

A VIEW FROM FEW

An organization for opportunity and equality for women in Government



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President's Message

Marlene Satterthwaite, President

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April – taxes are due on the 15th! By now many of you have filed and even some received their refund checks. Worst-case scenario, you had to pay more to Uncle Sam. Whatever your situation, make sure you (working folks) have funded your 401K/TSP or IRA for 2008 before filing. That deadline is also April 15.

The civil service employees have the TSP as a means of saving for retirement and contractor workers have the opportunity to utilize their company 401K plans. We've seen such a decline lately with the down market, but, historically, most experts will tell you that if you are investing for the long run — for retirement, for instance, or for a specific financial goal — it's better to let your money go along for the roller coaster ride. That's because the stock market rises over the long run, even as it experiences periods of sharp decline. Consider this statistic: over the last 20 years the average annual return for the S&P 500 (as of 9/30/02) was 13.2%. This should be encouraging information in light of the market's recent volatility.

If you are fully funded in your 401K plan, consider an IRA. IRA contributions for tax year 2008 are \$5000 max but if you are 50+ by 12/31/08, you may add a \$1000 in catch-up contribution. An Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is a tax-advantaged account designed to help you save for retirement. There are two main types, Roth and Traditional, each with different advantages.

- Roth IRA - you make contributions with money you've already paid taxes on (after-tax) and your money may grow tax-free, with tax-free withdrawals in retirement, provided that certain conditions are met. You are not required to take mandatory distributions at any age during your lifetime. Beneficiaries must take distributions
- Traditional IRA - you make contributions with money you may be able to deduct on your tax return and any earnings potentially grow tax-deferred until you withdraw them in retirement. You usually need to begin taking money from your IRA no later than April 1 of the calendar year following the date you attained age 70 1/2.

In either case, the tax benefits allow your savings to grow, or compound, more quickly than a taxable brokerage account.

One more very important Event for April

April 2, 5:00pm --also starring in April is the FEW Space Coast Annual Membership Drive Program to be held at the Holiday Inn Cocoa Beach/Palms Room (look for Commanders Call sign on Building). This program will feature two of our newest members speaking on woman's health issues: Lynn Garcia and Dr. Tracy Smith; both are employed by the Veterans Administration (VA) in Orlando. All attendees will be treated with a FEW-sponsored dinner. Come and join us for a pleasant evening!

FEW's Mission Statement

Federally Employed Women (FEW) is a membership organization working for the elimination of sexual harassment and the advancement of women in government. This will be accomplished by:

- Encouraging diversity and equity in the workplace
- Enhancing career opportunities for women
- Establishing and maintaining relationships with organizations to advocate the fair application of EEO and personnel laws, policies, procedures, and practices
- Improving the quality of life for women by influencing Congressional and Administration actions
- Committing to achieve and maintain a unified and diverse membership; and
- Providing opportunities for professional growth through leadership development, education, mentoring, and networking.

The FEW mission and purpose statement was revised to recognize that the mission of an organization is its driving force, and that FEW's mission needed to be consistent with the needs of federal women today on into the 21st century.

LEGISLATION

From FEW CAPWIZ

Legislation to Watch

ACTION ALERT – URGENT

HR 1256 Includes Unused Sick Leave and FERS Redeposit Bills

FEW Leaders, Regional Managers and Legislative Chairs are asking our members and other interested parties to send letters to their legislators immediately and ask them to vote for HR 1246, the Family Smoking Prevention and tobacco Control Act. FEW is supporting this bill because two very important provisions were added to the bill that would greatly benefit federal workers.

An amendment was offered by Federal Workforce Subcommittee Chairman Stephen Lynch (D-9-MA) to include the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) Sick Leave Credit (HR 958) legislation during the mark up of the Tobacco bill. Subcommittee

member Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11-VA) offered the FERS Redeposit Act amendment.

Employees under the FERS receive no compensation for their unused sick leave when they retire. (In contrast, employees covered under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) are credited for unused sick leave when they retire.) The FERS Sick Leave Credit would provide the exact same benefit to FERS employees that CSRS employees currently have. Accrued sick leave at the end of a federal career will be added to the years of service an employee has worked when calculating their retirement benefits.

The FERS Redeposit Act would allow individuals who return to government service after receiving a refund of retirement contributions to re-enter without losing their accrued annuity. Instead of forfeiting credit earned during their prior service, returning employees would be able to redeposit their cashed out annuity upon re-employment. This benefit is already available to federal employees covered under the CSRS. Having a reinvestment option for FERS would make government service more competitive by incorporating the flexibility of retirement plans available in the private sector.

Status: The Tobacco bill is expected to be voted on by the end of March.

FEW position and Further Action:

Passage of this bill would be a key victory for FEW and its members. We are asking our members and other interested parties to ask their lawmakers to support this bill when it comes up for a vote in the House. Send your letters today!

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact FEW's Washington Representative Janet Kopenhaver at 703-528-7822 or via email at janetk@eyeonwashington.com.

H.R. 1256, the Family Smoking and Tobacco Control Act

Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released a [cost estimate](#) yesterday for H.R. 1256, the Family Smoking and Tobacco Control Act. This bill would

authorize the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to regulate tobacco products and require the agency to assess fees on manufacturers and importers of tobacco products to cover the cost of these new regulatory activities.

The effect of these activities on the use of tobacco products is uncertain, in part because ongoing initiatives to reduce the use of tobacco products are expected to continue under current law. In particular, public health efforts by federal, state, and local governments and by private entities have contributed to a substantial reduction in underage smoking in recent years. For example, the recent increase in the federal excise tax on cigarettes, from \$0.39 to \$1.01 per pack, as a result of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act is likely to contribute to a continuing decline in smoking.

H.R. 1256 would affect the use of tobacco products through a combination of regulatory and economic factors. The regulatory changes with the largest potential to reduce smoking include: restricting access to tobacco by youths, requiring an increase in the size of warning labels on certain tobacco packaging (and authorizing the Secretary of HHS to mandate further changes to enhance warning labels), limiting certain marketing and advertising activities (especially those that target youths), and requiring FDA's permission before manufacturers can market tobacco products that suggest reduced health risks or exposure to particular substances. In addition, tobacco consumption would decline because the assessment of new fees on manufacturers and importers of tobacco products would probably result in higher prices for tobacco products. CBO expects that consumption of tobacco products in the United States would further decline as a result of enacting H. R. 1256. By 2019, CBO projects a decline of 11 percent among underage tobacco users and about 2 percent among adult users, as a result of this legislation. CBO anticipates that FDA's regulation of tobacco products would lead to a decline in smoking among pregnant women, which would slightly decrease federal spending for Medicaid. A decline in smoking could affect health care spending

for many other medical conditions, and CBO continues to examine the impact of smoking-related legislation on public and private payers. Counter intuitively, a reduction in smoking might add to the government's costs in many cases by enabling some people to live longer and to incur health care costs over longer periods. In those cases, government spending for Social Security, Medicare, and other retirement and mandatory spending programs, would increase.

DIVERSITY

From [Business Net on the web](#)

Workplace diversity has taken on a new face. Today, workplace diversity is no longer just about anti-discrimination compliance. Workplace diversity now focuses on inclusion and the impact on the bottom line. Leveraging workplace diversity is increasingly seen as a vital strategic resource for competitive advantage. More companies are linking workplace diversity to their strategic goals and objectives--and holding management accountable for results. Thus, HR plays a key role in diversity management and leadership to create and empower an organizational culture that fosters a respectful, inclusive, knowledge-based environment where each employee has the opportunity to learn, grow and meaningfully contribute to the organization's success.

COMPLIANCE

From www.few.org

FEW's Compliance Program

Federally Employed Women's (FEW) Compliance Program monitors the progress made by the federal government in achieving equal employment opportunity evidenced by its adherence with statutory civil rights protections including: the Equal Pay Act of 1963, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 501 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Age Discrimination in Employment Act, and Civil Rights Act of 1991.

FEW on the National level maintains close working relationships with several federal departments and agencies including the Office of Personnel Management, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Merit Systems Protection Board and Department of Labor. FEW's grassroots compliance efforts play a vital role in implementing the Compliance Program across the FEW network, which includes the Continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, and several foreign countries. Regional and Chapter representatives meet with agency administrators in order to:

- Monitor and affect the development and enforcement of Management Directive 715;
- Review distribution of training funds;
- Assess the disproportionate effects of downsizing on women, people of color, and other minorities; and,
- Review access to a wide variety of programs that seek to help employees juggle work and family responsibilities.

FEW EEO Compliance Program

FEW's Compliance Program is the responsibility of the Vice President for Compliance, Michelle Crockett.

Quote of the Day

Submitted by Sandra Eliason

For attractive lips, speak words of kindness. For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people. For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry. For beautiful hair, let a child run his/her fingers through it once a day. For poise, walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone. People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed, and redeemed; never throw out anyone. Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you will find one at the end of each of your arms. As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands - one for helping yourself, and the other for helping others.

Audrey Hepburn

Sunshine Committee, April 2009

Barbara Powell, Sunshine Chair

During the month of March, the Space Coast Chapter sent a "Welcome Baby Boy" greeting card, which included a Target gift certificate to Charmel Jones and her new son. Sympathy cards were sent to Jay Diggs, past NASA EEO Director and friend of Space Coast Chapter on the passing of his wife, Barbara, and to Pat Wolfe, Past FEW National President, on the passing of her Aunt. A dish garden and sympathy card were sent to our FEW National President, Sue Webster, on the passing of her stepmother.

(CORRECTION) As reported in last month's column, Carrie Andolina was not deployed to Afghanistan, but she is indeed serving our country in Iraq. Sorry, Carrie, look forward to your home coming soon. We understand you won't be home now until the first of July.

Please contact me at 504-6086, or email me at noahsark@cfl.rr.com if you are aware of any of our members that need our thoughts and prayers, i.e. extended illnesses, hospital stays, or news that deserve our best wishes. I would especially like to get an accurate list of birthdays, so if your birthday has been omitted from the list below, please let me know.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Aneta Ott	04/05
Karin Biega	04/08
Teresa Parham	04/27

MEMBERSHIP

Becky Fasulo, VP for Membership

Membership Renewals:

If you became a member before July 2008, it is now time for you to renew your annual dues. You should have received an email instructing you to go to the FEW website and renew your dues, unless you are a Lifetime

National member, then no renewal is sent. If you do not want to renew online, then there is an invoice to print. Complete the form and mail it with your check per the instructions on the invoice. If your renewal date is March 1 and you have not received an email, please contact me and I will help you.

Also, please log on at www.few.org to update your personal information. This is very important so that Federally Employed Women will have your most current information. Any questions or concerns, please contact me either at beckyjf@yahoo.com or fewvpmco@yahoo.com or 321-636-8525.

Membership Drive Meeting

Come One – Come All and bring friends and your co-workers! We will be presenting our annual Membership Drive Meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2009. We are meeting at the Cocoa Beach Oceanfront Resort, Holiday Inn Hotel, 1300 N. Atlantic Ave., Cocoa Beach, FL, in the Captain's Grill Restaurant. We will gather between 4:40 and 5:00 pm. Dinner will be served from a limited menu. The program will consist of the latest news on Women's Health issues along with testimonies from Space Coast Chapter members on how FEW has affected their lives.

RSVP's were due by March 30, 2009 to Becky Fasulo at 636-8525 (beckyjf@yahoo.com) or Marlene Satterthwaite at 433-2878 (mbsatt44@aol.com) so that we can give an accurate count to the hotel for the meals. If you are planning to attend please call as soon as possible.

ATP Wrap Up Report - March 4 -5, 2009, Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn Submitted by Barbara Powell

Thanks to all of the members, you all know who you are, and what outstanding support you gave to the success of the 2009 Annual Training Program. As usual, we had some stumbling blocks. This year seemed to produce some big ones, but to the attendees it looked like everything was as it should be.

Usually the Chapter begins the preparation for a successful Annual Training Program the day after the previous one ends. We did that, but in January we were sent back to the drawing board, and we had to renegotiate some portions of the contract with the hotel to change the number of attendees, in order to reduce the Chapter's monetary responsibility. The attendance for Wednesday was higher than expected, but Thursday we were "right on the money". We did squeak through with a profit.

The Committee gathered together on Tuesday night to stuff the folders, and instead of the usual Pizza party to feed the troops, we had a smorgasbord supper in the Loft. Even had time for a rousing game of "99".

The Keynote Speaker was fantastic. She exceeded my expectations, and she set the tone, and pace for the remainder of the day. "ITS MILLER TIME!" It was great to have the opportunity to meet Susan before the NTP in Orlando. She will be presenting a keynote address there also. We can definitely recommend her!



Bad Day...

Good Day

The remainder of the workshop speakers were fantastic. Even though we announced that there would only be 45 chairs in each workshop and there would be none added, we still had people pleading to hear Larry Gardner's "It's a Jungle Out There" workshop. Heard nothing but positive feedback on all of the Speakers.



Larry Gardner with his new Workshop on "Leadership That Sizzles: Recipe for Success"



Cynthia Krosky on Unlocking Our Leadership Potential



Marian Stevens on Managing Multiple Priorities



Nancy Lewis on Self-Awareness and Style....Brand You

On Wednesday night, thanks to our "Chef" Clara, we were fed in royal style. Two kinds of Chili, white chicken, and hot (Oh, boy) red-hot "tears in your eyes" chili. The workshop speakers were invited to join us, and all had a good time. (I liked it better than going out to one of the local restaurants for dinner). The Hospitality Committee kept the table in the Flamingo Room and our Loft well stocked with anything that you could want. The M&M Peanuts and fruit flowed freely. Once again we brought home the surplus, but we ate well while there.

The plaques that we gave to the speakers were absolutely beautiful. We were sorry that Ana Contreras came down sick at the last minutes, but thanks to her excellent preparation before hand, and also with the expert help of Lisa Singleton, and our Vice President T.J. Piastuch, we were able to carry on without a hitch.

The volunteers kept our guests herded in the right direction, and even Carolyn Burnham's sister, Celita, chipped in to direct everyone to the appropriate place.

Working with the Exhibitors is not the easiest job. We want the Exhibitors to be successful, but at the same time we know that the real intent of the ATP is to provide training for our attendees. Anyway, the Exhibitor Committee successfully kept the Exhibitors happy by providing the attendees a fashion show of a few of the products that were on display in the Exhibitor's area.



To sum up, I heard nothing but good comments about the whole thing. Well, there were the few people that were disgusted with not being allowed into Larry Gardner's class, but it was observed that he even tried to sneak in an additional chair to accommodate Jean Grenville. One lady observed, "I work for a Contractor on the Center, and each year I look forward to spending a day at the FEW Annual Training Program. I always go back to my office with good things to apply to my job, and my company. Please keep up the good work."

WHAT CAN I SAY!!!!!!! We did it again. Thanks to all!



Some of the seminar committee at work as usual

PROGRAMS

Submitted by Teresa Jean Piastuch



WHAT: APRIL 2009 PROGRAM MEETING

PROGRAM: Geory Stivers of Professional Business Brokers, Inc. of Melbourne, FL will speak to Space Coast Chapter FEW members on how to invest in a small business using your 401K.

WHEN: TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009, 5:30 P.M.

WHERE: BIZZARO'S RESTAURANT, BYRD PLAZA, 801 Dixon Blvd, Cocoa, FL 32922, 321 305-4991

Education Scholarship Available for Members

Submitted by Joette Feeney

The Space Coast Chapter is offering an educational scholarship to FEW members in good standing. The amount budgeted for the scholarship is \$1,000, which can be used for tuition, books, transportation or general education expenses. This scholarship is funded by the chapter as a way to help members attain their goal of receiving a degree or for enrichment.

The amount of the scholarship will be awarded at the discretion of the scholarship committee according to the number of applicants. The application is available on [//www.ksc.nasa.gov/groups/few/scholarships.htm](http://www.ksc.nasa.gov/groups/few/scholarships.htm) or by emailing Joette Feeney at Joette.M.Feeney@nasa.gov for a blank application.

Please return your application to Joette Feeney by email or fax (321 867-4969). The deadline to apply for this scholarship is May 15, 2009.

Parliamentary Quiz

Submitted by Clara Anderson

1. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (10th Edition) has a motion by which a motion relating to a single subject containing several parts, each of which is capable of standing as a complete proposition, can be separated to be considered and voted on as if they were distinct questions. What is the name of the motion with this purpose?
 2. Question: If your parliamentary authority is Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (10th Edition), what motion and vote are required in order to make the assembly conform to an adopted agenda, program, or order of business?
 3. Question: According to Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (10th Edition), at what point does an election to an office become final?
 4. Question: If your parliamentary authority is Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (10th Edition), what is necessary following a ballot election to hear the actual number of votes cast for each candidate (instead of just who won)? (see answers below)
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BAXLEY MANOR

Sandra Getter, Baxley Manor Coordinator

The 17th of April has been designated as delivery day for Baxley Manor. For those of you that are not familiar with Baxley Manor, the people we serve there are mostly elderly or disabled. I am sure that all of you recognize that we are in hard times and these people, for the most part, survive on food stamps. Food stamps do not cover anything of a personal nature and we try to fill that gap. We hope that you can help by making any small donation that you can. Any help that you can give monetarily or otherwise will be greatly appreciated. The monetary contributions that you make are used to buy food and personal items for these residents. My mail code is NE-E8. Thanks so much for making a difference!!

I am coordinating the contribution for Baxley Manor here on Center with the help of some other very kind ladies. Valarie Franklin in

O&C 1020, Sandy Eliason in LCC 4P23, Jan Hall in the Logistics Building 2610A, Carol Moore HQ 3490, Ana Contreras HQ 3531F and Charmel Jones O&C 1073M2 can take your contributions and items. I am in EDL 2134 and can coordinate a pick up from you if you call or email me. For those of you who are off Center, please call Aneta Ott or myself to arrange for pickup of any items you would like to donate. Perhaps we could arrange for a pickup point in Merritt Island near Baxley Manor on Delivery Day.

Here is the list...suggestions [Needed Items](#)
[Food Items](#)

Small cans of vegetables & fruits
Jell-O & pudding snacks
Graham crackers, Saltine crackers
Any meat or meal in a can with the flip top lid...
Lunchmeats, tuna, Spam, chicken, Vienna sausage, ham, deviled ham, Sardines, beef stew

[Personal Items](#)

Paper products: Q-tips, facial tissue & toilet tissue (packages of 4 rolls)
Toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash
Hand lotion, hair spray, mousse or gel, comb/brush
Razor, Nail files, clippers, Socks, stockings, earrings
Reading material such as books or magazines
Thanks again for your support of this worthy cause.

Untying Your Knots

by Tom Britton

Submitted by Clara Anderson

Remember the story of Gulliver's Travels? On this one island he was a GIANT of a man. The residents of the island were like ants to Gulliver. As he lay sleeping on the beach, the village people came out with ropes and began tying up Gulliver. Now, these ropes were like threads to Gulliver. But as he slept, they tied so many ropes on him that when he awoke he could not move. Sometimes I think we get tied down—like Gulliver. We get so pre-occupied with the details of life: what we need to do today,

tomorrow, next week, this afternoon, etc. As a result we don't take the time to just sit back and dream about what we want to do with the rest of our life.

In fact, most us will spend more time planning our summer vacation than we'll spend planning the one and only life that we have.

The first step is to get away. You can't do goal-setting justice at home or at the office. Even if you are not interrupted, there will still be things that will occupy your mind and keep you from releasing the dreams in your heart.

So make plans now to get away. Schedule time to daydream. Go to a mountain cabin, the beach, the park, or the library. If you have a partner, plan a get-away weekend. All you really need to take with you is your – magic wand (a pen or pencil) and a notebook to write down the dreams in your heart.

Do it now so that at the end of your life you're not spending most of your time thinking about all of the things that you had intended to do before leaving this earth. How sad it would be to reach the end of your life and in your obituary were: a list of your survivors, a list of your accomplishment...and a section that reads, - But this person always wanted to.....

Thank You from Iraq!

President, Marlene Satterthwaite

FEW recently received a "Thank You" note from our member Carrie Andolina (andi_975@yahoo.com) who is deployed to Iraq. Thanks to all those that donated items to be sent to the "We care for Carrie package."

This is her message:

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To my FEW family:

Thank you so much for the CARE packages. That was such a surprise! I received 2 boxes filled with all those wonderful goodies, kept some for me and shared the rest; it was gone in no time. Everyone appreciated all the goodies.

It's hard to believe 2 months have passed already with just 2 more (I think) to go.

Thanks for helping make it easier. Miss you all.

Carrie
Carrie A. Andolina
MNC-I C2 CACE
Unit 91400
APO, AE 09342-1400

Thank You from the Jane Eitel Scholarship Winner!

President, Marlene Satterthwaite

This year's 2009 recipient of the Jane Eitel Scholarship was awarded to Sandra Getter. This annual award funds a member to attend the Southeast Regional Training Program, this year held in Atlanta, GA February 18-21.

Sandra sent the chapter a "Thank You" note. This is her message:

"First thank you for the privilege of receiving the Jane Eitel Scholarship. The RTP was an awesome experience. I learned much and met a lot of wonderful people. But even more, thank you for being such a special part of my life. I told my husband Monday after the ATP meeting that I have found a group of friends that actually make me laugh and feel crazy.....Thank You, Sandra."

The History of 'APRONS'

Submitted by Marlene Satterthwaite

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath. Because she only had a few dresses, it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and they used less material, but along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were

ideal hiding places for shy kids.

And when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove.

Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.

REMEMBER:

Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the windowsill to cool.

Her granddaughters set theirs on the windowsill to thaw.

They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron.

I don't think I ever caught anything from an apron.

FEW - LOOKING AHEAD

President, Marlene Satterthwaite

Have you renewed your Membership dues? Remember to do it on-line at www.few.org.

The Chapter board and committee members met March 16 to discuss up & coming events:

- April 2, 5:00 pm - Holiday Inn/Palms Room – Annual Membership Networking Program Meeting with two members/speakers on Woman's Health issues
- April 7 – deadline to National for Chapter Achievement Awards and NTP Scholarship applications
- April 21, 5:30pm Bizarros Restaurant, Byrd Plaza, 801 Dixon Blvd., Cocoa, FL Ph# 321-305-4991 – Program Speaker on investing in a small business
- May 15 – deadline date for submission of Chapter Membership Scholarship Awards – joette.m.feeney@nasa.gov
- May Board Meeting - TBD
- June Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet – place, date & time TBD
- July 20-24 - National Training Program (NTP) will be held this year in Orlando at the Orlando World Center Marriott; go to www.few.org
- August Program Meeting - place, date & time TBD
- Fall retreat – In the past, the chapter has rented a large home (sleeps 10-12) in Orlando for the weekend (starting on Thursday) where we have 2 full days of meetings for program/projects planning, budget projections, membership goals, etc. Plans are to do this again in the August or September timeframe.

The board and committee members have been busy working on nominations for Chapter Achievement Awards. The deadline to National is April 7. The Past President's Task Force is planning the venue for the June Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet. Marlene has talked to a representative at the Social Security (SS) Office and the chapter plans to have a SS speaker at a future meeting.

The chapter is always looking for more members to get involved. We are looking for volunteers to take over these positions: 1) Historian and 2) Newsletter editor(s). We can provide you with more information about these positions. Jean Grenville has loads of experience in both these roles and I know

she is a knowledgeable advisor to any potential replacements.

LEGISLATIVE REMINDER

Space Coast members

Please send in those letters to your representatives. Click on the hyperlink (or cut & paste to your URL). This is a user-friendly site to send letters (already written) to your state representatives/officials on issues and legislation of critical importance.

<http://capwiz.com/few/home/>



Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "Theirs?"

LAUNCHING A CURE

Submitted by Joette Feeney

Please join us to walk, make a donation or bake for the "Launching a Cure" on May 1 and 2 at Rockledge High School in memory of Ruth Harrison and Kim Wetmore. This is a relay for life to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Please contact Janette Martin or Annie Williams for copies of flyers. Janette and Annie are forming teams with 15 to 25 individuals per team. The relay starts at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, May 1 and ends at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 2. More information can be found at the website <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/LaunchingAure>

Answers to Parliamentary Quiz

1. "Division of the Question." RONR (10th Ed.) § 27, p. 261.
2. The motion Call for the Orders of the Day is a privileged motion by which a single member can require the assembly to conform to its agenda, program, or order of business, unless two thirds of those voting wish to do otherwise." RONR (10th Ed.) § 18, p. 211.

3. "An election to an office becomes final immediately if the candidate is present and does not decline, or if he is absent but has consented to his candidacy. If he is absent and has not consented to his candidacy, the election becomes final when he is notified of his election, provided that he does not immediately decline." RONR (10th Ed.) § 46, p. 430.

4. Nothing. The actual number of votes cast for each candidate is a part of the tellers' report (see RONR (10th Ed.) § 45, p. 403). "The tellers' report is entered in full in the minutes, becoming a part of the official records of the organization. Under no circumstances should this be omitted in an election or in a vote on a critical motion out of a mistaken deference to the feelings of unsuccessful candidates or members of the losing side." RONR (10th Ed.) § 45, p. 403.



Newsletter

Jean Grenville & Karin Biega

This monthly publication is a means of sharing information and ideas with members and friends. We ask that each officer and committee chair submit articles as applicable for their office and committee. Articles should be sent to Jean Grenville at jeangrenville@aol.com and Karin Biega at Karin@bocabanana.com by the last Monday of each month. Please feel free to share this newsletter with others. If you are interested in joining this vital organization, go to www.few.org and join on-line.

Calendar of Events

April

2	Annual Membership Meeting, Holiday Inn, Cocoa Beach
7	Deadline for Award Submissions to Nat'l & Reg'l
12	Easter Sunday
17	Baxley Manor Delivery
21	April Program Mtg Bizzaro's Restaurant, Cocoa, FL
27	Newsletter articles due

May

1-2	Launching A Cure
15	Deadline for Member Scholarship
TBD	May Board Meeting
15	Delivery to Baxley Manor
25	Newsletter articles due

June

19	Delivery to Baxley Manor
23 or 25	Annual Awards Dinner
29	Newsletter articles due

Future

July 20-24 August	NTP 2009 – Orlando, FL Chapter Retreat
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**SPACE COAST CHAPTER, FEW
2008 - 2010
Officers and Committees**

Chapter

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Secretary	Cassandra Getter
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Immediate. Past President	Sandra Eliason
Compliance	Connie Dobrin
Diversity	Charlotte Becker
Legislative	Connie Dobrin
Annual Training Program	Past Presidents Task Force, Vickie Hall, Lead
Finance	Karin Biega
Scholarships	Joette Feeney
Newsletter Editor	J. Grenville/K. Biega
Parliamentarian	Clara Anderson
Environmental	Martha Carroll
Community Outreach	Vickie Hall/Ana Contreras
Sunshine	Barbara Powell
Historian	Muzette Fiander
Webmaster	Debbie Ward

Regional

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Awards	Marlene Satterthwaite
Secretary	Jean Grenville

National

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Bylaws & Resolutions	Karin Biega
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