



FEDERALLY EMPLOYED WOMEN (FEW) GREAT LAKES CHAPTER

Chapter Chat

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College Merit Scholarships for 2007

FEW Great Lakes Chapter is pleased to announce the 2007 College Merit Scholarship Program, administered through the Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund. FEEA is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt corporation, which provides educational benefits and emergency assistance exclusively to all civilian federal and postal employees and their dependent family members.

FEEA receives no government funding – virtually all of their operating revenue is derived from federal employee contributions specifically pledged to FEEA # 1234 in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC).

Eligibility requirements and application procedures are detailed on the first page of the application form, which can be found on the FEEA website:

www.feea.org



Applications are now being accepted for the 2007 Scholarship Program. A total of **\$1000.00** is available this year for our FEW chapter members, or their dependent family members (spouse/children). Individual award amounts will depend upon the number of applications received.



Applications must be forwarded directly to FEEA, and must be postmarked by March 30, 2007. **Make sure to write “FEW Great Lakes Chapter” in large letters on the top of the first page of the application form** so that FEEA knows you are applying specifically for our scholarship.

For further information, contact Mary Jo Winfield, Great Lakes Chapter Scholarship Chair, x45295.

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Coming! Mark Your Calendars!

- ◆ February 19 - President's Day Holiday
- ◆ March - Women's History Month
- ◆ March 30 - FEEA College Scholarship Applications Due

Regional Training Program News



News from the last Regional Board Meeting! Great Lakes Regional FEW Representative Mable Seldon will be the lead for the RTP this Spring. Mable has been working to establish a new FEW chapter in Detroit and plans are to have the RTP in Detroit to help “propel the new chapter into the limelight.”

The planned dates are April 13-14, 2007. We encourage all of our Great Lakes Chapter members here in Warren, Michigan to set aside those dates and plan to attend. The RTP hasn’t been held in our area since our chapter hosted it back in 2000. This is a great opportunity for our members to attend the quality training that FEW provides. More information will be coming soon!



Visit our website www.fewglc.org

Words of Wisdom

Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing up is like shoveling the walk before it stops snowing. -Phyllis Diller, b. 1917 American Entertainer

Membership Drive

Last fall, we conducted a FEW Great Lakes Chapter membership drive here at the Detroit Arsenal.

Our current members were asked to think of two co-workers who might join and forward their names to a Project POC. Names were compiled and recruitment letters were prepared and sent to each prospective member, signed by our Chapter President Jane Gabler.

We also provided membership information and forms at our December Holiday Luncheon, and made announcements during the program asking attendees to join our chapter.

We are pleased to report, that as a result of our Fall Membership Drive we welcomed 13 new members!

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Legislative News



From the FEW Washington Update dated January 1, 2007: FEW National is planning the release of a lot of new materials to coincide with the start of the new Congress. They plan to hit the ground running with updated employment statistics by congressional district, a new FEW legislative agenda for the 110th Congress, some Action Alerts and several Press Releases.

Also, of special note: FEW was invited to incoming Speaker Nancy Pelosi's swearing-in brunch and other events celebrating her ascension to the Speaker position as the first woman. We are very honored to be included and it shows that FEW has become a respected and known organization on Capitol Hill.

Cellular Phone Collection to Take Place in March

In honor of Women's History Month this year, we will be conducting a cellular phone collection to benefit The Haven, a women's shelter in Oakland County. So...Dig out those old phones you packed away when you got a new one for Christmas! Ask your friends and neighbors if they have a few cell phones in need of a new home!



We're hoping to collect at least 100 phones during the drive. Please help us help women in need!



Our project chair this year will be Mary Jo Winfield, x45295. Please contact her if you would like to volunteer as a Building Collection POC for this drive.

