



FEDERALLY EMPLOYED WOMEN (FEW) GREAT LAKES CHAPTER

Chapter Chat

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Combined Federal Campaign 2007

Autumn is here, and all Federal employees know that means the Annual Combined Federal Campaign has begun! This year's campaign slogan is "Each One Help One...Everyone Matters."

Our chapter scholarship program can benefit from your CFC donation! Here's how it works: You complete your CFC Form and designate any dollar amount to Code 11185 Federal Employee Education Assistance (FEEA), write FEW Great Lakes Chapter on the form, make a copy of your form and send it to our Scholarship Chair MJ Winfield, AMSRD-TAR-E/ACMS, Mail Stop 268. That's it!



Forms that you send us are mailed to FEEA and they set aside those funds for our chapter scholarships! Every dollar you donate through CFC comes directly back to our chapter. This is a wonderful service provided to us by the non-profit organization FEEA. For more information, visit their website at feea.org

As an added incentive, all members who turn in a form will be placed in an appreciation drawing. First prize is a DVD player, second prize is a Personal CD player, and 3rd prize is a Lovely Travel Bag! Prizes are being donated by our Union, AFGE Local 1658.

Over the last 20 years, our chapter has provided thousands of dollars to members and their spouses/dependents through this program. We couldn't do this without your support, and we truly appreciate it!

Veteran's Breakfast

Our Annual Veteran's Breakfast, which we host in partnership with AFGE Local 1658, will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2007, Building 230, Room 137W. All TACOM veterans are encouraged to stop in for bagels, donuts, juice and coffee! FEW members will be on hand to help serve our vets and present them with special greeting cards!



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Coming Events! Mark Your Calendars!

- ◆ October 13 - FEW Great Lakes Chapter Fall Fashion Show!
- ◆ October 31 - Happy Halloween!
- ◆ November 6 - Election Day - VOTE!
- ◆ November 8 - Veteran's Day Breakfast

Golf Balls for Troops!

Forwarded By a Friend of FEW, Author: Monica House

I am on a mission to collect golf balls for Rob's unit in Iraq. Our troops can never be properly thanked for the hard work they do every day. One of the best things a soldier can do while deployed is to stay active. Rob received a box of golf balls from our friend Marty. Rob, and a few others, really enjoyed hitting the golf balls. When Rob called to say he got to hit a dozen balls, you would have thought he was a 5 year old opening the greatest gift at Christmas. It has been a long time since I have heard Rob talk with such excitement!



After his phone call, I decided I needed to collect golf balls not just for him, but for other soldiers as well. It's amazing that something so small can bring smiles, while, at the same, time help hard-working soldiers blow off some steam. Unfortunately, the golf balls are not easy to come by and are not retrievable. That's where you can help. I am asking that you search your garage and golf bag for extra balls and pick up stray balls as you golf. Spread the word to family, friends, and neighbors. I would love to send boxes and boxes of golf balls there for Christmas. Let's help some soldiers forget where there are...even if just for a moment. Monica m.l.house@hotmail.com

CUT OFF DATE is October 31, she wants to ship them in early November!

Drop off addresses:

Roel Manauis, Building 230, Room 2730, (586) 574-8844

Idyle Wyld Golf Course, 35780 5 Mile Rd, Livonia - (734) 464-6325

Whispering Willows Golf Course, 20500 Newburgh, Livonia - (248) 476-4493

First United Methodist Church, 28400 Evergreen, Flat Rock - (734) 782-2565

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Remember to Vote Nov. 6th!

Election Day this year is Tuesday, November 6. This year, elections involve city and school district issues. We encourage you to take the time to research what is on your local ballot and voice your opinion by voting.

To see if you are properly registered, you can check online at:

<http://sos.publius.org/info/statewide.asp>

At the above website you can also find the address of your polling place (including a map), and easy-to-follow instructions for using the voting equipment at your polling place.



Chapter Member Wins Friedman Award!

By Brenda Lewis, Chapter Correspondence Chair

TARDEC Computer Scientist Mary Jo Winfield received the 2007 Karen I. Friedman Award for Training Excellence from Chief of Staff COL Christopher Wicker 20 Sept in a ceremony held in the Friedman Training Room, Building 230, Room 112C. A reception

set up by Federally Employed Women (FEW) member Chris Gorsline followed the ceremony.



Winfield won for advancing training and education through newsletters and websites for Local 1658 and the Great Lakes Chapter. She provided information on career and leadership training opportunities, funding sources and scholarship programs for both organizations. Through her efforts, 14 scholarships were awarded in 2007.

Winfield started at TACOM as a GS2 clerk typist and worked in the clerical field for several years, attending college in the evening and earning a Bachelor's Degree from Walsh College. She paid the entire tuition bill herself. She applied for and was accepted into Automotive Equipment Specialist intern program. After 15 years working Maintenance issues, she transferred to TARDEC, earned a Master's Degree at Lawrence Technological University financed by TARDEC, then moved to her current position.

Also nominated was Michele Hollingsworth of PEO CS&CSS, Lisa Schwab of G1 and Crystal Van Wormer of ILSC. Hollingsworth sponsored leadership courses by Eckerd College that provided leadership training for 140 associates. Schwab supervised the training of 400 LCMC and PM Future Combat Systems supervisors and managerial employees on the National Security Personnel System and is currently facilitating this training for 600 non-bargaining unit employees at TACOM's depots and arsenals. Van Wormer established an Operator and Maintainer training program for the Armored Security Vehicle.

Former winners of the Friedman award are Cheryl Champine of ILSC; Jacquelyn Huff of Acquisition Center; Bobbie Rzepka of ILSC; Gary Paslaski of G6; Kathy Kreinbring of ILSC; Ann Bos of Public Affairs/Historian Office and Lisa Schmittling of G5/G7

The late Karen Friedman was a long-time TACOM employee and FEW Great Lakes Chapter member who become blind when she was 11. She navigated TACOM's hallways with a series of dogs from Leader Dogs for the Blind. An excellent student, she earned two master's degrees and was fluent in French and Spanish. She died suddenly in 1998. Her work was frequently related to training and the award was named in her honor because she was dedicated to learning, teaching and overcoming personal challenges.

**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	
<input type="checkbox"/> August	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/> February	\$ 2.00	Check Amount \$ _____

Referred by: _____

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