



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

Michele Napoli Etzel – Michele is the Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President/Finance & Administration for National Graphics, Inc. in North Branford, CT. National Graphics is a full service printing company and a long standing supplier to the direct mail industry.

Leslie Seidman – Leslie is the Chairman of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). The FASB is the designated organization in the private sector for establishing standards of financial accounting that govern the preparation of financial reports by nongovernmental entities.

Wendy Stahl – A resident of Westport, Wendy is the Chief of Staff for the McKinsey & Company Business Technology Office in Palo Alto, CA. McKinsey & Company is a global management consulting firm that works with leading organizations across the private, public and social sectors.

Congratulations to CWF Members ...

Maura Carley's book *Health Insurance: Navigating Traps and Gaps*, was published in January 2012. When doing an amazon.com search on "health insurance," *Navigating Traps and Gaps* is #1!

Valarie Gelb has been honored by the YWCA Yonkers for the 2013 Spirit of a Woman Award. Valarie is the Guest Speaker and Inspiration Honoree at the awards ceremony on April 25th. Valarie is being honored for her contributions and accomplishments promoting and empowering women. Information regarding the awards ceremony may be found at the following link: [YWCA Yonkers Award Ceremony Registration](#).

Virginia Giuffre has been promoted to First Vice President at Merrill Lynch.

Karen Scappaticci has been nominated by Valarie Gelb for a position on the IWF Board of Directors. There are twenty nominees, and six will be selected to join the Board. The Board election is taking place now, and we wish Karen the best of luck with her nomination.

Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting – We hope that you have marked your calendars for the **Annual Meeting on June 6, 2013**. The event will be held at the **Aspetuck Country Club** in Weston, CT. Details are being finalized and will be sent shortly.

Two years ago, CWF hosted a program that addressed issues facing Women in the Military, and exposed the plight of Female Veterans in Connecticut. In response to that program, CWF

sponsored an outreach effort to support the Female Veterans: Forgotten Heroes transitional housing project in Bridgeport. Information regarding the upcoming fundraiser to provide ongoing housing support for veterans is below:

Please join us for

A Salute to Fine Cuisine

Thursday, May 2, 2013

6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Aitoro

**401 Westport Avenue
Norwalk, Connecticut 06851**

\$100 Per Individual

\$150 Per Couple

All proceeds will benefit the programs of ABRI / Homes for the Brave

The evening will include entertainment, speakers, a raffle, and silent and live auctions. Using Aitoro's live kitchens, chefs will prepare creative dishes for all to taste. Featured restaurants include: [Bistro 7](#), Christine's Pot of Gold, [A Dash of Salt](#), [Ethan's Grill](#), [Heirloom](#), [Metric Bar & Grill](#), [Norm Bloom & Son](#)- Oysters & Clams, [Paella](#), [Saffron](#), [The Sono Baking Company & Cafe](#), [Tutti's Restaurant](#).

Checks can be made out to "Homes for the Brave" and sent to:

Homes for the Brave

Attn: Amanda Teti

655 Park Avenue

Bridgeport, CT 06604

For more information or to purchase tickets by credit card, please visit

www.HomesForTheBrave.org/SaluteToFineCuisine13.

Please contact Amanda Teti at ateti@homesforthebrave.org or 203.338.0669 with any questions.