

# F.E.W. NEWSLETTER



FORUM OF EXECUTIVE WOMEN

April 2008

## President's Message - Celebrating Women



Lisa Maurer, President of F.E.W.

Some great news was announced at our March meeting. The Women's Fund of the Central MN Community Foundation is bringing the Athena Award back to the St. Cloud area. The International Athena Award recognizes women who:

- Demonstrate excellence, creativity, and initiative in their business or profession;
- Provide valuable service by contributing

time and energy to improve the lives of others in the community;

- Actively assist women in realizing their full leadership potential.

The Athena Award sculpture portrays a woman holding high a beautiful, multi-faceted crystal which represents the multi-faceted beauty of the recipient and her impact on those around her.

In our [Forum of Executive Women](#) membership, we are graced by many past Athena Award recipients. It is also our hope that more women within our membership will be recognized with this distinguished award. I encourage all FEW members to read the

criteria above and nominate someone for this award prior to the April 8, 2008 deadline. A downloadable nomination form is under "Athena Award Nomination Form" at the following website address: <http://www.communitygiving.org/CommunityInitiatives/WomensFund/tabid/135/Default.aspx> or contact Lisa Maurer at [lmmaurer@bremer.com](mailto:lmmaurer@bremer.com).

We encourage every member to celebrate personal and professional accomplishments of those around us. Whether it is a formal award or casual encouragement, we all enjoy the "lift" of being recognized.

## Meeting Information

Our next meeting is on **Wed., April 9, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Radisson.** The April program is brought to us by the professionals at the Quiet Oaks Hospice House, a new hospice alternative in our area. Dealing with end of life issues is something all of us will someday be forced

to address. Families and loved ones frequently face unique challenges at the end of life. Representatives from Quiet Oaks Hospice House will present information to assist you in understanding these issues and share resources to support you in making informed decisions.

Thank you to all members who participated in the March FEW Guest Drive. We hosted 19 guests at our meeting. It was wonderful to have so many special guests, and we hope that some will join us as permanent members.

## Meeting Dates and Locations:

\*ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD FROM 11:30AM - 1:00PM\*

APRIL 9TH, 2008	RADISSON
MAY 14TH, 2008	RADISSON
JUNE 11TH, 2008	HOLIDAY INN
JULY 9TH, 2008	RADISSON
AUGUST 13TH, 2008	CSB GORECKI DINING CENTER
SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2008	HOLIDAY INN
OCTOBER 8TH, 2008	RADISSON
NOVEMBER 12TH, 2008	RADISSON
DECEMBER 10TH, 2008	HOLIDAY INN

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## Welcome New Members!



Roll out the red carpet!

We are excited to welcome new members to Forum of Executive Women in March and previous months!

Let's Welcome:

**LaVonne Rykhus**  
Leighton Broadcasting  
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**Adelaide Turkowski**  
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**Jessie Sandoval**  
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[Kaylaw@netgainhosting.com](mailto:Kaylaw@netgainhosting.com)

Please introduce yourselves at the next meeting to make them feel welcome and also make some new friends!

## Guests

FEW welcomes guests and prospective new members to attend our meetings for a fee of \$15 (payable at the meeting.) Please email Brianna Kappel ([bkappel@farmersagent.com](mailto:bkappel@farmersagent.com)) by Friday, April 4 if you intend to bring a guest to our April 9th meeting. Late registrants pay a guest fee of \$20.



## Featured Member(s) of the Month!

For next month's newsletter a lucky member (or two) will be picked from the April meeting to be featured! Please watch in future newsletters for fun and exciting information about current members!

## Web Site Task Force

As you are aware, FEW has been experiencing problems with its existing website. We fully recognize that the site's functionality needs to be improved as a service to members and in order to further the mission of our organization. Please talk to Lisa Maurer, Doris Illies ([dillies@wacosa.org](mailto:dillies@wacosa.org)), or April Jacques ([april@inhproperties.com](mailto:april@inhproperties.com)) if you would like an update on what the Task Force is accomplishing.

## Vegetarian Meals

If you are a member who would prefer a Vegetarian Meal at our monthly meetings, please email Laura Supan ([lasupan@bremer.com](mailto:lasupan@bremer.com)).

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We're on the web!

[www.fewstcloud.org](http://www.fewstcloud.org)

Check it out!

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## Membership Renewal

If you have not yet renewed your 2008 FEW Membership, please do so today by visiting FEW's website at [www.fewstcloud.org](http://www.fewstcloud.org). You may renew electronically with PayPal, or you may send a check for \$170 to FEW Treasure, P.O. Box 1451,

St. Cloud, MN 56302. If you would like a pdf copy of an invoice to process your payment to FEW, please email Lisa Maurer ([Immaurer@bremer.com](mailto:Immaurer@bremer.com).) As always, we welcome new members at any time of the year.

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- VIVEK PAUL

## April Announcements!

- The Library Plus You Fund of the Great River Regional Library is now soliciting donations for their Chair Sponsorship program. A \$150 donation will sponsor a chair that will be hand painted by a local artist based on a creative inspiration from a book. The chairs will be prominently displayed throughout the community, and auctioned off via Silent Auction at the Library Grand Opening. For more information, contact Erika Aschmann, Library Fund volunteer, at (320) 260-7035.
- The College of St. Benedict announces its second annual CSB Women's Walk, a fund raiser for Blazer Athletics and Campus Recreation. It will be held on Sunday, April 27 at 2:00 p.m. Jan Bensen is sponsoring an FEW walking team in the Women's Walk, and you may email her at [jan.bensen@rbcdain.com](mailto:jan.bensen@rbcdain.com) if you would like to be a part of her team.
- College of St. Benedict summer athletic camp brochures are now available at [www.csbsju.edu](http://www.csbsju.edu).
- Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin Lakes and Pines Council encourages everyone to attend Dreams to Reality: An Evening of Inspiration! on Thursday, June 12, 2008 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Mulligan's Event Center in Sartell. This fundraising event includes Hors D'oeuvres, Wine Bar, Live Music, Silent Auction, a program on the leadership power of Girl Scouts, and a keynote address by Mary Ann Baenninger, President of the College of St. Benedict. For tickets, contact the following FEW Members: Leigh Ann Davis, Jan Bensen, Cindy Lanoue-Sauer, Kendra Geiger, and Lisa Maurer.



FEW members are welcomed to make an announcement about news in their business or the community. Announcements are shared through this monthly newsletter, during our monthly meetings, on the FEW website and on the display table at the back of the room at each FEW meeting. Please submit any announcements to the VP of Communications, Doris Illies ([dillies@wacosa.org](mailto:dillies@wacosa.org)) or give a readable announcement to Lisa Maurer on the meeting date.