



FEDERALLY EMPLOYED WOMEN

WASATCH MOUNTAIN EXPRESS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

July – a time for parades, rodeos, baseball games, and fireworks. Summer is in motion – time for a few mid-summer resolutions to make every day a celebration:

- Leave weekends open for spur-of-the-moment fun
- Spend time by and in the water
- Spend time with family – BBQ's and family picnics
- Eat summer's fresh produce
- Linger on your front or back porch/patio
- Throw a block party with your neighbors
- Celebrate our independence, express gratitude for our freedoms, and thank a public service or military person

Have a fun and patriotic July!

Jana

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COMMITTEES:

The following members will be:

Membership Chair	Desica Willard
Bylaws	Roberta Sweeney
Fundraising	April Armstrong
Treasurer	Becky Lyons
Chapter Parliamentarian	Roberta Sweeney
Historian	Lauri Brown
Disability Chair	Peggy Andreasen

CHAPTER NEWS

- Wendy Foxley at the IRS in Ogden has been approved to receive leave donation.
- Wasatch Chapter FEW is holding a membership drive with other employee organizations at the Ogden IRS campus. Volunteers are needed to hand out flyers and represent FEW from 2-6 PM on September 14th, 15th, or 16th.
- A fundraiser is coming! Date not set yet, but the Chapter is considering several different fundraisers, including serving or greeting at a restaurant one night. Contact April Armstrong with fundraising ideas!
- Desica has been making great progress partnering with other employee organizations in the area. Though a date has not yet been settled, the chapter and partnering organizations will probably hold a joint diversity program with speaker Adrienne Gillespie in the September 2011 timeframe
- Wear pink Jul 21st to help celebrate FEW for the Cause against breast cancer.
- Kristina Larson resigned from the duty of Chapter Vice President. Elections will be held to elect a new Vice President. Kristina has agreed to continue producing the Chapter newsletter. The Chapter Secretary position also needs to be filled, though the position can be appointed.

REGIONAL NEWS

- The next regional board meeting will be held October 15 in Salt Lake in honor of Wasatch Chapter's 35th anniversary. See attached flyer.

NATIONAL NEWS

- Sue Webster, National President, FEW, has accepted our Chapter President's invitation for Matthew Fog to attend our Birthday Celebration in October 2011. She needs to know if we can set up other agency visits for him. Please let Jana know ASAP if you would like him to visit your agency. Matthew is over Legislative issues and he is a very good speaker.
- July Highlights in US Women's History
 - Jul 2, 1964: President Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act; Title VII prohibits sex discrimination in employment.
 - July 7, 1981: President Reagan nominated Sandra Day O'Connor as the first woman Supreme Court Justice
 - July 12, 1984: Representative Geraldine Ferraro (D-New York) is chosen as the first female to run for Vice President of the United States on the Democratic Party Ticket.
 - July 19-20, 1848: The Seneca Falls Convention, the country's first women's rights convention is held in Seneca Falls, NY
 - July 20, 1942: The first class of Women's Auxillary Army Corps (WAAC) began at Fort Des Moines, IA

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

- Congress cancelled the 4th of July recess to work on the budget and debt ceiling.
- The Equal Rights Amendment was introduced into Congress.

TRAINING AND MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

Diversity Poem (Provided by Jana Sheehan)

Diversity
By Gene Griessman

I believe,
That diversity is a part of the natural order of things
-as natural as the trillion shapes and shades of the flowers of spring
or the leaves of autumn.

I believe,
That diversity brings new solutions to an ever-changing environment,
And that sameness is not only uninteresting but limiting.

To deny diversity is to deny life.
With all its richness and manifold opportunities.
This I affirm my citizenship in a world of diversity,
and with it the responsibility to . . .

Be tolerant. Live and let live.
Understand that those who cause no harm should not be feared,
ridiculed, or harmed – even if they are different.

Look for the best in others.

Be just in my dealings,
with poor and rich, weak and strong,
And whenever possible to defend the young, the old,
the frail, the defenseless.

Be kind,
remembering how fragile the human spirit is.

Live the examined life,
Subjecting my motives and actions to the scrutiny of mind and heart
so to rise above prejudice and hatred.

Care.

Parliamentarian's Corner – July (provided by Roberta Sweeney)

The Rules for Debate (speaking to a motion)

1. Speech limits in debate: You may speak twice on any debatable motion on the same day.
2. Who gets preference in recognition to debate: As a general rule, the chair should designate to speak the person who rises first after the previous speaker has finished and sat down. However, there are three common exceptions:
 - a. First, if you are the maker of the motion, you have a one-time right to preference in speaking about it.
 - b. Second, although everyone may speak twice on the same motion on the same day, someone who has not yet spoken on it even once has preference over anyone who has already spoken on it.
 - c. Third, when the chair knows someone has an opposite opinion about the motion, the chair should try to alternate speakers – those for and those against.
3. Stick to the subject: In debate, your speech must relate to the motion under discussion.
4. Debate issues, not personalities: Vigorous debate about the **merits** of a motion is central to the very idea of a deliberative assembly.
5. Formalities that avoid personalities: Speak as though you're talking to the chair (president), not directly to the other members.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Keep the ball rolling with kids bowl free – two games of bowling ever day, all summer long. Check for a bowling alley at kidsbowlfree.com (From Better Homes & Gardens Magazine)

JULY

July 4, 2011: Independence Day

July 2-24, 2011: Ogden Pioneer Days. The 24th is Pioneer Day, a holiday in UT

July 18-22, 2011: National Training Program (NTP), Philadelphia, PA

July 13, 2011, 12:30: Retirement Seminar, Ligoris, 2798 North Hillfield Rd, Layton, UT

July 26, 2011: Chapter membership meeting, Wingers, Clearfield, UT

AUGUST

August 9, 2011: Membership meeting

August 26, 2011: National Women's Equality Day