



A Message from Kathy Rometty, FWF President

I can't believe it's already autumn! Where has this year gone? Summer has been a great time for us at the Forum and we are looking forward to the fall and winter with new bylaws, great new technology and an informative speaker line up. We are looking forward to seeing all of you and your guests at our next meeting.

~Kathy



Swartz Creek American Legion's Women's Auxiliary, Post 294 Fundraiser

On December 1, 2012, they will be painting three different 16 x 20 canvas paintings of poppies, (one style at each session), to honor our veterans. People can paint the backgrounds and flowers any color we have, if they want to paint them different than the sample paintings.

Session times are: 10:00 a.m. - Noon; 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person--they provide everything--canvases, aprons, paints, brushes, etc. SmARTEE Paints, owned by FWF member Dawn Crichton, will be teaching the classes and will donate \$10 to the American Legion Women's Auxiliary for each person attending a class. Class sizes are limited to 25 people each. If classes fill completely, we will donate \$750 at the end of the event! Beverages can be purchased at the bar.

Please visit www.smartteepaints.com to sign up for classes and see the paintings. They accept PayPal, debit and credit cards. For more information, please contact Dawn Crichton of Smartee Paints at (810) 513-3812.

FWF 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.

Birthdays

September
Kelly Crystal – September 21

Anniversaries

September
Janette Sullivant – 17 Years

October
Teri Irland Munley – 9 Years
Dian Panter – 3 Years
Jennifer Tremaine – 9 Years



Procedures for Guests & New Membership Incentives

We welcome any guests of members who are considering membership to attend a Flint Women's Forum's monthly luncheon. The first time a guests attends, their lunch is free. Guests are allowed two additional times to attend the luncheons at the guest rate. After the third time attending the luncheon, the guest is welcome to fill out a membership application to join the Forum. Unfortunately, we cannot allow a continue to attend the meetings on a regular basis without full becoming a member. Membership is only \$75.00 per year and applies to individuals and not companies. 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.

Thank you!
Dian Panter ~ Membership Chair

Lunch Meetings

Upcoming Lunch Meetings:

- ~ October 16th at Flint Golf Club ~ from Veronica Artis from Genesee Packaging.
- ~ November 20th at Flint Golf Club ~ Walethia Aquil on the Power of Women
- ~ *December 5th at Flint Golf Club ~ FGC Holiday Shopping Luncheon
- ~ January 19th at Holiday Inn Gateway Center ~ Nicole Arnold from Little Cottage Engagement Services on email marketing and making friends online.

*This meeting is on the first Wednesday of the month. Cost is \$20.00 for everyone and payment must be received before the meeting. This is the FGC's annual ladies luncheon buffet with local specialty shops and vendors selling items for the holiday season.

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FOCUS is a monthly publication of Flint Women's Forum. Submissions are welcomed and appreciated. Please send entries to Michelle Shook, Communications Chair at Cherv16@yahoo.com



Athena Award Nominees



Congratulations to Teresa McClelland-Sargent and Lori Tomlinson! These outstanding Flint Women Forum members were nominated by our board and are amongst this year's Athena Award Nominees for The Genesee Regional Chamber of Commerce! The 2012 Athena Awards take place on Thursday, November 8th at The Holiday Inn Gateway Centre.



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Board Notes

Speakers ~ Confirmed speakers for rest of year and talked about confirming speakers for first quarter of 2012. We are trying to find a big name for the Celebration of Women.

The new bylaws are complete. Will be voting on them at next membership meeting in October.

Working out glitches on Constant Contact, but overall everyone likes the system so far. Need to get the website simplified as it has not been updated since August.

FWF will be sponsoring a table at the 2012 GRCC Athena Awards to support our two nominees. The board members will attend along with the nominees and their guest.

The discussion on membership and who should receive what correspondence from us continues. We want to build membership, but need to keep the integrity of the club by following the bylaws. Guests can only attend 3 meetings then will be asked to become a member or not welcome to return.

New Email and Event Marketing System

FWF has joined Constant Contact for email and event marketing needs. In September, we sent out our luncheon invitation in this online format. You are now able to register for the luncheon and other events online. With this, we create an e-vite, form to fill out and a landing page for each event. We are looking at adding a component so you can pay for your event through PayPal, as well. The system is great and easy to use! Please make sure you give us your correct email addresses so you will receive all of our emails and invitations.

Marketing Membership

Membership in the Flint Women's Forum is open to those who demonstrate leadership in their fields of endeavor, who believe in the purpose of the Women's Forum, who will participate actively, and who are effective in an extended network. The Flint Women's Forum values professional and community involvement. Membership is only \$75.00 per year, per member. Full criteria and applications can be found on our website at www.flintwomensforum.org.

New By Laws

The Flint Women's Forum Board has made updates to the group's By Laws and Standing Orders. Attached is a revised copy for your review. We will be taking a vote on acceptance on the revisions at our Membership Meeting Tuesday, October 16, 2012.

This meeting will also be your last chance to have your photo taken and/or bio page updated for our directory as a new printing will take place after the vote.

Here's to **STRONG WOMEN,**

May we Know them,
May we Be them,
May we Raise them.

