



FEDERALLY EMPLOYED WOMEN (FEW) GREAT LAKES CHAPTER

Chapter Chat

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What's the Scoop?



The way I hear it, the scoop is that FEW membership is a great deal! We are the only organization in the world that is dedicated to the advancement and fair treatment of women in the Federal workforce. Our mission is clear, our efforts are focused...but, our existence depends on you - the members!

We are nearing the end of our Annual Membership Renewal time for FEW members! It's been a busy time for our Treasured Treasurer Sue Karas. Sue has been busy sending out reminders, collecting dues and processing updates to the FEW National Membership Chair. If you haven't renewed yet, please do so ASAP! Annual dues for chapter membership are just \$35.00 per year. Of that amount, \$25.00 is sent forward to the National office, \$3.00 is sent to the Regional office and \$7.00 stays with the chapter for operating expenses. Your continued membership in the chapter is needed and much appreciated!

Collection for Women's Shelter

Peggy Terrabassi, 2008 Haven Chair

Our Annual collection for The Haven in honor of Women's History Month is coming to a close. We are in the process of setting up a delivery date in early April, so if you still wish to contribute, there is time! Items greatly needed at the shelter at this time include paper towels, toilet paper, lysol spray, juice boxes, individually wrapped snacks and batteries (AA and AAA). If you have any last minute donations, please drop them off at the Building 230 Union office during the first week of April.



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Coming Events! Mark Your Calendars!

- ◆ April 8 - Chapter Executive Board Meeting 1130
- ◆ April 10-12 - Regional Training Program/Regional Board Meeting
- ◆ July 14-18 - National Training Program

Fundraiser Results!

by Mary Jo Winfield, Scholarship Chair

Thanks to all for supporting our recent Little Caesar's and Easter Basket Scholarship Fundraisers!



Our January Little Caesar's Pizza Kit and Cookie Dough sale profits were \$248.00. We sold 34 pizza kits, one pie kit and 11 orders of cookie dough. Our top seller was Immediate Past President Jane Gabler!

Our March Easter Basket Fundraiser profits were \$141.00 this year. We had pre-order sales of 21 baskets. In addition, our supportive Union allowed us to sell baskets at their General Membership meeting on March 19th, where we sold an additional six traditional size baskets, and four mini-baskets. BIG thanks to member Sherry Jonas for making and donating the lovely bows for the baskets - the extra special touch of a "Bow by Sherry" makes our Easter baskets outshine any others!



The profits from both fundraisers are being divided equally among our two scholarship funds - one for the FEEA Merit College Scholarships and the other for the FEW Training Program Scholarships. Speaking of the scholarships, here is an update: FEEA Scholarship application deadline is March 28, 2008 (postmarked). We have \$1600.00 available in the college fund this year. On the FEW Training Program Scholarships, our Executive Board voted to consider funding several scholarships to a Regional event this

year in lieu of one scholarship to the National Training Program. The NTP is located in Anaheim, CA this year, and the cost for airfare alone was figured to be around \$600.00. Funding several participants at a Regional event will give us more "bang for our buck." We did not have time to have a scholarship competition for the Regional Training Program in April, but there will be a Fall event hosted by the Hoosier Hills Chapter near Indianapolis. As soon as dates and costs are available, the Executive Board will vote on how many scholarships to offer and will get applications out to all members.

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Thanks again for all the terrific support on the fundraisers! Next up will be our Mother's Day Baskets in May!

Awards Package Submission



March has been a busy, busy month for our chapter - with the Haven Collection for Women's History Month, the Easter Basket Sales and our Membership Renewals. Another person hard at work for the chapter this month was our Awards Chair Colleen Setili. April 7 is the deadline for submissions for the FEW National Awards. This year, our Chapter is submitting nominations for the Achievement Awards in the Fundraiser, Newsletter and Special Emphasis categories.

Awards winners are usually announced in June of each year and presentations are made at the Annual FEW National Training Program in July. We hope to be among the honorees this year!

Regional Training Program to be held in Indianapolis, IN April

The Fall Creek Chapter of FEW will host the Great Lakes Spring Regional Training Program this year. The training will take place at the Wingate by Wyndham hotel, located at 6240 Intech Commons Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana, on Friday, April 11, 2008. Topics include Legislative Update, National Awards and Membership, Women's Health and Financial Issues. Keynote speakers are Eugene Schied and Elaine Killoran, Assistant and Deputy Commissioners of Finance, Department of Homeland Security.

A networking session will be held Thursday evening to welcome attendees, and the Regional Board meeting will be held on Saturday morning. Costs for FEW members to attend the training is \$75.00. Deadline for registration is April 7, 2008. POC is Rita Soper (937) 257-2736 or email rita.soper@wpafb.af.mil

National Training Program to be held in Anaheim, CA in July

The National Training Program for FEW will be in Anaheim, California this year, July 14 through 18, 2008. Every FEW member should have received a booklet in the mail by now which provides all the details on the program. If you have not received a booklet, you can access all the information on the website: www.fewntp.org

We encourage all those interested in attending to submit funding requests now to your management. Last year, several of our members were funded. You never know unless you ask! Remind your supervisor that the FEW NTP is recognized by the Office of Personnel Management for its training curriculum constructed around OPM core competencies, and by the Department of Defense for emphasis on quality training. The theme for the 2008 Conference is Moving On.....Moving Up!

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
 FEDERALLY EMPLOYED WOMEN
 P. O. BOX 75551
 BALTIMORE, MD 21275**

Month/Year joined: / Membership ID _____

LAST NAME: **FIRST NAME:** **MI**

ADDRESS 1:

ADDRESS 2:

CITY: **STATE** **ZIP CODE + 4**

OFFICE PHONE: **HOME PHONE:**

FAX: **EMAIL:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> GS 5-8 | <input type="checkbox"/> WG | <input type="checkbox"/> FWP Part-Time | RACE: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GS 9-12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> EEO | YEARS OF SERVICE: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GS 13-15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Other FWP/EEO | RETIRED (Y/N) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GS 16+ | | Not Applicable | |

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

FEW is comprised of chapters throughout the world. Membership is open to all federal and DC government employees and to any other person supporting the goals and objectives of FEW. More information about the organization is posted on the FEW web site: <http://www.few.org>

Annual national membership dues are \$25.00 for chapter members, and \$35.00 for members-at-large (no chap affiliation) but are prorated according to the joining month. Use the table below. Chapter dues are established each chapter and payable in addition to national dues. Eligibility for chapter membership is contingent upon national membership. National lifetime membership is a one-time fee of \$300.00 Only members that have been members for the previous five (5) consecutive years are eligible to join at this level. Chapters may set their own lifetime fee.

Membership Dues is prorated. Month chosen must match "month/year joined" above.

<input type="checkbox"/> March	\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> September	\$12.00	Total for National \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> April	\$23.00	<input type="checkbox"/> October	\$10.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> May	\$21.00	<input type="checkbox"/> November	\$ 8.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> June	\$19.00	<input type="checkbox"/> December	\$ 6.00	Total for Chapter \$ <u>10</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> July	\$17.00	<input type="checkbox"/> January	\$ 4.00	Check Amount \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> August	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/> February	\$ 2.00	

Referred by: _____

Submit application to FEW Great Lakes Treasurer Susan Karas, AMSTA-PM-LAV-B, MS 501