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**FLINT WOMEN'S FORUM ANNOUNCES SPEAKER  
FOR 2015 CELEBRATION OF WOMEN EVENT**

*Join the Flint Women's Forum for our Annual Celebration of Women.*

**Flint, MI** – As The Flint Women's Forum (FWF) celebrates its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it is pleased to announce its speaker for the 2015 annual Celebration of Women will be Colonel Kriste Kibbey Etue, Director of the Michigan State Police, the first woman to be elected to the position. This year's event is being held on April 24, 2015 at The Flint Golf Club.

Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue was appointed Director of the Michigan State Police in January 2011 by Governor Rick Snyder. Colonel Etue is the 18<sup>th</sup> Director in the 97-year history of the department and the department's first female Director. During her 27-year tenure with the Michigan State Police, Colonel Etue has held several executive positions focusing on emergency management and homeland security, budgeting, facility management, training, human resources, and public affairs. Today, Colonel Etue serves as State Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. She also chairs the Michigan Homeland Protection Board, Michigan Public Safety Communications Interoperability Board, Auto Theft Prevention Authority, and Michigan Intelligence Operations Center Advisory Board.

The event will be held at The Flint Golf Club in Flint, Michigan from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Please visit [flintwomensforum.org](http://flintwomensforum.org) for updates.

## **ABOUT FWF**

The purpose of the Flint Women's Forum is the advancement of women as a non-sectarian, non-partisan organization. The Flint Women's Forum brings together women of achievement and influence in the professions of the arts, science, education, industry, commerce and public service. 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. They hold monthly lunch meetings the third Tuesday of each month. For more information, visit the website at [flintwomensforum.org](http://flintwomensforum.org), on Facebook at [facebook.com/flintwomensforum](https://facebook.com/flintwomensforum), Twitter at [@flintwomensforum](https://twitter.com/flintwomensforum) or LinkedIn.

## **BECOMING A MEMBER**

Membership in the FWF is open to women who have demonstrated leadership in their fields of endeavor, who believe in the purpose of the Forum, are willing to participate actively, and have the ability to be effective in an extended network. Leadership skills should be evident in responsibilities for organization, control, development, evaluation, problem solving, planning, decision-making and communication. For more information regarding membership, contact Cheryl DeFrain, Membership Chair, at [cdefrain@flintandgeneseesee.org](mailto:cdefrain@flintandgeneseesee.org)

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