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Words from the President

Hopefully, each of you have had a few minutes as the busy holiday season came to close to reflect on the past year and to look forward to 2007 with anticipation. Now here we are in January, the month for new beginnings, resolutions and opportunities.

Thomas Edison said, *“Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work”*.

I wonder how often that we have overlooked an opportunity because we were too busy with the issues of the current day, or couldn't stand the thought of taking on one more “responsibility”? This year, my resolution (in addition to the recurring annual theme of getting in shape!) is to try to open my eyes to the new opportunities in familiar situations. The less-than-desirable economic climate here in Genesee County can lead to fewer options to be involved with new projects and ideas and even to meet new people. However, I am optimistic that by attempting to see the existing world a bit differently I can discover new possibilities and challenges!



I hope that each of you find the New Year filled with opportunities!

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*

- 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, January 15 – noon*

Where: *Flint Institute of Arts*

Speaker: *Kathryn Sharbaugh, Capital Campaign Coordinator*

Theme: *A Tour of the New Facilities and Update on Upcoming Happenings.*

Menu: *Buffet-fresh fruit, mixed greens salad, eggplant parmesan, boneless braised chicken with lemon and capers, rice and bread. Desserts - a variety of pastries and cookies. Coffee, tea and soda*

Cost: *\$17.00 for members and \$19.00 for guests. It is essential that you RSVP no later than **January 10th** with Pam Bishop by phone (810) 341-6462 or via email pam.s.bishop@abc.com*

Website

Visit our website. www.flintwomensforum.org

Membership

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

- Jenean Kleinedler & Ellen Brothers – January 5
- Diane Wojciechowski – January 6
- Jamie Cowan – January 14
- Lois Revenaugh – January 15
- Sheree Blazejewski – January 26



Anniversaries

- Betty Bennett – 6 yrs.
- Kristin Skivington – 15 yrs.
- Barbara Ward – 27 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.'

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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.

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