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FEW + Education = Success

By Chapter Vice President Lisa Prokurat Franks

It's time to check out www.fewntp.org for the latest on the 38th National Training Program (NTP) to be held in Washington DC in July; *this year may be right for you*. The NTP is organized around the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Executive Core Qualifications (ECQ) and Competencies: Leading Change, Leading People, Results Driven, Business Acumen, and Building Coalitions. Skill levels required for each NTP offering are specified as Novice, Skilled or Expert so there's no need to worry that you'll be in over your head or wasting your time.

Volunteering is another opportunity while at the NTP where participants have discovered leadership qualities and new skills. Every year is new and different. Past participants have shared their new resumes and professional photos acquired through NTP workshops as well as their training in how to be a FEW Chapter Officer. This year's NTP offerings address a variety of members' re-

quests including Effective Goal Writing, Succession Planning, Math Refresher, Utilizing IDPs for Career Mapping and How to Self-Publish Your Own Book, to name only a *few*.

The 2007 NTP is being held at the Washington Hilton, Washington DC. Registration deadline is July 6, 2007. If you are not being funded by your agency, there is a special Tuition Out of Pocket Registration Form to use to obtain the discounted rate of \$300.00 for the Training Registration. Contact Chapter President Jane Gabler for a copy of the form - Email: jane.e.gabler@us.army.mil, Phone: 586.574.3872.



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Happenings!

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- ◆ May 16-31 Suit and Shoes Collection - Dress for Success
- ◆ May 28 - Memorial Day

In Hiding.

A Rwandan Genocide Survivor Sharers Her Story

Submitted by Chapter Executive Board
Member Brenda Lewis

Immaculee Ilibagiza spent 91 days crouching in a cramped, four-foot by three-foot bathroom with seven other women - Tutsis hiding from their rival tribe, the Hutus. More than one million Tutsis were slaughtered, including Immaculee's family, during one of history's bloodiest massacres. But Immaculee emerged victorious.

Learn about the transforming power of forgiveness from the author of *Left to Tell, Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*. Wednesday, May 23, 2007, 7:00 pm at the Detroit Film Theater, Detroit Institute of Arts. Purchase tickets online at events.metroparent.com or call 248.398.3400. \$25.00 General Admission, or \$50.00 General Admission with afterglow reception and book signing.

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May Projects!

Submitted by President Jane Gabler



Coalition of Temporary Shelters
Collection for Baby Items. We are collecting items for the entire month of May. Chair Esther Brewer-Jones, x48774, has the "Baby Registry" list. Please contact her regarding your donation plans.



Dress for Success

We are collecting suits, dresses and shoes - all cleaned and in good/excellent condition for the Detroit Organization Dress for Success. Women enrolled in their program get to "shop" for a free business outfit to wear on interviews....then, they get to pick out another outfit when they are successful at getting a job! The collection ends May 31. Project Chair is Jane Gabler, x 43872.

Mother's Day Basket Scholarship Fundraiser Results!

Submitted by Mary Jo Winfield, Chapter Scholarship Chair



Our Mother's Day basket fundraiser profits were **\$65.50!** Each basket was filled with kisses (Hershey's) and included a gift card for MJR Movie Theatres. Thanks to all who participated.....and stay tuned for Father's Day baskets coming in June!

Parental Leave Proposed

From the FEW Washington Update May 1, 2007

House Representative Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) has introduced a bill (HR 1369) that would expand the scope of the Family and Medical Leave Act to include a type of Paid Parental Leave.

Specifically, the bill would establish a \$400 million grant program that supports the efforts of states to provide partial or full wage replacement, often referred to as FIRST insurance, to new parents so that they are able to spend time with a new infant or newly adopted child.

The grants will pay for the federal share of the cost of carrying out projects that assist families by providing, through various mechanisms, wage replacement for eligible

individuals who are responding to care giving needs resulting from the birth or adoption of a child or other family caregive needs.

The bill has been referred to the House Committees on Education and Labor, and Oversight and Government Reform.

The FEW Washington Update is produced by FEW's Legislative Representative Janet Kopenhaver. If you have any questions or need more information about any issue, feel free to call Janet at 703-528-7822 or email janetk@eyeonwashington.com



