



## 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

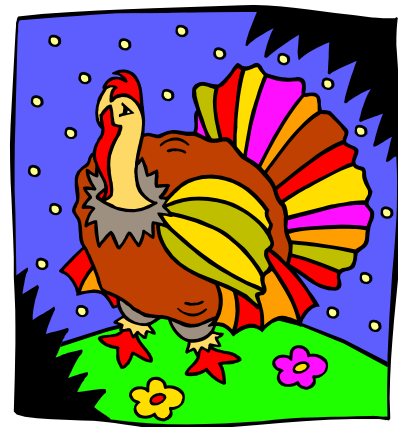
Hello Ladies:

I don't know about all of you, but I am certainly glad the election is behind us and we can get on with life as usual. As you can imagine, the securities industry reacts greatly to the political environment. Most conversations were difficult because people were at a stand still on everything in their life until they knew what the outcome was going to be. Whether it turned out the way, you wanted it to or not we have a decision and can proceed accordingly. What I found to be most exciting is the strong turnout in the polls, especially by women. I think this speaks volumes!

It is hard to believe the holidays are quickly approaching. While I enjoy the season, I am not looking forward to the white stuff that accompanies it. It is coming whether we like it or not!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and hope to see you on the 16th!

~ Sheree W. Blazejewski



## The Sharing Section

- Lewis & Knopf, CPA's is sponsoring **QuickBooks Basic Training** at the Holiday Inn throughout the month of **November**. Register on-line at [www.lewis-knopf.com](http://www.lewis-knopf.com) today.
  - **YWCA Circle of Women Luncheon** - The Flint Women's Forum will host a table again at the YWCA's Circle of Women Annual Luncheon. Anyone interested in attending this special event on Wednesday, **November 10**, 11:30am - 1:30pm, should contact Betty Bennett or Stacey Doyle or Ellen Brothers @ (810) 238-7621, ext. 310.
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- **Athena Banquet** will be Thursday, **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.
- **FWF December Meeting** will be held Wednesday, **December 1** at 11:00 a.m. at the Flint Golf Club in conjunction with the Ladies Holiday Shopping Luncheon.
- 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 must meet certain criteria. Call (810) 232-7101 and talk to Ruth Kramer for more information.
- **Bridal Show** with over 35 vendors in the Bridal Business. **January 15, 2005** in the Atrium of the Great Lakes Technology Center from 11:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Two fashion shows at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Children's Recreational Fund to provide recreational and educational programs for kids in Genesee County. For more information contact Diane Wojciechowski @ (810) 249-7060.
- 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** for individual assistance and workshops @ (810) 767-6494. This center is 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. Ability to attend two monthly meetings per year at the member rate; additional meetings will be at the visitor rate.
  4. Inclusion in the member directory and identified as a Friend of the Flint Women's Forum.
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## Forum Meeting

- When:** Tuesday, November 16 – noon
- Where:** Flint Golf Club
- Speaker:** Beverly Brown
- Theme:** Beverly Brown manages the Emerging Technology Group at the Genesee Area Skill Center. Beverly will discuss the availability of student interns (paid or non-paid) to technology-based employers
- Menu:** Chicken Alfredo or Meatless Entrée-Wild Mushroom Risotto (Italian Rice), both served with a cup of pumpkin soup and rolls and sticky buns.
- 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	Sherry Collins	Jenean Kleinedler
Betty Bennett	Jamie Cowan	Lois Revenaugh
Pam Bishop	Sara Jo Gallock	Janette Sullivant
Sheree Blazejewski	Diana Hedderman	Annetta Tobias
Ellen Brothers	Teri Irland-Munley	Adrienne Wells
Kathy Condon		

## 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 now have monthly newsletters posted on-line.** We want to know what you think. [www.flintwomensforum.org](http://www.flintwomensforum.org)

## Note of Thanks

The Flint Women's Forum would like to recognize Lewis & Knopf, CPAs for their help in the printing of our newsletter.

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