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## **Words from the President**



Welcome to Fall - it's so hard to believe we are already heading into cooler days and nights, leaves about to turn color, and the holidays fast approaching. Our fall schedule will also start out with a great speaker. In October Attorney Joan Pierson, from The Williams Firm will be speaking on "Mistakes most often made by employers". So please join us for great food and networking and bring a friend or colleague to enjoy an hour with the Flint Women Forum.

This month I leave you with some words from a woman of admiration:  
Eleanor Roosevelt

**"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent"**

Sincerely,

*Valerie Bradley*

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*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*

### **Flint Institute of Arts News - October 2008**

#### **In the Galleries:**

Flint Institute of Arts presents: *Jean Gumper: Woodland Meditations*, October 18 – November 30; *Las Artes de Mexico: From the Collection of the Gilcrease Museum*, October 25 – January 4. For details, call 810.234.1695 or visit flintarts.org.

#### **At the Cinema:**

Flint Institute of Arts Theater presents: *Gonzo: The Life and Work of Dr. Hunter S. Thompson*, October 17, 18, 19; *Anamorph*, October 24, 25, 26; *Mister Lonely*, October 31 & November 1, 2. For details, call 810.234.1695 or visit flintarts.org.

- **The YWCA is hosting the Circle of Women** event at the Holiday Inn Gateway on November 12, 2008. Pam Bishop is co-hosting a table (or 2) for the Flint Women's Forum. Please contact her if you are interested in attending, either by email at [pam.s.bishop@abc.com](mailto:pam.s.bishop@abc.com) or by phone at (810) 341-6462. There is no cost for the luncheon but they do ask for a donation of \$100 or more.
- **Harambee-Art Salt & Wine Tasting, November 20, 2008 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.** - Harambee is a Swahili word meaning "Let's all pull together". The event is hosted by and benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters. The community is invited to celebrate local talent and fellowship as we "all pull together" for the children of Genesee County. The artists and specialty vendors will represent a variety of cultures and interests. Admission is \$15. Contact Ellen at Big Brothers Big Sisters at (810) 235-7274 for more information.
- **Getting married or know someone that is?** Then save the Date for the IMA's annual **Winter Bridal Show** to be held on Saturday, January 3, 2009 at IMA Brookwood Golf & Banquet Center from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For show or vendor information, contact Diane Wojciechowski at (810) 249-7060 or email [dwojo@flintima.org](mailto:dwojo@flintima.org).

## **Forum Meeting**

- When:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 - Noon
- Where:** The Flint Golf Club – Fireside Room
- Menu:** Seared salmon with saffron sauce and vegetable medley or vegetable lasagna
- Speaker:** Attorney Joan Pierson
- Cost:** Members – \$17, Guests \$20

**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 distributed upon new member induction.

### October Birthdays

- None this month!

### October Anniversaries

- Pam Bishop – 5 years
- Sara Jo Gallock – 5 years
- Teri Irland Munley – 5 years



### Member News

Congratulations to **Dr. Tera Hamo Anderson on the birth of her baby boy, Trevor Joseph Anderson** on September 18, 2008. He weighed 10 pounds, 3 ½ ounces and was 22 inches long. Congratulations on the new addition to the family!

Effective October 1, 2008, **Kristen Skivington has retired from the University of Michigan-Flint**. After 22 years with the University, Kristin is looking forward to the next phase of her life and plans to travel, play golf, and spend time with her family. Congratulations Kristin!

**Congratulations to Kathy Rometty!** She has been nominated for the upcoming Athena 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 Membership Chair or Newsletter Editor. See below for contact information.*

## **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**

The next FWF Board meeting will be held Tuesday, October 14 at Flint Golf Club.

## ***FOCUS***

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