



This Issue of Focus

<i>Words from the President</i>	<i>page 1</i>	<i>Membership News</i>	<i>page 3</i>
<i>Our Mission</i>	<i>page 2</i>	<i>Sustaining Members</i>	<i>page 4</i>
<i>Sharing Section</i>	<i>page 2</i>	<i>Our Board Members</i>	<i>page 4</i>
<i>Forum Meeting</i>	<i>page 2</i>	<i>Board Notes</i>	<i>page 5</i>
<i>Website</i>	<i>page 2</i>		



Words from the President

The Buzz from Beverly

What do you value? Can you put a price tag on a career? Can you put a price tag on a relationship? What is your ability to problem-solve worth to you? How did you learn to solve problems? Would you prefer a colleague that communicates criticism well or one who rarely speaks to you and avoids interaction with people? Who taught you about integrity and patience? Are you a risk taker? Do you use a condescending tone with others or do you respectfully share your own knowledge to help others grow? Do you take the time to listen to others when you notice something isn't quite right? Do you have the courage to act to correct or prevent a wrong?

These are questions that we often don't think about but we need to frequently answer for ourselves. As human beings (and influential women) who are concerned with making our lives better through networking, it behooves us to be both idealistic and pragmatic. One definition of value is "relative worth, utility, or importance; something (as a principle or quality) intrinsically desirable" according to Webster's Dictionary. That said, it is important to dream of a career, job, family, husband, church, city, state, country, world and ultimately a universe where new ideals fuel multiple possibilities. Diverse ideas come from diverse groups of people. Diversity fuels innovation. Innovation empowers individuals. So you can see that each subset is connected with something larger than just our individual network.

The more we build on our powerful network, the better we will be as individuals and as a community. The Flint Women's Forum is a wonderful vehicle for individual growth. In recent years we have had the privilege of learning from movers and shakers such as Mary Ellen Sheets, Denise Illitch and JoAnne Shaw. I have certainly grown since my association with the FWF, and I hope that you have as well. Let's spread the value of empowerment to other women. Because guess what? We CAN change the world!

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 3rd Friday of the Month*

- Visit the Flint Institute of Arts and view the current exhibition of M.C. Escher – Rhythm of Illusion. The exhibit opened March 29 and will end June 15. Target Free Saturdays!
- 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 for tickets.
- Let **Avon** be your source for holiday ideas, great gift deals and convenient shopping. Visit Lynn Barbee's website, 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.

Forum Meeting

- When:* Tuesday, May 20, 2008 - Noon
- Where:* The Flint Golf Club – Fireside Room
- Speaker:* David Tucker, Director, Genesee County Humane Society
- Menu:* Grilled Vegetable Quesadilla with Rice and Pico DeGallo
- Cost:* Members \$17; Guests \$20

June Save the Date:

Arlene Minto, founding member of Camo and Lace, will be the guest speaker for the June 17 meeting. Camo and Lace is a women's group that encourages females of all ages to get involved in out door recreation and sports such as hunting, fishing, canoeing and more.

The Flint Women's Forum will also hold the reconstitution of the board of directors. The June meeting will close the 2007-2008 year. Monthly meetings will resume in August.

Website 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

- Pam Bishop – May 1
- Janette Sullivan – May 1

Anniversaries

- Valerie Bradley – 2 years
- Roxanne Caine – 2 years
- Jenean Kleinedler – 18 years
- Kathryn Sharbaugh – 3 years



Member News

Congratulations to **Tera Hamo Anderson**, recipient of the annual Flint Women's Forum Outstanding New Member Award!

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 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.

Sheree Blazejewski
 Financial Advisor
 The Moeller Group
sheree.blazejewski@smithbarney.com
 (810) 230-2926 (p)
 (810) 733-6122 (f)

Mona Hendrickson
 Financial Consultant, Financial Planning Specialist
 Smith Barney Inc.
mona.l.hendrickson@smithbarney.com
 (810) 230-2922 (p)
 (810) 733-6122 (f)

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

President – Beverly Brown(810) 760-1444..... brownbev@gasc.flint.k12.mi.us
 Past President – Teri Irland-Munley ..(810) 762-5404..... teri.irland@abnamro.com
 President Elect – Valerie Bradley(810) 579-5000, ext. 709..... valw@deecramer.com
 Secretary – Kathy Zandstra.....(810) 767-0136..... kathy@mfo.com
 Treasurer – Gloria Koster(248) 750.0483 gloriaakoster@yahoo.com
 Membership – Mona Hendrickson.....(810) 230-2922..... mona.l.hendrickson@smithbarney.com
 Program Chair – Sherry Stewart.....(810) 342-4477..... sherryst@mclaren.org
 Public Relations – M. Lynn Barbee...(810)743.1036 lbarbee45@msn.com
 Editor – Ellen Brothers(810) 235-0617..... ebrothers@bbbsflint.org
 Member At Large – Tera Hamo Anderson(810) 877.5858..... drtera@comcast.net
 Member At Large – Gloria Tomaszewski(810) 606.0725 gloria.tomaszewski@53.com

Board Notes

The slate of new board of director officers for the 2008-2009 year is as follows:

President	Valerie Bradley
President-Elect	Mona Hendrickson
Past President	Beverly Brown
Secretary	Kimberly Buster-Williams
Treasurer	Gloria Koster
Program Chair	Sherry Stewart
Membership Chair	Ellen Brothers
Public Relations	Lynn Barbee
Editor	Diane Wojciechowski
Member at Large	Kathy Rometty
Member at Large	Kathryn Sharbaugh

Presented by the Nominating Committee: Kathy Zandstra – Chair, Tera Hamo Anderson, Kimberly Buster-Williams, Roxanne Caine, Jenean Kleinedler.

FOCUS

Ellen Brothers, Editor

FOCUS is a monthly publication of Flint Women's Forum. Submissions are welcomed and appreciated. Send to Ellen Brothers, 2560 Tyrone St, Flint MI 48504, or email: ebrothers@bbbsflint.org