



## Women's Forum West Newsletter

September 2010

### SPECIAL EVENTS

*Please mark your calendars for these upcoming WFW Special Events.*

*December 13, 2010*

#### **WFW Holiday Party**

**Location:** At the home of Cecilia Herbert, San Francisco

**Time:** 6-9 pm

Register: [email Nancy](#)

Guests welcome.

*January 11, 2011*

#### **WFW Annual Meeting**

**Location:** Metropolitan Club, San Francisco

**Time:** 6-9 pm

Register: [email Nancy](#)

Members only.

*July 29 - 31, 2011*

#### **WFW Summer Camp**

**Location:** Westerbeke Ranch, Sonoma

Register: [email Nancy](#)

Members only.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

*One of the ways WFW members can get to know each other better in a comfortable setting is through group meetings such as Hang Arounds and Movie Club events. These get togethers are hosted by a member at her*



### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear WFW Friends,

I am pleased to announce the launch of our newly redesigned Women's Forum West website and e-newsletter. Many thanks to Denise Brosseau and Rob Portil of [Orbital Web](#) for their exceptional efforts. We will continue to roll out additional features to the website over the next few weeks and months but for now, I hope you'll enjoy the fresh design and the ease of navigation that the new site provides.

Take a moment and visit the site by [clicking here](#). You'll notice that you can easily find the [online member directory](#) linked from the upper right column. After you [login](#), you can search for and connect with any WFW member, either by searching for their name, company or other keywords. You can also search for and email members by their interests (like ballet or opera) by scrolling to that section of the directory search page, checking the interest box, and clicking search. You will be surprised at how easy it is.

Keep your own member profile up to date by [clicking here](#).

Forgot your password? No problem, the [site will email it to you](#).

home or other location of her choice. These events are intended to provide a forum for socializing, learning from each other, and having fun! These events are members-only.

November 5, 2010

#### **WFW Movie Club**

**Movie:** The Grand Hotel

**Location:** At the home of Cindy Eisenberg, Lafayette

**Cost:** \$20 at the door

**Time:** 6PM

**Register:** [email Nancy](#)

Members only.

November 16, 2010

#### **Hang Around**

**Location:** At the home of Dru Ramey, San Francisco

**Time:** 6PM

**Register:** [email Nancy](#)

Members only.

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*Every month, Women's Forum West hosts a breakfast program in San Francisco featuring one of our members or an invited guest. Many of these programs sell out so we recommend you book early! Often, guests are welcome to attend, if accompanied by a member.*

November 2, 2010

#### **First Tuesday in November Breakfast**

**Speaker:** Gwen Mazer

**Topic:**

**Location:** City Club, San Francisco

**Time:** 8:00 am

**Register:** TBD

Guests welcome.

December 7, 2010

#### **First Tuesday in December Breakfast**

**Speaker:** Elaine Petrocelli

**Topic:** Elaine's Picks

**We have also chosen to move to an e-newsletter format to assure that more of you will have access to the news that's important to you. We hope you like the new look and feel and the simplicity of receiving the newsletter right in your mailbox.**

There have been so many wonderful events this summer and more planned for the fall. Thank you to our program committee and our Summer Camp team for putting these all together for us. To the left you'll see information about our upcoming events. You can also find event details, along with registration links, right on the [front page of our website](#). You can also find bios and information about our newest members. Many thanks to the membership committee for their terrific work recruiting such top-notch candidates.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or Nancy Gots in the WFW office.

With warm wishes,

Cynthia Ann Eisenberg

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## **STELLAR PRIOR EVENTS**

### **Change of Command for Barbara Faulkenberry at Travis Air Force Base**

On July 15th, Forum members attended member, Brig. General Barbara Faulkenberry's Change of Command Ceremony at Travis AFB. This was a moving ceremony to acknowledge Barb's relinquishing the command of the 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force.

We were honored to witness Barb's award of the Bronze Star, which she received for her extraordinary efforts during her 9-month assignment in the Middle East to meet the Presidential mandate to increase Afghanistan forces by 30,000 while simultaneously reducing forces in Iraq by 50,000.

After the ceremony members had the opportunity to tour several planes including a C-17. The morning was followed by lunch in the Officer's Club.

In August, Barb will move to Stuttgart, Germany, for a 2-year assignment to oversee the US military's logistics in Africa. There, her responsibilities will include providing training for African military personnel and overseeing partnering between the US military, African nations and NGOs to jointly respond to humanitarian crises.

**Location:** San Francisco Ferry Building Book Passage, San Francisco

**Time:** 8:00 am

**Register:** TBD

Guests welcome.

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*Twice a year, our parent organization, International Women's Forum, hosts conferences at locations in the US and internationally. The last 2010 event is in Montreal, while 2011 will be in Rome and Washington D.C..*

### **IWF WORLD LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

**October 13 - 15, 2010**

**Location:** Montreal, Canada

**Register:** [click here](#)

Guests welcome.

### **IWF WORLD CORNERSTONE CONFERENCE**

**May 25-27, 2011**

**Location:** Rome, Italy

Guests welcome.

### **IWF WORLD LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

**October 24-26, 2011**

**Location:** Washington, D.C.

Guests welcome

Barb has invited WFW to join her in Germany. Look for more details after Barb is acclimated. We hope to see her at the Rome 2011 conference.

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### **Hang Arouns at the home of Sylvia Kwan, Cindy Eisenberg, and Mary Bersot**

**Sylvia Kwan** hosted a Hang Around celebrating the arrival of summer on June 19th. We enjoyed a delicious BBQ dinner, with husband, Denis at the grill. Rave reviews greeted the succulent filet and chicken.

While it is always a treat to see members in their homes and to experience the warmth of their hospitality, this one was extra special. Sylvia and Denis have their own architectural firm, Kwan Henmi. This architectural duo built a new house atop an existing foundation on their recently acquired property. The substantial renovations are "green" with a Marin County green certification pending. Some special features include: bamboo "end cut" floors, Eco-Flame non-polluting fireplaces, bathroom fixtures designed to minimize water usage, tiles from Geologica, a sustainable tile company, and radiant heating below the floors. There are even more interesting appointments in this contemporary and dramatic home, such as copper rain chains that will eventually lead to a rain cistern to store water for irrigation. Gigantic redwoods dominate the backyard while a newly planted vineyard is in front; all capped with a view of Mt. Tam.

Conversation and a nurturing dinner were the highlights of the evening. Our heartfelt thanks are sent to our hosts, Sylvia and Denis.

A Hang Around celebrating the bounty of summer was hosted by **Cindy Eisenberg** on July 27. After wine and appetizers in the rose garden, a buffet dinner was served. Brigadier General Barbara Faulkenberry shared her experiences from her 9 month deployment in the Middle East and gave us an overview of her new responsibilities for Africa and her move to Germany. Major Joy Shuck accompanied Barb and updated us on new developments at Travis AFB. We will miss Barb's bay area presence, but look forward to visiting her in Germany and her eventual return to Northern California.

**Mary Bersot** graciously hosted a Hang Around on September 23 at her home in Tiburon. There was lively discussion of both domestic and foreign policy. We were happy that new member Barbara Kamm could join us.

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**First Tuesday Breakfast Meetings** - WFW Members Katarina Bonde and Deborah

Richardson shared their expertise and insight.

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**Ashland, Oregon Shakespeare Festival** - Members from the Oregon Forum shared their joy of the theater with us at the Ashland Theater Festival. Play choices included the Merchant of Venice, Hamlet, Ruined and more.

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**Summer Camp** – WFW members “**Retreat, Regroup, Rejuvenate**” at Chaminade Resort.

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## SPECIAL 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 many interesting activities and wish to acknowledge:

First Tuesday Breakfast Briefings organized by **Linda Moriarty**. Presenters **Katarina Bonde** and **Deborah Richardson**.

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

Peninsula Breakfast Club organized by **Barbara Creed**.

Hang Arounds, organized by **Gwen Mazer**, hosted by **Sylvia Kwan** in Marin, **Cindy Eisenberg** in the East Bay and **Mary Bersot** in Marin.

**Barbara Faulkenberry** for the invitation to witness an extremely moving ceremony at her Change of Command.

**Joanne Howard** for organizing the Ashland, Oregon Shakespeare Festival and other ongoing programs.

**Denise Allen** and **Heather Kitchen** for a memorable Summer Camp experience at Chaminade Resort.

**Denise Brosseau** for all her talents and expertise in designing our new website and online newsletter.