



Chapter Chat

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Great Lakes Chapter Wins Two National Awards!



By Chapter President Jane Gabler

I'm very proud, and you should be too, that "your" chapter will receive two National Awards at this year's NTP in Washington DC. We took 2nd Place for Best Special Project Award for our Photo Submission to the Women at Work Museum in Attleboro, Massachusetts. Plus, we were awarded a 3rd Place Award for Chapter Membership. These awards highlight the hard work we have done this year in the areas of public relations and recruitment.

I will be accepting the awards at the FEW Friday session on July 20, and bringing them home! You will be able to view these, and other awards the Chapter has received in past years, by stopping by our display case, located on the first floor of Building 230, in the East hallway.

Don't forget, the NTP will be held the week of July 16. The conference is listed in TEDS under Annual FEW National Training. If interested, you can submit a request to your supervisor to see if your office will fund your attendance. There are a variety of classes offered during the week. If you do get approved to attend, please send me a note. Currently, we have seven members planning to attend the NTP!

Nominations for Chapter Office

By Nominations/Election Chair Michelle Higel

Nominations will take place during the month of June for the six offices listed below. The term will run from August 1, 2007 to July 31, 2009.

Elected positions open for nominations are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Records Officer, Correspondence Officer and Financial Officer.

In accordance with our Chapter Bylaws, nominees must be regular members in good standing for at least two consecutive years. Nominees for President shall have served as a member of the Executive Committee for at least two years.

Self-nominations are acceptable and encouraged!

All nominations must be submitted via email, to Michelle Higel, Nominations/Elections Chair NLT 28 June 07.

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Mark Your Calendars!

- ◆ June 14 - Flag Day
- ◆ June 17 - Father's Day
- ◆ June 28 - Deadline for Chapter Officer Nominations
- ◆ July 16 - 20 FEW National Training Program - Washington DC
- ◆ July 19 - Organization Day at the Detroit Arsenal

Lupus Walk Raises Over \$45,000!

Submitted by Chapter Member Irene Perala



The Inaugural Detroit *Walk with Us to Cure Lupus* Walkathon was held on Saturday May 12th at Belle Isle! The goal was \$50,000. As of May 29, 2007, Detroit has raised \$46,955.54. Lupus is a chronic, potentially devastating autoimmune disease in which the immune system turns against the body’s own cells and tissues, causing inflammation and tissue damage.

My team “Chrissy’s Cruisers” raised \$1,515.00! This includes donations made by FEW Great Lakes Chapter members - THANK YOU for your generous donations to this Cure. Perhaps FEW would be interested in a Team next year. It was a great day for a “walk for a cure”. A picture of “Chrissy’s Cruisers” is above. Irene, Wayne, Chrissy, Cici, and Jim. My husband Pete was there, too, taking pictures. Thanks again for your support. Irene

FEW Great Lakes Chapter Executive Board Members	
President	Jane Gabler
Vice President	Lisa Prokurat Franks
Treasurer	Susan Karas
Correspondence Officer	Brenda Lewis
Records Officer	Maria Kraus
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Membership Chair	Leslie Wilson-Smith
Public Relations Chair	Peggy Terrabassi
Scholarship/Awards Chair	Mary Jo Winfield
Ways and Means Chair	Emily Troia

Organization Day Plans

By Scholarship Chair Mary Jo Winfield

Look for the FEW tent at the Detroit Arsenal Organization Day, July 19. We will once again have a Scholarship Donation Appreciation Raffle, with even more prizes than before!

If you can spare an hour out of your Org Day to help in the tent, please email me or call 45295 and let me know what time you can be there. Even 1/2 hour of your time would be greatly appreciated! The more volunteers we have, the more fun it is!

Thanks!
Mary Jo

Scholarships to the National Training Program Awarded!

By Brenda Lewis, Chapter Correspondence Officer

Lisa Prokurat Franks of TARDEC and Jane Gabler of ILSC were the winners of Great Lakes Chapter, Federally Employed Women's annual National Training Program scholarship competition. Both will attend the 2007 NTP at the Washington Hilton, Washington, D.C., July 17-19. The scholarship pays for the three-day training session registration, the hotel for four nights and round trip plane fare.



Franks is a Materials Engineer and Vice President of the Great Lakes Chapter. Activities that she has led include the VIP visit of National FEW President Patricia Wolfe for TACOM Community Week and the "Textbooks for Girls in Afghanistan" project.



Gabler is a Logistics Management Specialist in the RESET office, ARFORGEN East/Modularity. She is presently in her second term as President of the Great Lakes Chapter. She conducted the Chapter's Member Appreciation Picnic in 2007 and served as one of the POCs for the 2007 Haven "Bare Necessities" Cell Phone Drive. (The Haven is a local shelter that protects battered women and children.)

The panel that selected the NTP winners was Cathy Jackson of ILSC; Liz Augustus of the Ombudsman/Competition Advocate Office and Sue Karas of PMLAV.

The next NTP will be held in Anaheim, CA in July 2008.

