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President's Message

August – a time for savoring those last days of summer and preparing for “back to school” activities! Whether it is shopping for school supplies, completing pre-season fall sport requirements or finishing the last of the summer home projects, August is a time for transition.

FEW also is experiencing a transition too as we move to a new website! Many, many hours of preparation have gone into this move and we are excited to show off our organization through this updated format and increased information. April Jacques and Brenda Schermerhorn have done their homework; hats off to them on this successful transition!



Our 8th “Definite Dozen”, from Reach for the Summit by Tennessee’s famous women’s basketball coach Pat Summitt, speaks to teamwork. Of course, as Director of Athletics at the College of Saint Benedict, this is one of my favorite topics! I have many incredible memories from the years I coached volleyball that demonstrated these principles to me. One challenge for our team was always finding the right role for each player and as the season progressed, adjusting while we built on our team’s success. We reinforced many “Hidden Heroines” along the way that supported our philosophy and helped build a strong sense of teamwork. It took a lot of effort to develop that curriculum, recognizing that for our team to win, we had to perform at a high level incorporating skills way beyond the basics of pass, set and attack!

Today as reflect on the many roles of our FEW members, I continue to be impressed with everyone’s role and how it has allowed us to evolve and be successful over these many years. Whether you are a new member getting to know others at your table or a long-standing member, serving multiple terms on the Board, each of you play a special role. Some are in the starting line-up and others come in off the bench for that special ace serve!

No question, you are all on TEAM F.E.W.!!! We are truly indeed a group of talented and dedicated professional women. **Go-o-o-o o Forum of Executive Women!** Enjoy!

#8 Put the Team Before Yourself

- Teamwork doesn’t come naturally. It must be taught.
- Teamwork allows common people to obtain uncommon results.
- Not everyone is born to lead. Role players are critical to group success.
- In group success, there is individual success.

Meeting Information

Just a reminder, the next FEW meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12th from **11:30 am – 1:00pm** at the **Stearns History Museum**.

Wondering where the future of technology is going and how you will be affected by it? If you are, then JOIN US at this month's meeting!

FEW is pleased to welcome Eric Brown, CEO and Founder of Smart Site Inc., a provider of cutting edge design and website technologies, as guest speaker at next week's meeting. Eric will be sharing insight into a variety of technological advances and how individuals and businesses can use these technologies to improve efficiency and effectiveness in both their professional and personal lives. Topics will include:

- Smart phones and net tablets
- Getting all your news
- Where did the email go?
- Software is free?
- The future of books
- Home media servers
- Smart homes for everyone

Eric Brown introduced a cutting edge content management system to the website development industry in 2003 when he started Smart Site Inc. As CEO, he led the development of the company's latest solution, LiveEdit™, which allows customers to make their websites more fluid, and update information as it becomes relevant with incredibly intuitive web based tools. Bring your questions and help yourself prepare for the future of technology!

Upcoming Programs in 2009!

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| September 9 | Holiday Inn | Extended Program - Stand Up! Step Out! Lead! With Jolene Brown |
| October 14 | Holiday Inn | Team Script-The Art of Getting (and Staying) on the Same Page with Pete Machalek |
| November 11 | Radisson | FEW Annual Business Mtg. Speed Networking |
| December 9 | St. Cloud Country Club | FEW Holiday Party 2009 |

Guests

FEW welcomes guests and prospective new members to attend our meetings for a fee of \$20 (payable at the meeting.) Please email April Mastey at amastey@stifel.com or call at 320-253-1300 if you intend on bringing a guest.

Web Site Updates!

We are extremely close in launching our new website for FEW! We are thrilled with the new design and how easy it is to use! Not only will it include the same benefits as the current site, but some new technological advances for our FEW members and guests!

Because we were concerned with transferring incorrect data from our current site, the new site will require a fresh, updated Profile Creation from **all** members of FEW. Although this is an extra step each member will have to take, it ensures that correct member information is accessible to our members as a benefit of FEW. We will let you know when you can login to our new site to create your new profile.

If you have any questions regarding the new site or the existing site, please contact April Jacques at april@inhproperties.com or Brenda Schermerhorn at brenda@agency128.com and we would be happy to help you.

We Are On Facebook!

FEW now has a site on Facebook! [Visit our page](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Forum-of-Executive-Women/67147842136) (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Forum-of-Executive-Women/67147842136>) and become a fan today for up-to-the minute events and information about FEW. Just another great way to network with those in the community and other members of FEW.

Vegetarian Meals

Vegetarian Meals are available upon request. If you are interested in a Vegetarian meal at the meeting, please contact Debbie Spaniol at wellgetitdone@aol.com or 320-249-0576.