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Words from the President

Greetings To All!

For those of you who could not join us for the January meeting, we have updated membership directories! Extra copies will be available at the February meeting, so be sure to pick up a set. The directory is for your use in communicating and networking with each other. The newsletter is one tool to share information, but you can also send correspondences, news, etc. to members or the group as a whole. The Forum is about building relationships and opportunities, so use it to your full advantage!



Our April “Celebration of Women” guest speaker has been selected: Stephannie Sack Bailey, Director of the Leadership Institute – Women with Purpose, Inc. Stephannie is a Flint native and graduate of GMI Engineering & Management Institute (now Kettering University), and the University of Kentucky. The Leadership Institute is a cooperative effort between the Alpha Gamma Delta International Women’s Fraternity and the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation. The mission of the Leadership Institute is to provide educational programming for the development and enhancement of leadership skills of women. The Institute is committed to educating and inspiring women by offering opportunities and resources for personal growth through which women will be better prepared as leaders in their lifelong endeavors.

Please note: The April luncheon will be held on **Friday, April 28** instead of our typical third Tuesday of the month. Event sponsors are being sought to offset our expenses. Please contact Sheree Blazejewski or me for more information. Mark your calendars for April 28th and invite some guests!

~ Ellen Brothers

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.

Forum Meeting

When: *Tuesday, February 21 – noon*

Where: *The Flint Golf Club*

Speaker: *Sybyl Atwood, Program Director Resource Center*

Theme: *Sybyl will discuss poverty and need in Genesee County.*

Menu: *Choice of: Chicken Pot Pie or Vegetable Stuffed Portabella Mushroom*

Cost: *\$17.00 for members and \$19.00 for guests. It is essential that you RSVP to Sara Jo Gallock at (810) 233-3130.*

The Sharing Section – *Submission Deadline is the 4th Tuesday of the Month*

- The IMA Children's Recreation Fund is hosting "***Wine, Women & Chocolate***". This is a winter walk – snowshoe – cross-country ski from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. @ Brookwood Golf Course on **Saturday, February 11, 2006**. For additional information please contact Kaygie Goggins @ kgoggins@flintima.org.
- If your organization is looking for a different type of fundraiser call bd's Mongolian barbeque and ask about the "***Guest Griller Program***". Call the restaurant at (810) 732-1132 or contact Betty Bennett at (810) 577-9572.
- The Resource Center's ***2nd Annual Polar Bear Open*** will be held on **Friday, February 24**, 3 - 6:00PM at IMA Brookwood. There will be 18 holes of indoor/outdoor golf, food, drinks and an opportunity to win great prizes. There are various Sponsorship levels available ranging from \$100 - \$500. Other ticket prices: Whispering Spectator: \$25; Individual player \$75; 4-some \$300. Polar putts (mulligans) and raffle tickets will also be available. For more information call the Resource Center (810) 232-6216.
- If you need a student for an Internship or can spend some time with a student who would be "***Job Shadowing***", please contact: Janet Roberts - Technology Coordinator @ GASC Technology Center by phone (810) 760-1444 Ext. 201 or email roberjan@gasc.flint.k12.mi.us. Or contact Jeff Newcombe - Computer Hardware Tech. Instructor @ GASC Technology Center by phone (810) 760-1444 Ext. 128 or email newcojef@gasc.flint.k12.mi.us.

- Jenean Klinedler has started selling and supporting a new CRM (Customer Relationship Management) Software – **Infotrac Software**. For more information contact Jenean Klinedler @ 810-230-0300 or via email @ jenean@tedge.com.
- 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.

Website

Visit our website. www.flintwomensforum.org

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 – 24th

Anniversaries

- Sherry Collins – 1 yr.
- Shelly Hoffman – 1 yr.



Member Profile - Getting To Know Our Members

This month's member profile is **Tanya Jefferson.**

1. **How did you learn about the Flint Women's Forum?** *I learned about FWF from Dawn Hibbard. She extended an invitation to attend a meeting in 2000. What impressed me most about FWF was its rich history and its sense of empowerment for local women. Many of the women I saw at my first FWF meeting, were members whom I admired for their professionalism, grace and commitment to the community. These are qualities that are important to me, particularly as a rising young professional.*
2. **What year did you join?** *In 2000. During that year, I was voted to serve on the Board of Directors as Program/Education Chair. I was delighted to be recognized by FWF as its Outstanding New Member (2001-2002)!*
3. **Who invited you and how did she convince you to join?** *Dawn Hibbard invited me (no convincing was needed). Dawn & I are former colleagues at Fair Winds Girl Scout Council. Upon attending my first meeting (annual April Celebration of Women event) and learning about the mission of FWF, I knew this would be a perfect alignment with my personal and professional aspirations.*
4. **Where do you work? For how long? Tell us about a typical day in your job.** *I am Vice President for Programs at the Community Foundation of Greater Flint. I have been in this role for a year. In philanthropy, there truly is not a "typical" day. Each day, I embrace how my role, which oversees the grants administration department, can generate maximum impact through strategic grantmaking. This involves responding to critical needs; strengthening the fabric of our community by utilizing endowed funds to "take the long view and turn the tide" toward community health and well-being; partnering with donors to expand their philanthropic impact; and serving as a catalyst for cohesive community (via effective community leadership strategies). I am truly blessed to be in this position of increasing the quality of life for Genesee County residents.*
5. **Do you have any children or pets? If so, how many? Tell us a little about them.** *My husband and I have two beautiful daughters, Morgan, age 5 & Maya, age 3. Both are preschoolers who enjoy visiting the Flint Public Library, taking swimming classes at the YWCA, and "hosting" family dinners. Morgan and Maya are anxious to add a dog to our family unit!*
6. **What are your interests and hobbies?** *I enjoy church activities (youth committee, adult choir, bible study), attending cultural/community events, and most importantly enjoying my family.*
7. **My dream job as a business woman would be:** *To lead a foundation whereby helping people help themselves through the practical application of knowledge and resources to improve their quality of life and that of future generations. As Anne Frank once said, "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment for starting to improve the world."*

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.'

Our Board Members

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Board Notes

Notes from the Membership – Lois Revenaugh

- The New Directories were distributed at the January meeting. They will be available at the registration table for the next couple of meetings. If you have not received yours, please make arrangements to pick them up.

Notes from the Program Chair – Sherry Collins

- Upcoming Calendar of Events
 - **March** – Valerie Warren – VP of Administration and Safety, Dee Cramer. Governor Granholm also appointed her in 2005 to a two-year term on the state's Construction Safety Commission. Valerie will discuss the pros and cons of being a female in the male dominated world of Residential and Commercial Heating and Sheet Metal for the past 34 years.
 - **April - Our Annual Celebration of Women Luncheon** will be held on Friday, April 28, 2006. Our speaker this year is: Stephannie Sack Bailey, first Executive Director of the Leadership Institute - Women With Purpose, Inc. The institute is a cooperative effort between the Alpha

Gamma Delta International Women's Fraternity and the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation

Notes from the Editor – *Jamie Cowan*

- The newsletter has a new feature. The table of contents is actually a [hyperlink](#). When you are viewing the document you can click on the table of contents and go to the section you want. Also, all the email address and web address are [hyperlinks](#). Just click and go!

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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