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Letter From The President

Dear Forum Members,

The holidays are upon us, and I want to remind you of our upcoming Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 8th, jointly held at the homes of Nina Gruen and Alexis Wong. Guests are always welcome at this festive event. Also, please mark your calendars on Tuesday, January 12th for our Annual Meeting, this year being held at The Francisca Club. Both of these events provide a wonderful opportunity to visit and catch up with your fellow members.

The IWF World Leadership Conference on Becoming Better – Better World, Better Business, Better Days took place in October in Miami. The Florida Women’s Forum presented a diverse and global platform of the world’s leading experts in finance, trade, research, development, discovery, public policy, politics and academe; the quality of the presentations was excellent! Over 400 IWF members and guests from 45 nations attended the conference, including five WFW members: Marianne Briscoe, Susie Hoganson, Sue Sprunk, Fran Streets, and me. The highlight for me was meeting the three 2009 Hall of Fame Honorees: The Honorable Donna Shalala, Dr. Sylvia Earle, and MK Tzipi Livni. All three are exceptional, inspirational leaders.

If your schedule permits, I encourage you to plan on attending the IWF Ecuador Conference, May 26-28, 2010. Many of WFW members have already expressed interest in attending. There are many pre and post conference tours available through IWF, or Casto Travel will work with you on individual tours. Please let me know if you are interested, and I’ll send you the contact information. Come join us. We always have lots of fun!

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Letter From The President (continued)

As the end of the year approaches, I want to acknowledge and express my thanks to –

- The WFW Board of Directors for their outstanding service over this past year. To our Officers, **Susan Nycum, Nanette Miller and Cindy Eisenberg**, whose strong support helped to make my job easy. Amongst their many contributions, Susan led our efforts to On-Board new members and took a leadership role in the Young Leaders Program; Nanette made sure we remained financially sound; and Cindy kept our corporate records straight.
- **Jane Bowyer, Denise Brosseau, Teresa Curran, Joanne Howard, Suzie Woodward Morris, Marion Peters, Cailean Sherman and Karen Zehring** for the many, many successful programs they organized and participated in arranging.
- Past presidents **Susie Hoganson** who did an outstanding job chairing our Membership Committee, bringing in 13 new members; **Barbara Creed** for continuing to organize our 1st Tuesday Breakfast Briefings, highlighting WFW members; and **Sue Sprunk** for being our able representative on the IWF President's Council. These Past Presidents' on-going, tremendous support have provided a solid foundation for WFW, and have been an invaluable aid to me.
- The Legacy Foundation Board: **Eleanor Chang, Carol McLaughlin and Nanette Miller**, for their service in overseeing our foundation.
- *All of you for an outstanding year.* You have worked hard and I am so thankful to each of you for the energy and enthusiasm you invest in WFW!

Jane Bowyer, Barbara Creed and Suzie Morris will be leaving the Board effective January 2010, and are due special recognition.

- **Jane** for making Hang Arouns such an important part of our personal networking.
- **Barbara** for being a tremendous, supportive member of the Board for many years. I have called on Barbara many times for her wise counsel, and I consider her our Guiding Light. Barbara has been a driving force for the Peninsula Book Club, the Peninsula Breakfast Club, 1st Tuesday Breakfast Briefings, and Transitions Project, along with countless other programs.
- **Suzie** for keeping us fashionable, for taking a leading role in the Young Leaders Program, and being a key player in forming the WFW Movie Club.

I shall miss their involvement on the Board, and cannot thank them enough for their contributions to WFW.

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Welcome New Members

Evelyn Dilsaver

Director of: Aeropostale, Inc.,
Tamalpais Bancorp, Highmark Funds,
Blue Shield of California

Kathy Hill

Supervisor Development Strategy
and Operations, CISCO

Antoinette (Toni) Knorr

General Manager, St. Regis Hotel San
Francisco, Starwood Hotels & Resorts

Sheryl Young

CEO, Community Gatepath of
Northern California



Letter From The President (continued)

Due to term limits, Susan Nycum is also rotating off; however, I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Sue Sprunk** and **Susan Nycum** as Co-Chairs of the Fall 2012 IWF San Francisco Conference. As these are such important positions, both Sue and Susan will be Ex-Officio, non-voting members of the Board in 2010, renewable annually. A presentation on the 2012 Conference will take place at our Annual Meeting on January 12th.

Wayne Menger, WFW

Administrator, has notified us he will be retiring on March 31, 2010 and relocating to Ukiah. I want to acknowledge Wayne for his 3+ years of service with WFW, and to greatly thank him for his warm, personal touch that he brings to our organization. Wayne's efforts help to make our back office run smoothly. He will be working with us through the transition, and thereafter, is available to work for WFW or any of our members on a contract basis -- please feel free to contact Wayne directly if you have any projects he may help you with.

The new Administrator's job description will be published on the web site; please let Cindy Eisenberg know if you identify any candidates.

It is my pleasure to announce that the board has elected its officers for the WFW year 2010: **Cindy Eisenberg** (pending re-election) as President, **Cailean Sherman** as Vice President, **Nanette Miller** as Treasurer, and **Denise Allen** (pending election to the Board) as Secretary. We are so fortunate to have such a talented group of women leading our organization. In particular, I want everyone to know that Cindy Eisenberg has been an outstanding contributor to WFW -- heading up Summer Camp, organizing the Behind the Scenes tour and performance at the SF Symphony, Chairing the Board Nominating Committee this past year, and acting in a key role in many other WFW activities. Cindy loves WFW, exhibits tremendous enthusiasm, and will be an outstanding President!

Please review our Calendar of Events listed on the back page of this newsletter for upcoming events. Our **Annual Economic Outlook Luncheon** is scheduled for **January 19th**, several 1st Tuesday events are scheduled, along with museum tours, and many more gatherings for you to enjoy.



I have so enjoyed my tenure as President of WFW over these past two years. Some of the highlights for me were the Travis Air Force Base Weekend; Santa Fe Getaway; Behind the Scenes at: the SF Ballet, Act, and the SF Symphony; Summer Camps at Chaminade and Westerbeke; and the many Hang Arouns, Movie Club Nights, 1st Tuesdays Breakfast Briefings, Book Clubs, and many other networking opportunities. Thanks to all of you for making WFW such an awesome organization to enrich our personal and professional contacts. It has been my privilege to serve you!

All my best wishes,

Nannette

Website Event Postings

Many of our members have asked for a way to publicize events they are associated with. We have expanded the website to enable postings of:

WFW Member Sponsored Events – these are events a member will be speaking at, honored by, in some way participating, or yourself sponsoring.

Non-WFW Events – these are events a member is associated with. For example, if you are on the Board of an organization presenting an event, it would be listed here.

These listings can be found in the "Programs and Events" section of our website. If you have an event listing, please send it to Wayne for posting on the website.

Fisher House

Please know how special we all felt at Travis and how blessed the wounded and ill military members at our Medical Center are by your donation of \$2200 to the Fisher House!

Your generosity will directly benefit military members and their families who come to Travis AFB for sustained care. The Fisher House provides a no-cost home for the families while the military member gets better.

We are all honored by your gift. Thank you!

Sincerely

General Barb

BARBARA J. FAULKENBERRY,
Brig Gen, USAF Commander,
15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force
SN 837-1501 Comm 707-424-1501

The following WFW members made a donation to the Travis Air Force Base Fisher House as an expression of their tremendous gratitude to **Brigadier General Barbara Faulkenberry** and Team Travis for their extraordinary hospitality during the visit with Team Travis:

Sheryl Barden
Denise Brosseau
Claire Carlevaro
Cynthia Cotter
Barbara Creed
Cynthia Eisenberg
Nannette Griswold
Nina Gruen
Adele Hayutin
Joanne Howard
Judith Johnson
Kathryn Johnson
Ellen Lapham
Dale Marshall
Amy Mc Combs
Rachel Mueller
Maxine Papadakis
Mary Shepard
Karen Zehring



Upwardly Mobile Young Women Dinner

WFW Vice President, **Susan Nycum** hosted a dinner at her home for 16 WFW members and their guests - upwardly mobile young women under fifty.

Following wine, appetizers and networking, Susan served a sit down dinner. Prior to dessert, some of the WFW members changed seats so that the young leaders had more opportunity to talk with WFW members and engage in additional conversational topics. The young leaders were all awesome and from a variety of professions and businesses. Clearly the future is in great hands!

After dinner, the group was thrilled to hear WFW Board member, **Suzie Morris**, describe the coming fall fashions, illustrated by clothing and accessory items she brought with her. Everyone had an opportunity to model the new styles and learn where to purchase any they admired.

The evening was such fun that Jayne Boyer and Suzie Morris volunteered to host additional gatherings in their homes.



Left to right: Colonel Michael Minihan, vice commander, 60th Air Mobility Wing (Col Vechery's assistant); Ms Jane Hassanieh, assistant manager, Fisher House; Colonel John Lipinski, commander, 615th Contingency Response Wing; Ms Charlene Hall, Manager, Fisher House; Colonel John Mansfield, deputy commander, David Grant Medical Center; Brig Gen Barbara Faulkenberry, commander, 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force; and Brigadier General Maryanne Miller, commander, 349th Air Mobility Wing.

Turning Mines to Vines in Afghanistan

Wow -- two WFW Members Team Up in Afghanistan! Air Force **Brigadier General Barbara Faulkenberry** and Roots of Peace CEO **Heidi Kuhn** met on November 18 at Mir Bacha Kot School in Afghanistan. The school was built from pennies raised through Roots of Peace. What an amazing partnership! This project illustrates the power of the Forum.



Barbara and Heidi in Afghanistan. This is "The Shot" from the Mine Protective vehicle – turning MINES TO VINES in Afghanistan!



Heidi Kuhn and Barbara Faulkenberry

Many Thanks

Many thanks to our members who have organized or presented at WFW Events these past several months.

We have had the opportunity to attend so many interesting activities, and wish to acknowledge:

1st Tuesday Breakfast Briefings and Peninsula Breakfast Meetings organized by **Barbara Creed**. Presenters: **Eva Auchincloss, Joanne Howard, and Susan Nycum**.

Hang Arouns organized by **Jane Bowyer and Maureen Gervertz**; hosted by **Heather Kitchen** in San Francisco, and **Linda Clever** in Marin.

Movie Club organized by **Karen Zehring and Suzie Morris**, co-hosted by **Mary Falvey and Suzie Morris** at the Millenium Resident's Private Screening Room.

Book Club organized by **Denise Brosseau and Cailean Sherman**, hosted by **Nancy Glaser, Jaleh Daie, and Joanne Howard**.

Picnic & Woodminster Performance of Brigadoon, and Safari West Adventure Tour organized by **Joanne Howard**.

Young Women Leaders Dinner organized by **Susan Nycum and Suzie Morris**, and held at the home of **Susan Nycum**.

WFW/UCSF Speaker Series organized by **Nancy Milken, Sue Sprunk and Mary Bersot**.

New Member Luncheon co-hosted by **Susie Hoganson and Marsha Vande Berg**, and held at the home of **Marsha Vande Berg**.

Technology Support provided by **Denise Brosseau** in maintaining our web site.

Board of Directors meeting room, arranged by **Jane Wales**.

Board Nominating Committee, **Rachel Mueller, Marcia Linn**, and chaired by **Cindy Eisenberg**.

Officers Nominating Committee, **Jane Bowyer, Marion Peters, Nanette Miller** and chaired by **Susie Hoganson**.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to the above named members for their generous contributions to our organization.



Members in the News

Elaine Petrocelli has been recognized among this year's "Woman-Owned Business of the Year" awards handed out by Women's Initiative for Self-employment, a Bay Area nonprofit.

IFW Leadership Conference



Nannette Griswold, Susan Hoganson and Sue Sprunk at the IWF Miami Leadership Conference

Hang Around Hosted by Linda Clever



Nannette Griswold, Linda Clever (Hang Around Hostess), Donna Hall and Sylvia Chase.

WFW Calendar of Events

2009

December 1

1st Tuesday Breakfast Briefing,
Elaine Petrocelli's picks at Book Passage

December 8

Holiday Party, jointly held at the homes
of Nina Gruen and Alexis Wong
in San Francisco

December 15

South Bay Book Club, at the home
of Susan Nycum

2010

January 12

Annual Meeting, 6:00 - 9:00 pm,
The Francisca Club, San Francisco

January 19

Economic Outlook Luncheon,
11:45 am - 2:00 pm,
The City Club of San Francisco

February 2

1st Tuesday, luncheon and mid-day tour
of the Federal Reserve

March 2

1st Tuesday Breakfast Briefing,
Real Estate Outlook

March 20

International Chocolate Salon,
Fort Mason

May 26 - 28

IWF World Cornerstone Conference,
Guayaquil, Ecuador

June 5

Birth of Impressionism:
Masterpieces from the Musee d'Orsay,
docent tour at the de Young Museum

October 13 - 15

WF World Leadership Conference,
Montreal, Canada

October 23

Post-Impressionist Masterpieces
from the Musee d'Orsay,
docent tour at the de Young Museum

2011

Spring, IWF World Cornerstone Conference,
Rome, Italy

Fall, IWF World Leadership Conference,
Washington, DC

2012

Fall, IWF World Leadership Conference,
San Francisco, California

