



Winter 2012

Welcome to the Winter2012 edition of the Connecticut Women's Forum—Member News! The purpose of this newsletter is to inform members of upcoming events and activities, to share the successes and accomplishments of our membership and to alert 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 both Kate Larson (KateLarsonCWF@aol.com) and Jeanne Matson (Jeanne@starnetflooring.com.) Our next issue will go out in March with updates and highlights for spring. We will send a reminder closer to the date requesting information you have to share with the membership.

Message from President Virginia Giuffre -

Happy New Year! We hope that you have all noticed that we have begun using the new IWF – CWF logo. At the IWF Conference in May, the IWF unveiled the new updated logo and encouraged member affiliates to incorporate it into their communication pieces. We have also begun the process of updating our print and online communications to include this logo, which highlights the relationship between IWF and its affiliates. The IWF is updating their website to reflect the new logo, and once updated, we'll incorporate those changes into our website. I look forward to seeing all of you at many of our events during 2012.

-Virginia

The Connecticut Women's Forum has welcomed the following new members since the Annual Meeting in June:

Linda Autore, President, CEO and Board Director of Laurel House, Inc.

Lynn Clarke, CEO, MetroKitchen.com

Jo Dutcher, Director, Office of the Chief Executive, Partner Succession Planning and Development, Deloitte Services LP

Ann Maynard Gray, Lead Director, Duke Energy Corporation

Peggy Jablonski, Vice President for Student Affairs, University of New Haven

Patricia (Paddi) LeShane, CEO, Sullivan & LeShane, Inc./ Sullivan & LeShane PR, Inc.

Ingrid Manning, CEO, Connecticut Community Foundation

Andrea Obston, President, Andrea Obston Marketing Communications

Vicki O'Meara, Executive Vice President and President, Pitney Bowes Services Solutions, Pitney Bowes, Inc.

Pamela Trotman Reid, President, St. Joseph College

Sheryl L. Sleeva, Senior Vice President, Cardholder Solutions, MasterCard Worldwide

Sue Sturtevant, Executive Director and CEO, Hill-Stead Museum



Pictured left to right: Ann Maynard Gray, Sue Sturtevant, Lisa DeBois, Mary Barneby (Membership Chair) and Pamela Reid at the CWF November Program

Member News:

Maura Carley, President and CEO of Healthcare Navigation, LLC, reports that Healthcare Navigation has opened a new Denver Office. Shan Burchenal, former Director of Compensation and Benefits for PepsiCo, Inc., will head the operations in Denver.

Maura's healthcare advice continues to be in demand: Maura moderated a discussion for the New York Forum, "Will Health Care Reform Help or Hurt You?" on November 17th. Oprah.com requested information from Maura for a blog post for December. "Three Ways to Make the Most of Your Health Benefits Now - and in 2012" was posted on the Oprah blog on Tuesday, December 6 and can be seen at www.oprah.com/blogs/index.html. *Elle Magazine's* Holly Millea quoted and thanked Maura in the June, 2011 issue of *Elle Magazine* for the assistance Healthcare Navigation provided Millea in resolving a claims dispute.

Siw de Gysser, who serves on the Board of the Wolf Conservation Center in South Salem, shares the following update on the WCC, which provides many interesting programs for adults and children interested in wildlife: the WCC currently has an Arctic wolf (i.e. white), two 4 months old pups, Mexican Grey wolves and South Carolina Red Wolves. You can view the calendar at www.nywolf.org In the latest newsletter there is also an interesting article about the Mountain Lion issue: <http://www.easterncougar.org/>

Dolores Ennico was recently appointed to the University of New Haven's Board of Governors. Dolores received her MBA from the University of New Haven in 1982. Congratulations Dolores!

This fall, **Maureen Gorman** worked as a consultant for the US Open. Maureen is pictured below taking a break from the tennis action:



Donna Hrinak was recently named by Boeing Co. to lead a new office being established by Boeing in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Donna, a former US ambassador to Brazil, was most recently PepsiCo Inc.'s vice president for global public policy and government affairs.

Nancy May addressed the Baltic Institute on Corporate Governance in October, highlighting the challenges and issues facing boards in the US as well as the concerns over diversity among boards worldwide.

In September 2011, **Carolyn Miles** assumed the position of President and CEO of Save the Children, the worldwide relief agency focused on the welfare of women and children. She is the first woman to lead the organization in its 80-year history.

Dr. Elsa Nuñez was honored by the Girl Scouts of Connecticut as the recipient of The Breakfast Badge 2011 on Friday, December 2 at The Hartford Club. Congratulations Elsa!

Housatonic Scholarships

In addition to the mutual support our members give each other, the Connecticut Women's Forum is dedicated to helping women in our communities, and one of the most prominent displays of that assistance is our annual support of scholarships to female students at the Housatonic Community College. This year, CWF donated \$4,000 to be used to provide funding for a full time female student. The scholarship presentation, held earlier this year, was attended by *Virginia Giuffre* and *Anita Gliniecki*. We currently have two scholarship recipients, Barcatun Noccioli, a native of Bangladesh, and Miyanda Mudingayi, a native of Zaire. Both young women are doing very well academically, and are extremely appreciative of the scholarship assistance they have received. We have invited both women to our upcoming event on January 18th in Westport, and hope they will be able to join us.

Support for Female Veterans

Our May program provided a unique perspective into the lives of Female Veterans returning to Connecticut after serving our country. In response to the presentation, CWF donated the net proceeds of that event to the Female Soldiers/Forgotten Heroes transitional housing project in Bridgeport. Members donated gift cards at the Annual Meeting to support the residents of this

facility, and we also dedicated our holiday gift collection to the women residing in this facility. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the facility was held on October 21, 2011. To date, over \$1,500 in funds and gift cards have been donated by CWF and its members to support Connecticut's female veterans. Many thanks to everyone who has participated!

Fall Programs

The IWF held a highly successful and well attended conference in Washington, DC. Thirteen members from Connecticut attended, one of the highest turnouts we have seen for the fall conference. If you weren't able to attend, members would be happy to provide highlights. We hope the attendance for this fall's conference in San Francisco will be equally impressive.

In addition to the October IWF conference, CWF members enjoyed two remarkable presentations this fall. Thanks to Nancy May and her program team, we shared a memorable evening with author Lee Woodruff in September, and had the unique opportunity to meet world renown forensic scientist Dr. Henry Lee in November.



Virginia Giuffre (CWF President), Lee Woodruff, Nancy May (Program Chair)



Virginia Giuffre, Dr. Henry Lee, Nancy May



CWF members enjoying Dr. Lee's Presentation



Upcoming CWF events...

January 18, 2012, CWF Winter "Give and Receive" Dinner at Blue Lemon, Westport

March 29, 2012, CWF Dine Around, Wilton, CT

April 4, 2012, CWF Dine Around, Madison, CT

April 2012 TBA, CWF Spring Dinner and Program

June 2012 TBA, Annual Meeting

Upcoming IWF and New York Forum Events...

(please see www.iwforum.org and www.womensforumny.org for additional details)

January 12, 2012, New York Forum, "Time to Exhale!" event at Spa at Hotel Gansevoort, 6pm

May 17, 2012, New York Forum, Second Annual Elly Awards Luncheon at the Plaza Hotel

May 30-June 1, 2012, IWF Cornerstone Conference, Rabat, Morocco

October 24-26, 2012, IWF World Leadership Conference, San Francisco, CA

Upcoming Events of Interest ...

The **World Affairs Forum** has a wide array of events planned for this winter – 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 including location and cost, go to www.worldaffairsforum.org or contact Kay Maxwell (CWF Member and Executive Director of the WAF):

- January 18, 2012 (AR) "The World's Water Crisis", featuring Steven Solomon, author *Water: The Epic Struggle for Wealth, Power and Civilization*, 5:30 pm
- February 15, 2012 (WAF) "Chinese Foreign Policy & US Security Interests in Asia", featuring David J. Firestein, Vice President, East West Institute, 5:45pm
- February 27, 2012 (GD) "Middle East Realignment", featuring Herbert I. London, President Emeritus, Hudson Institute, 7pm
- March 7, 2012 (AR) "Japan, A Year After the Deluge", featuring Dr. Sheila A Smith Senior Fellow for Japanese Studies, Council on Foreign Relations, 7:15 am
- March 19, 2012 (GD) "State of the World's Oceans", featuring Sara Tjossem, Senior Lecturer, Columbia University School of International & Public Affairs, 7pm

The Sacred Heart University 2011-2012 Lecture Series features the following programs in January and February (see www.sacredheart.edu for additional details):

- January 31, 2012, A Conversation with Brian Cashman and Theo Epstein, 7pm
- February 22, 2012, "A View from 'Left to Right', The 2012 Presidential Election", featuring Eugene Robinson and Tucker Carlson, 7pm

Fairfield University Open VISIONS Forum features the following programs this winter (see www.fairfield.edu/arts for additional details):

- January 29, 2012, "Hollywood Notebook: Glory or Gory?", featuring film critic Rex Reed
- February 13, 2012, "Globetrotting into Civil Rights", featuring former Harlem Globetrotter Meadowlark Lemon, 8pm

- March 28, 2012, "Author's Liberty as a Voice of Patriotic Radicalism", featuring Sarah Vowell, 8pm