



Chapter Chat

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Moving On.....Moving Up!!!

The 2008 FEW National Training Program this year is Moving On...Moving Up! The program will be held in Anaheim, California this year, July 14 through 18, 2008.

We encourage all those interested in attending to submit funding requests now to your management. This year, so far, we have two members funded to attend! 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.

Go West, FEW Women! Move On! Move Up!

Baby Needs Project

Esther Brewer-Jones, 2008 Chair

This year we will be collecting Baby Items for Detroit's Coalition On Temporary Shelter (COTS). Items will be collected throughout the month of May.

Suggested donations include: Packages of newborn disposable diapers, packages of onesies, baby powder, baby wipes, baby lotion or oil, baby wash, sleepers/pajamas, packages of baby bottles, jars of baby food and infant formula.



Unlimited quantities accepted! COTS will be sending a van to the Detroit Arsenal to pick up the donations - with your help, we can FILL THAT VAN!

Please contact Esther Brewer-Jones regarding your donations plans and to coordinate delivery. Your support for this annual Baby Item Collection is truly appreciated!!

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Coming Events! Mark Your Calendars!

- ◆ May 26 - Memorial Day
- ◆ May 30 - Last Day for Baby Items Collection
- ◆ June 14 - Flag Day
- ◆ July 14-18 - National Training Program - Anaheim, California

Detroit Lupus Walk Results!

From Irene Perala, Chapter Member

Thanks for your most generous donations to the Alliance for Lupus Research, plus all the donations you recruited from others. The final figures are now in. Chrissy's Cruisers (the team that I walked with, pictured below) raised \$1,780 and the entire Detroit Lupus Walk raised \$50,518! Woo Hoo! This is awesome and YOU ARE AWESOME! Thanks again.



FEW Great Lakes Chapter Executive Board Members

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Scholarship Fundraising

Our profit on Mother's Day Baskets was \$25.00 this year. Thanks to all who purchased a gift basket to help fund our scholarships! Every dollar counts!

I am looking for some new ideas to present to the Chapter Executive Board for scholarship fundraisers. If you have an idea, please send it to me! Recently, we've sold pizza kits/cookie dough and baskets for Easter and Mother's Day. All ideas will be presented to the Board for consideration – no idea is a bad idea! Please send to Mary Jo Winfield in email. Thanks!!!

Regional Elections Coming Soon!

FEW Regional Boards of Directors consists of the Regional Manager, Regional Representative, the immediate past Regional Manager, Secretary, Treasurer, Nominations Committee, chapter presidents from the region, and the standing committee chairpersons. The name of the Region we belong to is the same as our chapter name - Great Lakes!

The term of office is two years and the new officers shall take office on 1 July 2008. There are two regional meetings to attend each year. Elected officers shall be Regional Manager, Secretary, Treasurer, and the nominations committee.



The nominations period has ended and the ballots will soon be emailed to all members in the region. Please take the time to cast your ballot for Regional officers - information on each candidate will be distributed with the ballots.

The Nominating Chair for the Regional Elections is Teresa Chastain, 812-854-1349, or hoss@tima.com

*Learn to Lead
.....Join FEW
Today!*

Who are we? Who, Who, Who, Who?

Let me tell you!....we are a group of wonderful, caring individuals brought together by a mission to promote advancement and equal treatment of women in the Federal workforce. Simple as that. We work throughout the Detroit Arsenal – here comes the alphabet soup – in TACOM LCMC, USAG-M, TARDEC, PEOs, PMs, CIO, G5, G2, ACQ, AFGE – you’ll find FEW members everywhere!

How do we carry out our mission? Projects! Projects that help people – men, women and children. You’ll see us involved in training, in community service, in Command EEO committee work, in scholarships, in SAE convention presentations, sometimes even in the Commanding General’s office! Behind every project you see us involved in, there is a FEW Chapter member developing leadership skills making things happen – at the Detroit Arsenal and in the Community around us.

That’s WHO we are! And we encourage YOU to join us! Turn over this page, fill out the application and submit it TODAY!

**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 1-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> SES | <input type="checkbox"/> FWP Full-Time | SEX (M/F): _____ |
| <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