



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:

As I work on the FWF bookkeeping, I am happy to say that it is not difficult at all! The software that our books are set up on is quite easy once you get the information downloaded. We are still looking for someone who wants to get more involved with the FWF and become a board member. It only entails one more meeting, the week before our membership meeting and we brown bag it at the YWCA. I would be happy to share some of the responsibilities with whoever would want to try it before accepting the position.

With that, I will leave you with this though...

You will find that every situation, properly perceived, offers you opportunity. As fast as each opportunity presents itself, use it. No matter how tiny an opportunity it may be, use it. You will discover new directions when you have an open mind and a willing hand.



Have a great month and "Think Spring"!

~ Sheree W. Blazejewski

The Sharing Section

- The YWCA of Greater Flint Presents the 13th Biennial ***WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS CEREMONY*** on **March 22, 2005**. The YWCA hosts the Women of Achievement Awards Ceremony as a way of demonstrating its commitment to empowering women. This premiere recognition event gathers together over 600 people from area businesses and the wider community to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of truly outstanding women living and working in the greater Flint area. At the Awards Ceremony, there are four types of recognition:
 - **Nina Mills Awards** – One of the most prestigious awards in our community and named in honor of the founder of the YWCA of Greater Flint.
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- **Corporate Women of Achievement** – Sponsoring Companies acknowledge the contributions of their women workforce who brought success to their company.
- **Not-for-Profit Women of Achievement** – Sponsored by **abc12**, identifies three outstanding women in the non-profit sector.
- **Making a Difference Awards – The Flint Journal as Title Corporate Sponsor** of Women of Achievement chooses several women who exemplify “all that is right and good about our community.”

The Women of Achievement Awards Ceremony provides a unique opportunity to highlight the accomplishments of outstanding women throughout our community. The ceremony is held at The Whiting and begins with a hors d'oeuvre and wine reception at 5:30 pm, followed by the awards presentation from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. The evening concludes with desserts and coffee. **Tickets are \$40.00 per person and are available by contacting the YWCA of Greater Flint at (810) 238-7621. RSVP deadline is Monday, March 14, 2005.**

- 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.

Board Notes

Celebration of Women is coming

We hope you will join us for our annual "Celebration of Women" event on Tuesday, April 19. This year we are hopeful Denise Ilitch, daughter of the famous Detroit business family, will be our program speaker. We should have final confirmation of her availability this week. Think positive thoughts.

This year we would also like to ask for your help. Since the FWF is a networking organization, the board thought it would be nice to put together a gift bag for all attendees of the April event. This is an opportunity for you to share your promotional items with dozens of women. If you would like to donate 100 promotional items, please bring them to the membership meeting next Tuesday, March 15 at the Flint Golf Club. If you will not be attending the meeting but still want to put something in the bag, please e-mail President Sheree Blazejewski, or myself, Sherry Collins, so arrangements can be made to get them from you. ~ *Sherry Collins, FWF Program Chair*

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

Teri Irland-Munley

February 24th



Anniversaries

Kathi Horton – 13 yrs.
Colleen Stephenson – 2 yrs.
Lili Donaldson – 1 yr.
Debbie Pascoe – 1 yr.

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. **We now have monthly newsletters posted on-line.** We want to know what you think. www.flintwomensforum.org

Forum Meeting

- When:** Tuesday, March 15 – noon
- Where:** Flint Golf Club
- Speaker:** Cindy Ornstein-President and CEO, Flint Cultural Center Corporation.
- Theme:** Cindy has been in her current role since May of 2000. She will be sharing with us an overview of the Cultural Center and the exciting projects they have in the works.
- Menu:** Corned Beef, Whole Boiled Potatoes and Cabbage or Meatless-Vegetable Stuffed Portobello
- Cost:** \$17.00 for members and \$19.00 for guests. It is essential that you RSVP to Ellen Brothers at (810) 238-7621, ext. 310.

Standing List

Betty Bennett	Jamie Cowan	Michele Nichols
Pam Bishop	Sara Jo Gallock	Lois Revenaugh
Sheree Blazejewski	Diana Hedderman	Janette Sullivant
Ellen Brothers	Teri Irland-Munley	Annetta Tobias
Sherry Collins	Jenean Kleinedler	Adrienne Wells

RSVP to FWF Luncheons

Members who are not on the standing list need to **RSVP by calling Ellen Brothers at (810) 238-7621, ext. 310 before the Friday before 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 Ellen Brothers at (810) 238-7621, ext. 310 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.

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