

Welcome to the Spring 2011 edition of the Connecticut Women's Forum—Member News! The purpose of this newsletter is to inform CWF members of upcoming CWF events and activities, to share the successes and accomplishments of the CWF members and to alert CWF members of outside events, speakers and forums in the New York-Connecticut area which they might wish to attend. For future editions, please send a short synopsis of your news directly to Kate Larson (KateLarsonCWF@aol.com) and Jeanne Matson (Jeanne@starnetflooring.com.)

CWF Member News ...

Dolores Ennico, who received her MBA from the University of New Haven in 1982, was recognized as an outstanding alumnus of UNH at its Scholarship Ball on April 16, 2011.



UNH President Steven H. Kaplan, left, and Board of Governors Chair Samuel S. Bergami Jr., second from right, with honorees, from left, Shelley Stewart Jr., Dolores Ennico, Howard Wurzak and Henry C. Lee.

Melodee Morrison, LCSW, has been promoted to Social Work Supervisor at New York Presbyterian Hospital-Payne Whitney in White Plains, New York. Melodee has been a clinical social worker on The Women's Inpatient Unit for the last six years providing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and other therapies to women with a variety of psychiatric diagnoses. She now serves with the leadership team of the unit to plan strategies for "Putting Patients First" including psychoeducation, milieu improvements and integrating hospital wide initiatives. She is also able to apply her 30 years of business experience and executive coaching to the needs of her clients who struggle with career issues. Melodee continues have a private practice in Rye, Ney Work specializing in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and psychodynamic therapies.

Elsa Nuñez has great news to share from Eastern Connecticut State University:

Eastern's Dual Enrollment Program, started by Dr. Nunez, was presented the Robert J. McKenna Award for Program Achievement on March 11 at the New England Board of Higher Education's Excellence Awards Dinner. The Dual Enrollment Program was recognized for its innovative approach to providing educational access to underserved populations and for the collaborative nature of the program. The Program is a partnership between Eastern, Quinebaug Valley Community College and Hartford Public High School to help inner city students attend college.

A team of Eastern Connecticut State University students received the award for Best Student Documentary Short in the national Broadcast Educators Association Annual Media Festival Awards for 2011.

Eastern Connecticut State University students from the University's campus chapter of the American Marketing Association (AMA) won six awards at the 33rd Annual International Collegiate Conference held in New Orleans, LA, March 24-26, 2011.

Virginia P'an has joined the Board of Directors of Nutrastar International, a publicly traded company, and has been appointed the head of the Board Compensation Committee.

CWF News...

Please welcome our three newest members, Valarie Gelb, Ann Nyberg and Fran Pastore -

Valarie Gelb is the Interim CEO for the Global Fund for Women and former Senior Advisor to MasterCard Worldwide. The Global Fund for Women is the largest grantmaking non-profit in the world devoted to women's empowerment and social justice. Prior to joining the Global Fund for Women in 2008, Valarie was the Chief Sales Development Officer for MasterCard Worldwide, a position that included a sales force in 210 countries. Within MasterCard, Valarie was Co-Lead of MasterCard's Executive Women's organization and the founder of the Women's Leadership Network, a global network encompassing women in over two hundred countries. Many of you had the opportunity to meet Valarie at our September Kick-off at the Beardsley Gallery in Wilton.

Ann Nyberg is a News Anchor and Reporter for Channel WTNH-TV, the ABC affiliate in New Haven, CT. As a longtime news anchor and reporter, Ann is committed to the advancement of women. Nyberg, who anchors the 6pm and 10pm news, has been nominated for Emmys and has been voted "Best News Anchor" in Connecticut Magazine's reader's poll. She founded the Children's Toy Closet at Yale New Haven Hospital, and is a Trustee for the Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center and Theater in Old Saybrook, CT. Ann is skilled in the use of social media, and in addition to her reporting and anchoring for WTNH, she also maintains the website NetworkConnecticut.com.

Fran Pastore is the Founder, President and CEO of the Women's Business Development Council (WBDC), the leader in entrepreneurial training for women in Connecticut. Fran founded WBDC in 1997, and over the last 14 years, the WBDC has grown to become one of the country's leading women's business centers, having served over 9,000 women from nearly 169 towns in Connecticut, creating thousands of micro-entrepreneurs, jobs, and taxpayers. Fran also serves as the Congressional Appointee to The National Women's Business Council; and on the boards of the Governor's Small Business Advisory Council; the Association of Women's Business Centers; the Executive Committee of The Business Council for Peace; and the Stamford First Bank Advisory Board.

Upcoming CWF Events...

We look forward to seeing many members at our **May 3rd Dinner and Program** featuring a distinguished panel of Women Veterans. Our last Program will be our **Annual Meeting on June 9th**. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us as we celebrate the conclusion of a very stimulating program year!

The Membership Committee is also planning a special event for prospective members in the northern part of the state on **June 21, 2011**. This event will be at the Town and Country Club in Hartford.

Save the Dates for CWF Events planned for Fall 2011:

-September 13, 2011, Dinner and Program featuring Author Lee Woodruff

-November 10, 2011, Dinner and Program featuring Forensic Scientist Dr. Henry Lee at the University of New Haven

New York Forum (www.womensforumnewyork.org) and IWF (www.iwforum.org) events:

May 5 – Up Close and Personal, Hon. Loretta A. Preska, Chief Judge, US District Court, Southern District of New York

June 2 – First Thursday Breakfast, Edie Weiner, “Looking Forward”

June 15 – Elly Awards, Luncheon at the Plaza

Mark your calendars for upcoming IWF Conferences:

- 2011 IWF Cornerstone Conference will be in Rome, Italy, May 25th-27th, 2011

- 2011 IWF World Leadership Conference and Gala will be in Washington, DC, October 26th-28th, 2011

-2012 IWF Cornerstone Conference will be in Marrakesh, Morocco, May 23rd-25th, 2012

-2012 IWF World Leadership Conference and Gala will be in San Francisco, CA, October 24th-26th, 2012

Upcoming Events of Interest....

The **World Affairs Forum**' Spring calendar includes three remaining lectures for the program year - events listed as AR are for Ambassadors Roundtable members and guests, and WAF members and the

general public on a space available basis; WAF events are free for members and open to the general public, Great Decisions (GD) events are free and open to the public. For additional information regarding these events, contact Kay Maxwell (CWF Member and Executive Director of the WAF), or go to www.worldaffairsforum.org :

- May 9, Dr. Robyn Angley, Harvard University, "Post-Soviet Regimes: A Primer on Central Asia and the Caucasus" (GD)
- May 18, Jim Hoagland, Washington Post Contributing Editor and Chief Foreign Correspondent, "Europe: A Nation in Formation?" (AR)
- June 9, Wilbur Miller Annual Meeting, Dinner and Speaker, David A. Andelman, Editor, World Policy Journal, World Policy Institute, "US Foreign Policy on Trial"