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Words from the President

November is the time of year to give thanks for the goodness in our lives. This year, I will include all of you, my friends and colleagues at the Flint Women's Forum in my list of blessings. Since early 2005, we have added approximately sixteen new members to our group, and these new members have brought with them a wealth of knowledge, creativity, and experience. The richness and diversity of the composition of our membership is a source of inspiration and enlightenment to me. The anticipation of meeting someone new, who may allow me to learn something that I did not know before or may challenge an idea that I never thought much about, while also knowing that I will see my longtime friends, who most certainly will give me a sense of comfort and belonging, is a special gift that our membership meetings give each month. I appreciate each of you because it is your sharing of yourselves, which makes this gift so special.



I hope that each of you have a joyful Thanksgiving holiday with the ones who are special in your life.

Warm regards,

~ Teri

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.

The Sharing Section

– *Submission Deadline is the 4th Tuesday of the Month*

- Holiday Poinsettias for Sale! Friday, December 1, 2006 from 8 – 6 p.m., **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Flint** now located in the lower level of the downtown YMCA. For more information, call (810) 235-0617. All orders must be submitted by **Monday, November 20, 2006**.
- **FWF December** Meeting will be the Annual Holiday Shopping Experience @ the Flint Golf Club on **December 6**. Reservation required with prepayment by November 22. Contact Pam Bishop for more details.
- In partnership with Metro Housing, Genesys Health System, and Carman-Ainsworth Community Schools, we started a great program "**Economic Empowerment for Teenage Girls.**" To enhance the program and to increase the positive impact on girls, we would like to match them with women-mentors. We need women of all professions who could devote a few hours a month. For More Information please contact Yuliya Gaydayenko, Executive Director of Jewish Community Services (p) (810) 767-5922 or view information on the website www.flintjewishcommunity.org.
- 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>

Forum Meeting

When: *Tuesday, November 21 – noon*

Where: *The Flint Golf Club*

Speaker: *David Leyton, Genesee County Prosecutor*

Theme: *"News from the Prosecutors Office"*

Menu: *Meatless Choice-Vegetable lasagna, Roasted chicken breast, sage stuffing, green beans and natural chicken jus, Soup du Jour*

Cost: *\$17.00 for members and \$19.00 for guests. It is essential that you RSVP no later than Noon on the Friday prior with Pam Bishop by phone (810) 341-6462 or via email pam.s.bishop@abc.com*

Membership

Newest members . . .

- **Yuliya Gaydayenko**, Executive Director of Jewish Community Services.
- **Colleen Mansour**, Development Officer of Flint Cultrual Center Corp. Sponsored by **Teri Irland-Munley**.

Member News . . .

- Congratulations **Lois Revenaugh** on your impending retirement after 37 years with The Flint Journal!
- Congratulations to **Ruth Kramer** she was awarded "The Women's Business Mentor of the Year" at the 2006 Athena Awards.
- Congratulations to **Shelly Hoffman** she won the beautiful necklace designed and donated by Gaines Jewelers at the Circle of Women Luncheon.
- Correction – **Mona Hendrickson** has graciously volunteered to take over as Membership Chair. I apologize for last month's typo.

Member Profile

- Getting To Know Our Members

This month's member profile is **Colleen Mansour**.

1. **How did you learn about the Flint Women's Forum?** I was invited to attend a Flint Women's Forum luncheon on my very first day of work at the Flint Cultural Center Corporation by Teri Irland-Munley.
2. **What year did you join?** 2006.
3. **Who invited you and how did she convince you to join?** Teri spoke about the great group of women who belong to the FWF.
4. **Where do you work? For how long? Tell us about a typical day in your job.** I work at the Flint Cultural Center Corporation as a Development Officer. I began this position in July of this year. My typical day always varies and I enjoy that aspect of my job. I get to work with many great people, while promoting our four institutions, which include: Flint Youth Theatre, Longway Planetarium, Sloan Museum & The Whiting.
5. **Do you have any children or pets? If so, how many?** I am a lucky mother of four daughters, ages 8-15. I have one very needy dog and a husband named, John.
6. **What are your interests and hobbies?** I enjoy running, tennis, reading, cooking and having fun with family and friends.
7. **My dream job, as a businesswoman would be:** I feel my current job is pretty close.

Recruitment 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.

Birthdays

- Sherry Stewart – November 1
- Beverly Brown – November 4
- Ruth Kramer – November 7
- Anita Abrol – November 9



Anniversaries

- Katherine Zandstra – 1 yr.
- Beverly Brown – 2 yrs.
- Kaygie Goggins – 2 yrs.
- Diane Wojciechowski – 2 yrs.
- Jamie Cowan – 5 yrs.

Membership Benefits

Sheree Blazejewski and Mona Henderickson, both Financial Advisors, would like to offer 401(k) analysis to help FWF members properly allocate funds within their plan. Just contact either one of us a call or fax your statement and we will be happy to look at it for you.

UBS Financial Services has merged with Smith Barney, Inc.

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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.'

Website

Visit our website. www.flintwomensforum.org

Our Board Members

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Board Notes

- The Board Meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month, at the Flint Golf Club at noon.
- Ellen Brothers is heading up a sub-committee for the April 2007 Celebration of Women – anyone interested in participating, please contact Ellen.
- Attached are proposed By Law changes for the Flint Women's Forum. These changes were discussed at our October membership meeting and will be voted on at our November meeting. As you review the proposed changes, the wording in ALL CAPS is new verbiage. Any wording with a strikeout through it is the wording to be deleted. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Bishop.

Article IV - Membership Procedure:

A prospective member shall BE SPONSORED BY AN EXISTING MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING, AND complete a membership application, ~~designed by the Membership Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.~~ A-THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR OR committee member will meet with the applicant prior to approval. ~~and the applicant's name will be published in the newsletter.~~ The Membership CHAIR/ Committee shall review and present each application and recommend appropriate action to the Board of Directors. In all matters of application for membership in the Forum, the Board of Directors shall make the final decision to affirm or override the recommendation of the Membership CHAIR/Committee. A LETTER OF WELCOME FINALIZES MEMBERSHIP ACCEPTANCE. THE APPLICANT WILL THEN BE INVOICED FOR DUES PAYABLE WITHIN 30 DAYS. ~~Membership acceptance is finalized by the applicant's payment of dues and attendance at a Forum meeting.~~ The names of those applicants approved shall be circulated to the general membership.

Article XIII - Dues:

The annual dues of the Flint Women's Forum shall be fixed by the Board of Directors from year to year, as recommended by the Treasurer. Forum dues are payable June 1. Any member whose dues are in arrears September 1 shall be dropped from membership.

MEMBERS JOINING THE FLINT WOMEN'S FORUM BETWEEN JULY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31 SHALL PAY THE ENTIRE YEAR'S DUES. Members joining after January 1 shall pay ~~one-half year's~~ dues PRO-RATED ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

The Flint Women's Forum recognizes members as individuals, not as corporate representatives, and therefore considers them a member until the end of the membership year. There are no corporate memberships in the Flint Women's Forum. Any new employee of a member's former employer will have to undergo the application for membership process, and does not replace the former employee-member simply because of position or place of employment. □

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