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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

Valerie Bradley
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*

Flint Institute of Arts:

In the Galleries:

Flint Institute of Arts presents: **Ed McGowin: Name Change**, through September 28; **A Celebration of Everyday Life: Work by Maya Photographers from Chiapas, Mexico**, September 6 – October 12. For details, call 810.234.1695 or visit flintarts.org.

At the Cinema:

Flint Institute of Arts Theater presents: **Young@Heart**, September 12, 13, 14; **Out 'N About Festival**, September 19, 20, 21; **The Grocer's Son**, September 26, 27, 28. For details, call 810.234.1695 or visit flintarts.org.

- Don't miss the annual Boys and Girls Club of Greater Flint **Steak & Burger Dinner & Silent Auction** on Thursday, October 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For information, please call (810) 249-3452.
- **The U of M-Flint School of Management Business Awards Dinner** is being held on Thursday, September 25 beginning with a reception at 6:00 p.m., at the Northbank Center Ballroom. The speaker is Tom Wilson, President & CEO of Palace Sports & Entertainment. For information, please call (810) 237-6579.
- **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.

Forum Meeting

- When:** *Tuesday, September 16, 2008 - Noon*
- Where:** *The Flint Golf Club – Fireside Room*
- Menu:** *Jerk chicken with island salsa, coconut rice and grilled vegetables or Seasonal vegetable bowtie pasta with pesto sauce*
- Speaker:** *Open Forum – Review 2007-2008 Financial Report*
- Cost:** *Members – \$17, Guests \$20*

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 distributed upon new member induction.

September Birthdays

- **Gloria Koster – September 3**

September Anniversaries

- **Diana Hedderman – 20 years**
- **Betty Huotari – 3 years**
- **Gloria Koster – 3 years**
- **Janette Sullivant – 13 years**
- **Diane Wojciechowski – 4 years**



Member News

Congratulations to **Kimberley Buster-Williams** for being accepted to participate in the 2008 – 2009 Advanced Leadership Seminar at the Center for the Education of Women. Kimberley was selected from a large and highly competitive group of outstanding applicants to engage in an extended process of self-exploration, learning and change management.

Professional organizer and FWF member **Betty Huotari of Logical Placement LLC** will share her insight on getting and staying organized at several presentations through local community educational programs including:

September 23 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Mott Community College

November 8 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Mott Community College

Linden Community Education – To register call (810) 591-0415 (Date TBA)

Deborah S. Pascoe has been appointed the CEO of the New Child Advocacy Center of Lapeer. She will be helping to set up a Lapeer Women's Forum Group in Lapeer.

Lynn Barbee has stepped down as **FWF Public Relations Chair** due to conflicts with her schedule. If anyone would like to fill this position, please contact Valerie Bradley as soon as possible. Sherry Stewart will temporarily fill this position until another Chair is appointed.

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.

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, or 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'.

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Board Notes

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

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