at some point in her career, every woman has shared
challenges with another woman
down the hall
up the street
in a corner office
three thousand miles away.*

*at some point in her career, every woman has needed
to compete with another woman
to fight on behalf of another woman
to place her trust in another woman
to interview another woman.*

*at some point in her career, every woman has needed
another woman to trust with her children
to remind her of who she used to be
to be a role model without ever knowing it
to listen.*

*at some point in her career, every woman should tell her story.
not for her, but for every woman not so different from herself.*

*change begins with understanding.
understanding begins with conversation.*

And finally, many thanks to the board of directors who worked very hard on this event. It was a great success and the Forum should be quite proud of its efforts to provide such an engaging program to the women of the community!

~ Best regards, Ellen Brothers

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.

Forum Meeting

When: *Tuesday, May 16 – noon*

Where: *The Flint Golf Club*

Speaker: *Lily Donaldson, Marketing Manager for Genesee Valley Center*

Theme: *Lily will give us an update on the mall's new Outdoor Village; the outside shopping district soon to open at the Valley. She would also like to explain a chaperone program the mall is considering, and get our feedback on the idea.*

Menu: *Choice of: Chicken Caesar Salad or Pasta with Tomato and Olives*

Cost: *\$17.00 for members and \$19.00 for guests. It is essential that you RSVP to Sara Jo Gallock at (810) 233-3130.*

The Sharing Section

– Submission Deadline is the 4th Tuesday of the Month

- A *Salute To Sybil Atwood* will be held on **Thursday, May 11, 2006** at 5:30 – 6: 30 p.m., Cocktails; 6:30 – 7:00 p.m., Dinner; 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Program in the Atrium at the Great Lakes Technology Center. The Honorary Co-Chairs, Libby Maynard and Helen Philpott will host the event. This event allows the community will honor Sybil Atwood for her many, many years of passionate community involvement and service. Cost for the event are \$500 Per Table sponsor and Individual Tickets \$75 each. For more information please contact Dale Weighill at resource@gfn.org
- The Flint Public Library is sponsoring the **5th Annual “One Book, One Community”**. This year’s feature is “Pay it Forward” by Catherine Ryan Hyde. For more information please contact Wanda D. Harden, Public Relations Coordinator @ (810) 249-2044 or via email @ wharden@pfl.info. The Flint Public Library’s website is <http://www.fpl.info/>.
- Cookies are still Available! Please contact the Girls Scouts Fair Winds Council @ (810) 230-0244/. In addition, Volunteers needed to assist with the Summer Program. For more information please contact Dawn Reha @ (810) 720-9037 or via email @ draha@gswfc.org.
- Fair Winds Girl Scout Council Annual Fore the Girls Golf Outing, Monday, June 19, 2006 – For more information contact Beverly Brown @ (810) 760-1444 ext. 177 or via email @ BROWNBEV@gasc.flint.k12.mi.us
- If your organization is looking for a different type of fundraiser call bd’s Mongolian barbeque and ask about the **“Guest Griller Program”**. Call the restaurant at (810) 732-1132 or contact Betty Bennett at (810) 577-9572.
- If you need a student for an Internship or can spend some time with a student who would be **“Job Shadowing”**, please contact: Janet Roberts - Technology Coordinator @ GASC Technology Center by phone (810) 760-1444 Ext. 201 or email roberjan@gasc.flint.k12.mi.us. Or contact Jeff Newcombe - Computer Hardware Tech. Instructor @ GASC Technology Center by phone (810) 760-1444 Ext. 128 or email newcojef@gasc.flint.k12.mi.us.
- Jenean Klinedler has started selling and supporting **Infotrac Software**, a new CRM (Customer Relationship Management). For more information contact Jenean Klinedler @ (810) 230-0300 or via email @ jenean@tedge.com.
- Flint Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications from WOMEN business owners to participate in the **Athena Powerlink Program**. The Women’s Business Council runs this program. It is designed to assist the business owner in taking their company to the next level. It is not for “start up” businesses and certain criteria must be met. Call Kramer Ruth Kramer at (810) 232-7101 for more information.
- Planned Parenthood of East Central Michigan, Inc. is offering **sexuality education** for significant (m) others & growing up daughters. There is a program for pre-teen ages 9-13 and another for 14 –18. The classes are ongoing – please call (810) 238-3631, ext. 332 to register.
- Let us expand our life ~ University of Michigan **Outreach Classes** are online and in your community! Classes include Ballroom Dancing, Introduction to Computers, Healthy Cooking, etc. For further information, call (810) 767-7030. To register online: <http://www.umf-outreach.edu/outreach/amaizing.htm>
- Get support for your business – whether your business is existing or just in your head! Contact the Small Business & Technology Development Center at (810) 767-6494 for individual assistance and workshops. This center is operated through the University Outreach, University of Michigan– Flint.

Website

Visit our website. www.flintwomensforum.org

Membership

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 given upon new member induction.

Birthdays

- Pam Bishop – May 1
- Marilee Knapp – May 1
- Janette Sullivant – May 1

Anniversaries

- Kathryn Sharbaugh – 1 yr.
- Judy Bernethy – 15 yrs.
- Jenean Kleinedler – 16 yrs.



Member Notes

Notes from the Membership – Beverly Brown

- There is a feature article in the March, 2006 issue of YOUR Magazine (see Page 20) about the GASC Technology Center. The story entitled "*Dispelling 7 Myths about the Genesee Area Skill Center*" features an interview with me by Bev Wheatley Eiden. (FWF is mentioned at the conclusion of the article).

Sustaining Membership

In recognition of this commitment, previous membership, and continued desire to be supportive of the Forum and its mission, we have a new category of membership: Friend of the Flint Women's Forum.

Requirements for joining this category and attendant benefits include:

1. Must have been a member 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.'

Member Profile

- Getting To Know Our Members

This month's member profile is **Kathy Zandstra**.



1. **How did you learn about the Flint Women's Forum?** I learned about the FWF from a colleague at work.
2. **What year did you join?** 2005.
3. **Who invited you and how did she convince you to join?** Annetta Tobias invited me to attend a FWF meeting. Annetta has been a member for 23 years. After attending several meetings with Annetta and thoroughly enjoying them, it was an easy decision to make to join the group.
4. **Where do you work? For how long? Tell us about a typical day in your job.** I work for MFO Management Company. I have been there for a year and a half. The work I do is very similar to what happens in a trust department of a bank. There is no typical day. I guess that is what makes my work so enjoyable. I do something different everyday.
5. **Do you have any children or pets? If so, how many?** I have two children. My son is 18 and will be attending MSU for Chemical Engineering in the fall. My daughter is 15. She is a sophomore at Flushing High School. She plays Varsity Golf and the flute. We have just recently acquired two new King Charles Cavalier Spaniel puppies and are enjoying the new additions to our family.
6. **What are your interests and hobbies?** I love to cook and spend time with my family. I enjoy the symphony and my husband and I have MSU hockey tickets. I also enjoy traveling, reading, scrap booking and relaxing by the pool.
7. **My dream job, as a businesswoman would be:** I have been very blessed to have been able to work part time while the children were small and now that they are more independent, I have found a job that is both challenging and enjoyable. So I guess you could say I have found my dream job!

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