



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.

President's Scribbles

Hello Ladies;


I hope everyone had as wonderful a Labor Day weekend as I did! There is nothing like time with others to revive your spirit.

The Flint Women's Forum board would like our organization to be that same kind of experience. In order to get to that point, your help is needed. As mentioned at the last membership meeting, Michele Nichols has resigned as Membership Chairperson due to changes and extra responsibilities in her workplace. While Kathy Condon and Betty Bennett have agreed to take on that responsibility, we are looking for a member to fulfill that role on the board. Since growing our membership is our primary goal this year, the board has also decided to form a membership committee to help with the responsibilities of that position. If anyone is interested or knows anyone who we should talk to about the board member seat or the committee, please be sure to let one of us know.

We all benefit from this group and we really need your help in making the Flint Women's Forum the kind of organization we look forward to each month to revive our spirit!

~ Sheree W. Blazejewski

The Sharing Section

- ***Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk*** is October 9. This 3 mile noncompetitive walk raises awareness and money in the fight against breast cancer. Donations support life-saving breast cancer research and local community programs, including Tell A Friend, where women remind friends and family to get their mammograms, and Reach to Recovery, where trained breast cancer survivors offer individual support to newly diagnosed breast cancer patients. Teams may be formed to include anyone - co-workers, family, friends, and school groups and sports teams to name a few. This year the route will start and end at Mott Community College to accommodate the event's growing participation. Strollers and wheelchairs are welcome. Dogs and animals are prohibited. In addition, water, restrooms, and snacks will be available on event day. **Start 7:30AM AND END 12:00PM – Location:** Mott Community College, 1401 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48503
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- ***YWCA Circle of Women Luncheon*** - The Flint Women's Forum will host a table again at the YW's Circle of Women annual luncheon. Anyone interested in attending this special event on Wednesday, November 10, 2004, 11:30am - 1:30pm, should contact Betty Bennett or Stacey Doyle.
 - ***Athena Banquet*** will be November 11 at Holiday Inn Gateway Center. The price per person is \$40.00. Sponsorship opportunities are available, for more information contact Betty Bennett at (810) 577-9572.
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- Let us expand our life ~ University of Michigan **Outreach Classes** are online and in your community! 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** for individual assistance and workshops @ (810) 767-6494. Operated through the University Outreach, University of Michigan – Flint.

Membership Incentive

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.

Sustaining Membership

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

The requirements for joining this category and the attendant benefits include:

1. Must have been a member in good standing of FWF for a minimum of three years (not necessarily consecutive)
2. Pay an annual membership fee of \$45.00
3. Membership entitles attendance at two monthly meetings per year at the member rate; additional meetings will be at the visitor rate
4. Member information will be included in the member directory and identified as a Friend of the Flint Women’s Forum

Forum Meeting

- When:** Tuesday, September 21 – noon
- Where:** Flint Golf Club
- Speaker:** Professor Matthew Wyneken
- Theme:** Digiblock Program
- Menu:** Chicken Caesar Salad or Meatless Choice-Pasta Pomodoro (tomato based), Cup of Soup, rolls and sticky buns will also be served.
- Cost:** \$17.00 for members and \$19.00 for guests. It is essential that you RSVP Lin Baumbach at (810) 238 – 4617 ext. 209.

Standing List

Lin Baumbach
Betty Bennett
Pam Bishop
Ellen Brothers
Kathy Condon

Sherry Collins
Jamie Cowan
Sara Jo Gallock
Diana Hedderman
Teri Irland-Munley

Jenean Kleinedler
Michele Nichols
Janette Sullivant
Adrienne Wells

RSVP to FWF Luncheons

Members who are not on the standing list need to **RSVP by calling Lin Baumbach at (810) 238-4617, ext. 209 before the Friday prior to the luncheon meeting.** If she is unavailable, please leave her a voicemail with your name, the name(s) of any guests, and luncheon selections (if applicable).

Members who are on the standing list do not need to RSVP unless they cannot attend. **Cancel by calling Lin Baumbach at (810) 238-4617, ext. 209 before the Friday before the luncheon meeting.** Members on the standing list will be charged for missed meetings, if a cancellation is not received timely.

Website

Visit our website. We want to know what you think. www.flintwomensforum.org

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