



FEDERALLY EMPLOYED WOMEN (FEW) GREAT LAKES CHAPTER

Chapter Chat

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Election Results!

By Nominations/Election Chair Michelle Higel



Nominations for the six elected Chapter officers for the term August 2007 through July 2009 have been received as follows:

President - Lisa Prokurat Franks
Vice President - Emily Troia
Treasurer - Sue Karas
Financial Officer - Mary Jo Winfield
Records Officer - Patricia Ann Bieri
Correspondence Officer - Brenda Lewis

Since only one person was nominated for each office, all are filled by acclamation! Thanks to all for supporting your chapter and participating in the election process. The Election of Officers for the 2007-2009 term for Great Lakes Chapter #071 is closed. Please give your support to these newly elected officers.

Congratulations to the new officers!



Installation of Chapter Officers

By Jane Gabler, Outgoing Chapter President

On August 30, 2007, your chapter will hold the installation of officers for the next term. It will be held in the AFGE Dolan Conference Room, Building 230, Room 137W, beginning around 11 a.m. The board members will provide light refreshments and beverages.

If you cannot attend the actual swearing in, I hope you will drop by for a few minutes to wish our new officers the best. Your continued support is important so we can continue making a difference.

When you do stop by, don't forget to see the two National Awards I was proud to bring home from this year's NTP in Washington D.C. that YOUR chapter won!

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Mark Your Calendars!

- ◆ August 26 - Women's Equality Day
- ◆ August 30 - Chapter Officer Installation
- ◆ September 17 - Constitution Day Event
- ◆ September 20 - Karen I Friedman Excellence in Training Award Ceremony

Baby Bundles for COTS

Submitted by Chapter Executive Board Member Esther Brewer-Jones



FEW GLC held its annual “Baby Bundles” Drive during the month of May. Our members donated new baby items to benefit COTS (Coalition on Temporary Shelters) in Detroit. Numerous newborn necessities were put into new laundry baskets, then wrapped as gift baskets. The balance of our donations will stock the shelves at the shelter. The donations included disposable diapers, baby wipes, onsies, sleepers, powder, lotion, shampoo, baby

oil, baskets, handmade quilts, formula, bottles and checks written to the shelter. The quilts were donated by Anna Samulski on behalf of local quilting guilds.

This year’s donations went to COTS because their needs are numerous. COTS provides emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing. Their programs are designed to supply adults and children with basic needs. They follow up with training, support and encouragement to break the cycle of homelessness.

In previous years, our “Baby Bundles” went to active duty military families, however this year they had an abundance of supplies still on-hand from our 2006 donations. Our donations were picked up on July 16, 2007 by the Coalition on Temporary Shelter’s van.

Success for Dress for Success!

By Chapter President Jane Gabler

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
Financial Officer/Programs	Vernessar Morris-Lee
Immediate Past President	Kitty Derbin
Benevolence Chair	Rudeen Hendrix
Bylaws Chair	Sherry Jonas
Community Affairs Chair	Esther Brewer-Jones
Diversity Chair	Debbie Thurman
History Chair	Sue Gibson
Legal Chair	Gloria Harper
Membership Chair	Leslie Wilson-Smith
Public Relations Chair	Peggy Terrabassi
Scholarship/Awards Chair	Mary Jo Winfield
Ways and Means Chair	Emily Troia

Thank you Very, Very much for supporting the Dress for Success Drive. Believe it or not, by cleaning out your closet of those suits, dresses and shoes you no longer need, “your” chapter was able to donate approximately 65 outfits, several pairs of shoes and purses to qualifying women seeking employment. Each lady is given one outfit for their interview and after receiving a job, one more outfit to help them get started. Everyone wants to look professional and your donations make that possible. You should be proud of yourself and your unselfish giving; giving through the heart because helping others in need is the right thing to do!



College Scholarships Awarded!

The 2007 FEEA/FEW Great Lakes Chapter College Merit Scholarships went to: Sarah Case, daughter of Betty Case; Amanda and Colin Martin, children of Dan Martin; Joseph Rheume, son of MaryAnn Rheume; Jaclyn Setili, daughter of Colleen Setili; and Alex Winfield, son of Mary Jo Winfield. Each student received \$200.00 for the 2007-08 school year. The money for these scholarships was raised through CFC donations, the October Fall Fashion Show, various “basket” fundraisers during the year, and the Organization Day Tent Event. Congratulations to all!

Constitution Day Event Planned at the Detroit Arsenal

FEW will join the TACOM Learning Center to host a Constitution Day Event on Monday, September 17, 2007 from 1000 to 1030 in Building 230, Room 112C. The event will include the history of the U.S. Constitution and a reading of the preamble as a group. Our Chapter will be providing and serving punch!

Take a break from your busy work day and learn a bit about our Nation’s history. And, just for fun - you can sign your name on a script poster with a calligraphy pen, just like our founding fathers did on September 17, 1787!



Organization Day FEW Tent

Thanks to all who stopped by the FEW tent to participate in our events! For our Scholarship Donation Appreciation Event, the prize winners were: Chris Klein (Personal DVD Player), Mike Abee (MP3 Player), Karen McGuire (Boom Box), Chris Gorsline (Personal CD Player), Bob Soloway (Golf Basket) and Heidi Cross (Travel Shoulder Bag). Our proceeds for the day were \$328.00!!! **BIG THANKS** to our tent staff Irene Perala, Michelle Higel, Debbie Thurman, Nora Iverson, Susan Jackson, MaryAnn Rheume, Kathy Linville, Janet Childress, Anna Samulski and Mary Jo Winfield!



More photos are posted on our website!

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