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Words from the President

Greetings To All!

It has been a true honor and privilege to serve as President of the Flint Women's Forum. I thank you all for your support and trust and I am especially grateful to the board of directors: Betty Bennett, Pam Bishop, Sheree Blazejewski, Jamie Cowan, Sara Jo Gallock, Teri Irland Munley, Lois Revenaugh, Sherry Stewart, and Kathy Zandstra. Each has contributed greatly to strengthening the Forum in unique ways and enhancing the experience and purpose for all of our members. Their dedication has been priceless!

One of the most important reasons that I am a member of the Forum is the opportunity to meet and interact with all of our members. Each and every one of us contributes towards the meaningful camaraderie that we all enjoy and benefit from month to month. I am always so inspired and lifted by the talented, professional, intelligent, Amazing Women in our group. I am so thankful to have the experience and unity of the Forum.

Thank you all for a wonderful year and may you all go forth strong and successfully in all you do!

~ 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, June 21 – noon*

Where: *The Flint Golf Club*

Speaker: *Jenean Kleinedler, Owner of Technical Edge*

Theme: *Jenean's presentation is on "Technology That Will Impact How You Work Now And In The Future". She will also be sharing information about her CRM software and the Wireless Genesee project.*

Menu: *Trio Salad (Egg Salad, Tuna Salad, and Fruit Salad)*

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

- 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@gsfwc.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.
- Jenean Kleinedler 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.
- 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>



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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

- Gloria Tomaszewski – June 6
- Kathryn Sharbaugh – May 28

Anniversaries

- Rebecca Schmidt – 1 yr.
- Gloria Tomaszewski – 1 yr.



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 **Ellen Brothers**.



1. **How did you learn about the Flint Women's Forum?** I learned of the FWF when I became employed with the YWCA of Greater Flint.
2. **What year did you join?** 2003.
3. **Who invited you and how did she convince you to join?** Kathi Horton, CEO of the YWCA at the time, encouraged me to join the FWF. The membership would help maintain a link to the YW, where the FWF was first launched. It was also an opportunity for me to form professional relationships with a greater circle of women.
4. **Where do you work? For how long? Tell us about a typical day in your job.** I have been employed by the YWCA of Greater Flint since October of 2000 as the Director of Marketing and Special Events. My position holds various responsibilities and I must say, there is no such thing as a "typical" day. Overall, I am known as the source for internal and external information and resources. I have spent time doing all kinds of things from weeding and planting in the YW gardens to securing sponsorships and organizing the fundraising events. I am excited about a new personal venture I have invested in as an Arbonne Skin Care Consultant.
5. **Do you have any children or pets? If so, how many?** I have two cats, Bella and Avery. They were adopted from the Humane Society in 2002. Bella is a beautiful black cat who looks like shiny black velvet. I believe she is a black lab trapped in a cat's body (she retrieves her toys, begs for food, picks up a mouthful of food only to drop it on the floor and then eat it, and loves attention). Avery is a grey tiger with spots. She has a very sweet face, but is a bit of an alarmist. She growls when she hears strange noises, but I am afraid she would not be too effective against an intruder.
6. **What are your interests and hobbies?** I am always up for most new adventures. I enjoy golfing, gardening, bead work, painting, cooking, entertaining, community and cultural activities, spending time with family and friends, reading, hockey, traveling, camping and canoeing, just to name a few.
7. **My dream job, as a businesswoman would be:** I am not sure I can narrow this down just yet. But it would be fabulous to be independently wealthy and head my own foundation that provides funding to worthy community endeavors.

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