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## **Words from the President**

### **The Buzz from Beverly**

Ahhhhh! The sun is shining and the birds are singing. It is a balmy 76 degrees outside and a soft breeze is blowing through my hair. The trees are green and there are so many flowers in my neighborhood that it resembles a nursery.

Yes, I'm telling myself what I need to hear. This is the strategy we all must use when the environment around us just isn't what we hope it would be. Whether it's a project, a party, or a presentation, we have to sometimes psych ourselves into a positive attitude. Many of you, I'm sure, have read books on positive thinking. They say that if you think positive, then positive things will happen.

In fact, this is what happened to me recently when I became so stressed out between work and school that I wished for time to concentrate on just one thing and to do that well. I put my thinking into action. On February 20 my employer approved my request for a one year sabbatical beginning in the fall. I will relish the time to work diligently on my dissertation as I continue my path toward a Ph.D. Needless to say, I plan to have a love affair with the local library!

My hope for all of you is that you turn your positive thoughts in positive action as well. Don't procrastinate. Write down your goals and attack them with vigor and zeal. Remember, the sun will come out tomorrow!

*Beverly Brown*  
*President, Flint Women's Forum*

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month*

- The Flint Chapter of Jack & Jill is seeking new mothers. Contact Kimberley Williams for more details at (810) 424-5541 or [kbwill@umflint.edu](mailto:kbwill@umflint.edu)

### About Jack and Jill of America

- *A national community service organization for African American mothers and their children*
- *The largest and oldest national organization that supports national legislation aimed at bettering conditions of all children*
- *An organization that aids mothers to learn more about their children*
- *An organization that plans programs and activities that enhance/develop leadership skills in their children*

### About the Flint Chapter of Jack and Jill of America

- *The Flint Chapter of Jack and Jill was established in 1960*
- *Currently there are 11 members on the roster*
- *The Flint membership represents mothers from all over the Flint area, many different professions and different churches*

For more information about Jack and Jill of America, visit [jack-and-jill.org](http://jack-and-jill.org)

- Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> is an auction at the Flint Institute of Arts. Free to the public from 10 to 5. **Many estate items including beautiful jewelry!** Proceeds benefit the museum and it is an event put on by the Founders Society. Food and Starbuck's beverages will be available and all galleries open at no charge. Contact Kathryn Sharbaugh, at 810.234.1695 for more information.
- You are invited to a seminar hosted by **The Moeller Group at Smith Barney, A Way Forward: Market Volatility and the Long-Term Investor**. Turbulance in today's financial markets raises important questions - will the credit crunch in the U.S. get worse? Will the fall out reverberate through the global economy? Will economic stress lead to recession? Come learn more about the Moeller Group's perspective on today's markets with speaker, William H. Moeller, Sr. Vice President – Wealth Management. **Wednesday, March 19, 7:00pm**, Flint Golf Club – Fireside Lounge; Refreshments. RSVP to Linda Perini, 810.230.2923; [Linda.j.perini@smithbarney.com](mailto:Linda.j.perini@smithbarney.com).
- Big Brothers Big Sisters' **BIG Magic Raffle** tickets are available for a chance to win one of three prizes. Grand prize: 1-Week Vacation at a resort condo in Williamsburg, VA; Second prize: Nintendo Wii; Third prize: \$200 Cash. Tickets are \$15 each; drawing date is June 20. Contact Ellen at 810.235.7274 or [ebrothers@bbbsflint.org](mailto:ebrothers@bbbsflint.org) for tickets.

- Let **Avon** be your source for holiday ideas, great gift deals and convenient shopping. Visit Lynn Barbee's website, [www.youravon/lynnbarbee](http://www.youravon/lynnbarbee) to place an order and have the items shipped directly to your home or office. Lynn is also available by phone and email: 810-743-1036; [lookbeautifulwithavon@yahoo.com](mailto:lookbeautifulwithavon@yahoo.com).
- 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 visit: <http://www.umf-outreach.edu/outreach/amaizing.htm>
- Nominations are being accepted for the **2008 class of the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame**. **The Hall** commemorates more than 200 women of this state who have distinguished themselves in a variety of fields of endeavor. Candidates for admission to the Hall of Fame must have been born in Michigan, achieved prominence within the state, *or* been a resident of the state for an extended period after achieving prominence elsewhere. The women may be living or deceased. Additionally, women's organizations may be nominated to the Hall. All nominations must be submitted by mail on approved nomination forms, found online at <http://www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org/pages/nomination.htm>. Printed versions may be obtained by calling the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame at (517) 484-1880 or by e-mailing [mail@michiganwomenshalloffame.org](mailto:mail@michiganwomenshalloffame.org). **The deadline for submissions is March 21, 2008.**

## **Forum Meeting**

- When:** *Tuesday, March 19, 2008, Noon*
- Where:** *The Flint Golf Club*
- Speakers:** *Dr. Tera Hamo Anderson, Chiropractor and Owner of Anderson Hamo Chiropractic*
- Theme:** *Menopause, Stress Relief, Massage and Chiropractic.*  
*\*Free Chair Massages will be offered from 11:30-12:30*
- Menu:** *Chicken Caesar Salad or Portabella Caesar Salad*
- Cost:** *Members \$17; Guests \$20*

## **April Save the Date:**

**Annual Flint Women's Forum Celebration of Women Luncheon**  
Friday, April 18, 2008  
11:30am – 1:30pm  
The Flint Golf Club – Fireside Room  
Guest Speaker: JoAnn Shaw, CEO and Founder of the Coffee Beanery  
\$25 – Members and Guests  
Watch for your invitation in the mail!

**Website** [www.flintwomensforum.org](http://www.flintwomensforum.org)

## **Membership**

### Recruitment Incentive

Building our membership strengthens the resources of the Flint Women's Forum and increases the networking benefit for all members. 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

- Betty Huotari – March 24

### Anniversaries

- Ellen Brothers – 5 years
- Edna Green-Perry – 2 years
- Ginger Virkler – 1 year



### Member News

- In January, **Betty Huotari** of **Logical Placement** was featured on WXYZ Detroit Channel 7 for January “GO” month – Get Organized!
- Sympathy goes out to Board Member, **Tera Hamo Anderson**, who recently lost her grandmother.
- A number of employees, including myself, at Goodwill joined the **National Body Challenge** in cooperation with the Discovery Health Channel. For me, it's a tough time of year to try and loose weight with little or no outside support. Our Goodwill Industries of Mid-Michigan CEO and President Gary Smith are encouraging all of us by offering healthier choices and healthier prepared menus in our cafeteria. Incentives are provided to promote and encourage weight control, exercise and healthier life styles. Also, he allows us time for weekly meetings where literature is provided, Internet access, and a mapped out area in our plant for walkers to use during breaks. For more information contact Gary Smith at 810.762.9960. It's wonderful to work for an organization that promotes Goodwill and Good Health. **Kathy Rometty, Goodwill Industries**

*Do you have news to share or know some news about a fellow FWF member? This section is used for celebrating notable accomplishments, special occasions, and recognition. Send details to Mona Hendrickson, Membership Chair or Ellen Brothers, Newsletter Editor. See below for contact information.*

## Membership Benefits

Sheree Blazejewski and Mona Hendrickson, 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.

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## Sustaining Membership

To recognize past membership involvement and a continued desire to be supportive of the Forum and its mission, a sustaining membership level was developed. Benefits and requirements for this membership level include:

1. Members 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**

- Teri Irland Munley and her committee have begun meeting to plan the Celebration of Women luncheon in April. As you know, our keynote speaker will be Ms. JoAnne Shaw, Founder and CEO of the Coffee Beanery.
- All current FWF members are being asked to bring in 2 new members before June.
- Ballots will go out soon so that members can vote on the FWF 2008 New Member Award.

The **Outstanding New Member Award** is presented at the Celebration of Women Luncheon. The person selected to receive the award will be the member who has best demonstrated (1) success in advancing women in the spirit of the FWF purpose statement, by providing direct help to women and/or serving as an effective role model for women and (2) networking skills.

The following eligible members for the 2007-2008 Award have joined and been in good standing January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007:

**Tera Hamo-Anderson** Member: February 2007  
**M. Lynn Barbee** Member: April 2007  
**Valerie Bradley** Member: May 2006  
**Roxanne Cain** Member: August 2006  
**Shirley Cochran** Member: September 2006  
**Yuliya Gaydayenko** Member: October 2006  
**Edna Green Perry** Member: March 2006  
**Colleen C. Mansour** Member: October 2006  
**Kathy Rometty** Member: August 2007  
**Diane Stephens** Member: August 2006  
**Ginger Virkler** Member: March 2007  
**Kimberley Buster-Williams** Member: August 2007

## ***FOCUS***

Ellen Brothers, Editor