



Fall 2013

We are pleased to welcome three new members to the Forum:

Rebecca Baker –Rebecca is a Partner and Chief Marketing Officer at Alvarez & Marsal Holdings LLC. Alvarez & Marsal is one of the world's leading professional services firms founded in 1983 as a turnaround management specialist, and today helps companies in industries around the world improve and transform operational performance. Rebecca is based in New York and heads up the firm's worldwide marketing efforts.

Beverlee Dacey – Beverlee is the President and Owner of Amodex Products, Inc., a Bridgeport-based WBENC- certified manufacturing company that specializes in stain removal products. Prior to assuming ownership of Amodex in 2006, Beverlee had a distinguished career as an educational administrator.

Sarah Kelly – Sarah is a Partner at Kona HR Consulting Group LLC, based in Southport, CT. Kona HR is a Human Resource consulting and outsourcing firm specializing in small to medium sized businesses. Prior to founding Kona HR in 2005, Sarah worked with Hewitt Associates for over 15 years in Asia Pacific and the US.

IWFCT Member News ...

Maura Carley was the guest speaker at the Darien Library discussing "Medicare: What You Should Know" on October 24th. She will offer an encore presentation of her talk on October 29th at 10am).

Valarie Gelb spoke to a sell-out crowd at the Inaugural UConn Stamford Conference Celebrating Women Entrepreneurs in September. A co-founder of the event, Valarie was instrumental in planning, logistics and execution of this event that brought over 250 women entrepreneurs together for networking, panel discussions, and a luncheon featuring keynote speaker Cindi Bigelow.

Valarie also served on a panel at the Women Leaders Forum: Connecting Women's Health and Girls' Education for Scalable and Sustainable Development (an official side event of the UN General Assembly) on September 27th. Valarie's panel discussion focused on "Creating Safer Environments for Women in the Workplace: Partnerships in Action".

Anita Gliniecki has been appointed the President of the Bridgeport Rotary, where she has been a member since 2005.

Anita joined Housatonic in 2003 as Academic Dean and served in that position until July, 2006, when she was named Acting President. She was appointed president the following year. During her tenure at Housatonic, Anita has overseen the opening of Beacon Hall, the 173,000 sq. ft. addition to the HCC campus. The college is currently planning the expansion and renovation of Lafayette Hall, the first building on the Lafayette St. campus.

Anita has been instrumental in achieving significant grants for the college, including Achieving the Dream, the Developmental Education Initiative from the Gates Foundation, and state support for the new Regional Advanced Manufacturing Center.

Anita was also recently received the Elizabeth M. Pfriem Civic Award from the Bridgeport Public Education Fund and the Fairfield County Community Foundation. The award is presented annually to a person or organization whose work in the Bridgeport community promotes equity and academic achievement for local students.

Nancy May was appointed Chairman of the Board of Economic Ventures Inc., a New York City-based nonprofit organization that provides a foundation in the principles of economics and encourages entrepreneurship through developing and delivering experiential education programs to innovators, visionaries, and early stage entrepreneurs.

Susan Whiting has announced that effective December 31, 2013, she will be retiring from Nielsen, the leading global provider of information and insights into what consumers watch and buy. A past CWF president and IWF honoree, Susan was the first woman hired into Nielsen's inaugural media management training program 35 years ago. Over more than three decades, Susan progressed into key leadership roles with wide-ranging responsibilities, such as President and CEO of US media, Chairman of global media measurement and global Executive Vice President. Susan was appointed to her role as Vice Chair in 2008, leading global client relations, communications, marketing, public and government affairs, corporate social responsibility and diversity initiatives.

Peggy Yocher was appointed Chair of the Financial Executives International Committee for Finance and Information Technology, a global organization of 14,000 CFO's. Peggy will serve this prestigious international organization in this role through 2015.

Mark Your Calendars for these upcoming IWFCT events

November 5, 2013: Dinner and Program, "Health, Well-Being, and Caregiving: New Models for a New Reality," featuring Nancy Turett, Founder and Principal of WholeView, Quattro Pazzi Restaurant, Stamford, CT

January 16, 2014: Post-Holiday Dinner Party, Location TBD. We received many requests to revive the tradition of a post-holiday gathering of members. Updated information on location will be sent as soon as it is finalized.

March 20, 2014: Dinner and Program, "Revenue Growth Through Social Media," featuring Carolyn Miles, President, Save the Children. Location TBD

April: DineArounds in Member Homes

May 21-23, 2014: IWF World Leadership Conference, Berlin, Germany

June 11, 2014: Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, Madonia Restaurant, Stamford, CT

Upcoming Events of Interest ...

November 6, 2013 - Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame Dinner – 20th Anniversary Induction Ceremony & Celebration, Connecticut Convention Center. (Inductees: Rosa DeLauro, Barbara Hackman Franklin, Linda Koch Lorimer, Augusta Lewis Troup). For additional details or to purchase tickets, please see <http://www.cwhf.org/induction-ceremony/2013>

September 19, 2014: Second Annual Connecticut Celebrates Entrepreneurial Women, University of Connecticut Stamford

The **World Affairs Forum** offers the following upcoming lectures and events of interest:

-October 29, 2013: “Economic Outlook for Mexico and Latin America, Jose Rasco, Sr. Investment Strategist, HSBC Private Bank Americas, New Canaan Library, 7pm

The **October 29** event is free to the public, the remaining events are fee-based, depending on membership levels of the World Affairs Forum. For additional information on these programs, please consult the World Affairs Forum web site at www.worldaffairsforum.org.

-November 6, 2013: “Trade Policy at a Crossroads” Dinner and Lecture, Susan C. Schwab, Strategic Advisor, Mayer Brown LLP, Stamford Yacht Club (AR), 6:15pm

-November 20, 2013: “Brazil’s Missed Opportunities – What’s Next?”, Chip Brown, Adjunct Professor, NYU, UCONN Stamford, 6:15pm (WAF)

-December 5, 2013: Global Economic Trends Lecture, “China and America: Coming to Grips with Codependency”, Stephen S. Roach, Former Chief Economist, Morgan Stanley, Sr. Fellow, Jackson Institute of Global Affairs, Yale University, Pitney Bowes-Stamford, 6pm (WAF)