



### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

SPRING FORWARD! (Yes, I know that's the saying for turning our clocks ahead) and WOW, it will be soon – March 13. I'm also saying it because I am ready for spring! I love to work outside in my flower beds. And while you may be too, remember that next month is tax time. If you haven't filed your taxes, yet, here are some other tax issues to look at:

- Use that refund thoughtfully. You may be tempted to spend it on a coveted luxury, but use it to reduce debt instead. You'll save on interest if you apply it to your credit card balance, plus you may improve your credit score. If you anticipate owing money to the IRS next year, set up a savings account now specifically for paying next year's taxes. Don't touch that money until it's time to make your tax payments.

-Plan holiday expenses – Save a little throughout the year, and by Thanksgiving you'll have money for holiday gifts.

-Get a midyear financial checkup – The end of spring is a good time to look back at the goals you set in January. Are you on track? It's also the time to review your overall financial situation. Reviewing how much money you have, as well as how much money you owe, how much you are saving for retirement, short-term and other long-term goals is a good place to start. (From State Farm Insurance Magazine, Holiday 2010)

Mark your calendars for March 8, 2011 – it's the 100<sup>th</sup> celebration of International Women's Day. This day commemorates the strides women have made in the past 100 years and highlights the great challenges women still face around the world. Visit [Care.org/iwd](http://Care.org/iwd) to find events, participate online, and discover how you, your daughters, moms, and friends can help women and girls globally.

Hope all of you will have a good upcoming spring digging in your flower beds, gardening and taxes!

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*Jana*

**COMMITTEES:**

The following members will be:

Membership Chair	Desica Willard
Bylaws	Betty Berg and Roberta Sweeney
Programs	Kristina Larson
Fundraising	April Armstrong
Chapter Parliamentarian	Robert Sweeney

In order for our chapter to become more effective, we need to have an active board. We still need someone for Legislative, Diversity, and Compliance. Please volunteer.

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**CHAPTER NEWS**

- Except for the month of April, the chapter will meet on the second Thursday of every month with locations varying between Salt Lake City and Ogden, Utah.
- The Chapter will renew the grab bag raffles at meetings. Bring something cheap to raffle and help the chapter earn money at one or two meetings.
- Wasatch Chapter is offering a scholarship to attend the Regional Training Program in CO. Ask Jana for more details or an application form. See RTP info in Regional News.
- Starting in next month’s newsletter, Wasatch Chapter will “spotlight” a member. Information will be limited to 10 lines and will increase networking and awareness.
- A membership meeting was held February 17, 2011 at China Platter Restaurant in Bountiful, UT. The program was on legislative issues, which are of primary concern right now and always to federal workers facing mandatory furlough, benefits cuts, etc. What a great time to renew your membership dues!
- President Jana Sheehan and Membership Chair Desica Willard passed out brochures and information at IRS in Ogden, UT in a “mini-membership drive”
- Wasatch Chapter filed the 990-N tax form on Feb 18, 2011.
- We have a prospective new member! Lena McTee intends to join Wasatch Chapter soon.

**REGIONAL NEWS**

- March 18, 2011 – Rocky Mountain FEW Regional Training Program (RTP), CO Springs, CO, hosted by Columbine Chapter. Attendance is \$110 for members, \$120 for others.
- Jana Sheehan won the FEW foundation sponsored scholarship to the RTP.

## NATIONAL NEWS

- Grantham University offers a full college scholarship to FEW members. Grantham is an online university, so members across the nation can compete. Applications are due March 31, 2011. More information and qualifications can be located at <http://fewfoundation.org/OurProgramsandScholarships.aspx>.
- The FEW Membership Contest runs from June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011. Prizes range from \$150 to \$1000 in gift cards. The more members you recruit, the better chance you have. To count towards the number recruited, new members must list your name as “referred by” in the membership application.
- March 8<sup>th</sup> was International Women's Day. Great News! On March 8th, 2011, the Women's Information Network (WIN) hosted the largest gathering of women for International Women's Day <<http://www.InternationalWomensDay.org>> in its 100 year history! Kim Foster spoke at the gathering on behalf of FEW.
- FEW was featured in the Washington Post on February 2, 2011.
- National, regional, and chapter dues are up to renew this month.
- Take advantage of your membership by attending free webinars hosted by the FEW foundation. Jana Sheehan sends the webinar notices when they are announced nationally.

## LEGISLATIVE NEWS

- Get informed! Current bills in process at Congress can be searched by sponsor and reviewed at <http://thomas.loc.gov/>
- FEW members have been asked by Capitol Hill to participate in a survey for suggestions on budget cuts that could be made most safely at Government agencies. Responses due March 18, 2011. Site: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K29R6Y9>.
- Remember not to lobby on government time. Observe the Hatch Act.
- As always, Capwiz is available on the FEW website to contact elected representatives about issues that affect us. (Don't do this on government time)

## MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

### Great Women

(Provided by April Armstrong)

Great women are not considered so because of personal achievements, but for the effect their efforts have had on the lives of countless others. From daring feats of bravery to the understated ways of a compassionate heart, great women possess a common strength of character. Through their passion and persistence, they have advanced womanhood and the world.  
~ Peggy Anderson

Today's quote comes to you from No Glass Ceiling, Just Blue Sky: A Women's Guide to Building Great Teams

## **Women's History Month**

(Provided by Desica Willard)

2011 Theme: Our History is Our Strength

Women's History Month honors and celebrates the struggles and achievements of American women throughout history to gain rights for themselves and many other under-represented groups. This year's theme pays tribute to these women who took action to help create a better world for themselves as well as future generations.

In 1981, Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28 which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week." The week including March 8th, International Women's Day, was chosen as the focal point of the observance. As requested by Congress, President Reagan issued Presidential Proclamation 4903 <<http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/index.php?pid=42216>> proclaiming the week beginning on March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week" and recognizing the vital role of women in American history. It states:

American women of every race, creed and ethnic background helped found and build our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways. As leaders in public affairs, American women not only worked to secure their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity but also were principal advocates in the abolitionist, temperance, mental health reform, industrial labor and social reform movements, as well as the modern civil rights movement.

In 1987, after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9 which designated the month of March 1987 as "Women's History Month." Each year, a presidential proclamation is issued to recognize the contributions of women and their specific achievements over the course of American history in a variety of fields.

For more information on Women's History Month, visit the Library of Congress <[http://www.loc.gov/law/help/commemorative-observations/women\\_history.php](http://www.loc.gov/law/help/commemorative-observations/women_history.php)> and the National Women's History Project <<http://www.nwhp.org/aboutnwhp/history.php>> websites.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **MARCH**

March is Women's History Month

March 8, 2011 – Mardi Gras, followed by Ash Wednesday on March 9

March 8, 2011 – International Women's Day

March 10, 2011 – Membership meeting (All about FEW membership)

March 18, 2011 – Rocky Mountain FEW Regional Training Program (RTP), CO Springs, CO

March 31, 2011 – Deadline to apply for FEW Foundation collegiate scholarships

February 28-Mar 18, 2011 – "Women Making Noise" art exhibit at Olpin Union Art Gallery

### **APRIL**

April is Diversity Awareness Month

April 12, 2011 – membership meeting, Speaker Logan Hall on retirement planning  
Beez Café, 5410 South 1900 West, Roy, UT 84067-2909

April 7, 2011 – National NTP scholarship deadline (more info to come in Feb News & Views)

April 7, 2011 – Award submission deadline

April 24, 2011 – Easter

### **MAY**

May – Asian American/Pacific Island Heritage Month

May 12, 2011: Membership meeting

May 12, 2011: FEW's Grassroots Advocacy Day; Washington, D.C.

May 20-22, 2011: Living Traditions (diversity festival), SLC, UT

May 31, 2011: Membership contest deadline

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

July: Elections/nominations

July 18-22, 2011: NTP, Philadelphia, PA

August 26, 2011: National Women's Equality Day

September – Hispanic Heritage Month

September 24-25, 2011: Hill AFB Air Show and Open House

October 30, 2011: Wasatch Chapter 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

July 16-20, 2012 – NTP, Detroit, MI