



# Flint Women's Forum

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## 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.

## Words From The President

Greetings to All!

It is with great pleasure and appreciation for the leadership that has preceded me that I assume the duties as Flint Women's Forum President. Twenty-Five years ago this month, the YWCA launched a project named the "Flint Women's Forum" with funding from Ruth Mott. The twenty-three women, who joined forces in August of 1980, laid important groundwork to establish a unique gathering point for women leaders. Two years later, the Forum became an independent charter. As we celebrate the milestone of the Forum's inception, let us reflect upon the strength of all women to achieve, influence, mentor, and inspire, and the desire we share to help other women find success in their lives.

*"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." Muriel Strode*



Here we are, on the trail that the original membership created and we continue to forge the path forward! As usual, the summer months have sped by and we are already stepping into August. In July, during the Forum's recess, the Board of Directors held its annual strategic planning session for the upcoming year. The processes and practices of the board and the membership have been evolving for a few years now to better accommodate the purpose of our organization and desires of our members. Much has been accomplished and there appears to be just a few areas that require a little more strengthening. As we prepare to launch the Flint Women's Forum 2005-2006 Season, we look forward to a great year of stimulating and informative presenters and new faces joining our membership, further enriching everyone's experience.

Welcome back! ~ Ellen Brothers

## The Sharing Section – Submission Deadline is the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month

- 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](mailto: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](mailto:newcojef@gasc.flint.k12.mi.us).

- **The "Distinguished Leadership Award"**, established in 2005, is the highest award bestowed upon the recipient by the Michigan Chamber Foundation's Leadership Michigan Program. (You do not need to be a Leadership Michigan Alumni or a member of the Chamber to be nominated.) This premier award will honor individuals who have demonstrated excellence in leadership and exemplify the goals and aspirations of Leadership Michigan. Nominators must address four areas for the nominee including Leadership Qualities, Achievement, Vision, and Developing Others.

The submission deadline is Aug. 10. The selected nominee will be honored at Leadership Michigan's Annual Leadership Dinner on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2005 at the Henry Ford Eagle Tavern in Greenfield Village. For more information on the annual leadership dinner, you can visit [www.michamber.com](http://www.michamber.com). The nomination form should be available on-line soon.

- The long awaited **bd's Mongolian Barbeque** restaurant has opened for business. The hours are Sunday – Thursday 11:00 a.m. – 10: 00 p.m. and Friday & Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Jenean Klinedler has started selling and supporting a new CRM (Customer Relationship Management) Software – **Infotrac Software**. For more information contact Jenean Klinedler @ 810-230-0300 or via email @ [jenean@tedge.com](mailto:jenean@tedge.com).
- The Flint Journal is hosting the **Women's Expo** on Friday, September 9, 2005 • 12 Noon – 9 PM and Saturday, September 10, 2005 • 10 AM – 6 PM at the Perani Arena. Tickets are \$6.00 at the door or \$5 at any VG Food Store. More information online at [www.flintjournal.com/expo](http://www.flintjournal.com/expo) or call Lois Revenaugh @ 810-766-6161.
- **Standard Federal Bank** is changing its name to **LaSalle Bank Midwest** later this year. There are no other changes taking place – our headquarters will remain in Troy, MI, all people and policies will remain unchanged. LaSalle Bank, our sister bank headquarters in Chicago, operating in 23 states.
- 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. **We now have monthly newsletters posted on-line.** We want to know what you think. [www.flintwomensforum.org](http://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**

- ✚ Sara Jo Gallock
- ✚ Diana Hedderman
- ✚ Shelly Hoffman
- ✚ Kathy Zanstra

### **Anniversaries**

- ✚ Sheree Blazejewski – 2 yrs.
- ✚ Stacey Doyle – 2 yrs.
- ✚ Adrienne Wells – 8 yrs.
- ✚ Ruth Kramer – 12 yrs.

## 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.'

## Board Members

President – Ellen Brothers .....	(810) 238-7621 .....	<a href="mailto:ellenbrothers@ywcaflint.org">ellenbrothers@ywcaflint.org</a>
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## Forum Meeting

- When:** Tuesday, August 16 – noon
- Where:** Flint Golf Club
- Speaker:** Debra Ruby, Supervisor of Adult Services and Outreach Flint Public Library
- Theme:** Debra will be discussing the services of the Flint Public Library, as well as genealogy and its local history collection.
- Menu:** Michigan Cherry Salad with Chicken or meatless choice Cheddar Broccoli Quiche
- Cost:** \$17.00 for members and \$19.00 for guests. It is essential that you RSVP to Sara Jo Gallock at (810) 233-3130.

**Note of Thanks**

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