
A VIEW FROM FEW

AN ORGANIZATION FOR OPPORTUNITY AND EQUALITY FOR WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT

Space Coast Chapter, Kennedy Space Center, FL

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Dobrin, Jane Eitel, Barbara Powell and myself. It certainly will be a good opportunity for us to get some excellent training. Speaking of excellent training, Becky Fasulo and her committees are working diligently to prepare for our upcoming Seminar in March. Hope to see you all there.

We have been contacted again by the Habitat for Humanity folks to help build another home, this time it will be in Titusville. I believe it will be in May. If you did not come out the last time, you really need to make an effort to do so. It is a great experience.

A little late, but I do want to thank all of you who contributed to the Baxley Manor Christmas Angels. Everyone got a gift and they were all touched deeply by your thoughtful donations. My monthly "drop off" for Baxley will be on the 16th of February. For those of you that have continued to donate monthly to this program, I want you to know that I am in your debt and my continued thanks to you.

Wondering where your origins are? This month Jean Grenville has invited a speaker to help you learn all kinds of information on Genealogy. The meeting will be held at Kelsey's in Port St. John, on the 15th. Please mark your calendars and I plan to see you there.

Aneta

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### Thoughts for the Day

"To the world you might be one person, but to one person you might be the world."

"Sometimes the majority only means that all the fools are on the same side."

"Real friends are those who, when you feel you've made a fool of yourself, don't feel you've done a permanent job."

"A coincidence is when God performs a miracle, and decides to remain anonymous."

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well, here we are flying into the New Year with lots of things going on. We are preparing to go the Regional Training Program in Pensacola, February 20-24th. Those attending will be Vickie Hall, Clara Anderson, Jean Grenville, Connie

Calendar of Events

February

- 7 STS-98 Shuttle Launch
- 7 African-American History Lunch
- 12 Seminar 2001 Mtg, Hqs 1460, 4:30 pm
- 14 Valentine's Day ♥
- 15 FEW Program/Business Meeting,
Kelsey's PSJ, 4:30pm
- 18 STS-98 Shuttle Landing
- 19 President's Day
- 20 – 24 RTP, Pensacola, FL
- 27 SWE Woman of the Year Engineer
Dinner, Rockledge Country Club

March

- 7 & 8 FEW Seminar, Holiday Inn, C.B.
- 17 KSC All American Picnic, KARS I
- 17 St. Patrick's Day ♣

Membership Committee

Patricia Leonard

This is a reminder that all **Membership Dues** were due February 1st so they can be forwarded to National by March 1st. So if you have not sent in your Membership Dues, we will keep you on the books until March 30th and then you will be deleted.

Don't forget, you now have the option of paying dues by credit card. If anyone has any questions, call or email Patricia Leonard at: 321-867-8147(voice); 321-867-2097 (fax) or E-mail **Patricia.Leonard-2@kmail.ksc.nasa.gov**

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Jean Grenville

The FEW Space Coast Chapter invites you to their monthly program and business meeting. Our speaker will be Mrs. Nancy Sieck who will be speaking to us about her experiences with genealogy. She'll be giving us some ideas of how to start our own genealogy research. (Remember to bring a notebook!) Come join us for this interesting program Thursday, February 15th, between 4:30 – 5 pm at Kelsey's Port St. John. We look forward to seeing you then!

A Bit of Trivia

Nectar from flowers, not your blood is the mosquito's main food. The blood we lose to

mosquitoes - females only - is needed for protein to help them lay their eggs.

SUNSHINE **Suzanne Worland**



The following members have birthdays during the month of January

Diana Akins	Feb 1
Debra Dukes	Feb 7
Delores Abraham	Feb 11
Becky Fasulo	Feb 23
Lee Furis	Feb 28

Happy Birthday!

And if you are not listed on the Birthday list, it's because we do not have your birthday in our books, please send e-mail to Suzanne Worland with the day so that we can honor you on your special day. Suzanne.Worland-1@ksc.nasa.gov



Please continue to remember Pat Lowry as she recovers at home from recent surgery.



Please keep Ellen Horn's family in your thoughts and prayers. Ellen, a former member of Space Coast Chapter, passed away Saturday, February 3, 2001. Donations may be made to the Lupus Foundation.

LEGISLATION

Connie Dobrin



CHILL ON FEDERAL HIRING PRELUDE TO FLATTENING FEDERAL HIERARCHY – "Wasting no time" is the theme of countless news stories describing actions taken by G.W. Bush since his swearing in this past Saturday. Indeed, President Bush was quick to issue an order chilling federal hiring, asking agencies to delay making hiring decisions until the decisions are reviewed by Bush appointees. The directive came in a memo from Bush's chief of staff Andrew H. Card, Jr. to agency and department heads. Further instructions on these new hiring procedures will come from the Office of Management and Budget.

Bush put out the memo to ensure that personnel decisions are made consistent with the new

Administration's reform goals, which include the desire to create a Federal Government that is "citizen-centered, results-oriented, and characterized by quality of service." Bush plans to meet this goal by flattening the federal hierarchy through a redistribution of positions and resources from high-level managerial positions to front-line, service delivery jobs. It remains to be seen which levels of management the Administration will tamp down on to achieve that flattening.

POSTAL SERVICE AND FEDEX JOIN FORCES -

FedEx Corp. and the U.S. Postal Service are joining forces in a unique public-private alliance that is causing concern among FedEx's competitors, and on Capitol Hill. Under the arrangement, FedEx will be permitted to put collection boxes in post offices across the nation in exchange for use of FedEx's vast air transportation network. Currently, the Postal Service moves mail by renting space on commercial planes and leasing its own planes. The alliance with FedEx will allow the Postal Service to discontinue leasing planes, with an expected savings of more than \$1 billion. FedEx will receive more than \$6 billion over a 7-year period from the Postal Service to fly Priority and Express Mail. While the partnership is slated to start this August, there are significant hurdles that must be overcome. Capitol Hill lawmakers and private sector competitors, such as the United Parcel Service, question whether the deal violates antitrust laws. In addition, the agency is currently under fire from Emery Worldwide Alliances, which is suing the Postal Service in federal district court, alleging the contract with FedEx violates procurement rules. That suit is expected to be decided this spring.

GENERAL SCHEDULE PAY FOR THE ORLANDO AREA – You can see the new GS pay schedule at the following website:

<http://www3.opm.gov/oca/01tables/GSannual/html/RUS.htm>

MILEAGE RATES INCREASED - Reimbursement rates for federal employees using their own cars and other vehicles for official travel increased January 22 under an announcement the General Services Administration made on that date. The rate for use of a privately owned automobile on official travel rose to 34.5 cents per mile from the old 32.5 cent per mile rate. The mileage rates for motorcycles and privately owned aircraft also increased to 27.5 and 96.5 cents per mile, respectively, from 26 and 88 cents per mile. The rate increases reflect the generally higher cost of fuel; the automobile

rate also mirrors a change in mileage deductibility rates for tax purposes under IRS rules for calendar year 2001.

FURTHER GUIDANCE ON HIRING ORDER ISSUED -

The Office of Personnel Management has issued new guidance on a Bush administration order that instructed agencies to carry out no hiring decisions until they are reviewed by Bush appointees. OPM clarified that the controls "do not apply to agencies where the department or agency head has already been appointed and confirmed" and that newly appointed agency leaders have authority to delegate review and approval of hiring decisions. For agencies without an agency head appointed by the new administration and confirmed by the Senate, the hiring ban applies to all hiring decisions-including appointments, promotions or reassignments-"at all grade levels, from all sources." However, such agencies may honor official job offers extended before January 20.

LABOR LEADERS SEEK BIGGER FEDERAL RAISES

- The heads of the two largest federal employee unions, Bobby Harnage of the American Federation of Government Employees and Colleen Kelley of the National Treasury Employees Union, have written to President Bush asking to meet him to discuss putting the 1990 federal pay law back on track. The unionists-who reminded the new President that his father signed that law-say that the best solution to the government's recruiting and retention problems simply would be to put more money into federal pay. The 1990 law promised a series of raises to close the reported pay gap with private industry starting in 1994, but President Clinton didn't stick to that schedule and the pay gap is roughly the same now as it was then.

22ND ANNUAL TRAINING SEMINAR

Becky Fasulo

"Partnering for a New Future" - Everything is coming along as planned, so it looks like we are having the Seminar again this year. The registration packages have all been distributed. If you have not received one from the Chapter or from your training coordinator, please email me (Rebecca.Fasulo-1@ksc.nasa.gov) or Christy Vanasse (Christy.vanasse-1@ksc.nasa.gov) and we will make sure you get one. The posters are in the lobbies of the main buildings and notices are appearing in the Countdown and Daily News, as well as other publications. FWPWG has a wonderful speaker for lunchtime. Please encourage your co-workers and friends to attend and remember the Seminar is planned for women and men. We have an excellent choice of workshops and I am sure there is something for everyone. So please pass the word.

CHRISTMAS CARDS
Submitted by Karin Biega

Want to do something constructive with your old Christmas Cards? Tear off the front half of the card and mail to:

The Duvall House
PO Box 220036
Glenwood, FL 32722-0036

(From "Remedy," November/December 2000)

A SIGN OF THE TIMES
Submitted by Aneta Ott

Thought I'd let my Doctor check me, 'cause I didn't feel just right. All those aches and pains annoyed me, and I couldn't sleep at night. He couldn't find no real disorder, but he wouldn't let it rest. what with Medicare and Blue Cross, it wouldn't hurt to do some tests.

To the hospital he sent me, though I didn't feel that bad, he arranged for them to give me every test that could be had. I was fluoroscoped and cystoscoped, my ageing frame displayed. I was checked for worms and parasites for fungus and the crud, while they pierced me with long needles- taking samples of my blood.

Doctors came to check me over, probed and pushed and poked around, and to make sure I was living they wired me for sound.

They have finally concluded; (Their results have filled a page) What I have will someday kill me--- My affliction is OLD AGE !!!!

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE
Submitted by Zoa Dodd

I am a volunteer with the MRC and do water samplings off my dock in back of my house. I check the salinity dissolved, oxygen level and Ph level on the quality of water in the bay, which is part of the Indian River Lagoon. The water level is down over a foot now because we haven't had rain, the salt level has almost tripled because of runoff, etc. and we have noticed few migratory birds are returning to our bay this year because of the salinity level. We need to be concerned about those things close to us that we can really help save in its natural state. We rarely see manatees, porpoises come into our bay and when we do see them -- it's quite a joyous sight. We need to become more involved. Daily, I can see how we are ruining our environment just from my backyard!

Zoe

From: Marine Resources Council
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2001 6:23 PM
Subject: Lost Tree Island

Hello all:

For those of you who are not aware of it, the Lost Tree Island Development Corp. is going before the Governor and Cabinet this Tuesday (Feb 6th) to get them to approve of a "settlement" of a lawsuit pending between the state of Florida and Lost Tree Island Corp. The settlement gives them everything they want and then some, including rights to submerged lands around islands in the Indian River Lagoon in Indian River County. They would like to put 55-67 homes on undeveloped islands in the Lagoon north of Vero Beach but to do so they would have to build a bridge over submerged lands. They also want the submerged lands surrounding the islands to ring the islands with docks and another corridor of submerged lands running from the mainland to pump water to irrigate a golf course they want to put on any islands they cant squeeze houses on. They have an old title that is vague about who owns the submerged lands and an initial judgment gave them the rights to them but an appeal by the state is expected in March. The likelihood of the appeal taking away this bad precedent is reflected in their sudden interest in "settling" this lawsuit by doing an end run around the courts to the Gov. and Cabinet.

The Indian River County Commission has voted unanimously to oppose this "settlement" and will be appearing before the cabinet on Tuesday Feb 6th. along with Audubon, Sierra Club, Save the Manatee and a bus load of others including myself speaking on behalf of the MRC. We need emails to the Gov and Cabinet to help bolster the cause.

Here are some talking points:

- *The submerged lands around the islands owned by Lost Tree Island are rich in sea grass, every acre of which provide over \$12,000 dollars a year to the local economy.
- *The Bridge to the barrier island will cut off the current navigational access to local residents in the town of Indian River Shores and require them to cut through a much shallower passage filled with sea grass.
- *A Study of a similar development in Brevard County resulted in an initial loss of over 1/3 of the sea grass with the first few years. Since that time over 2/3rds of the sea grass has been lost due to higher levels of turbidity (cloudy water) and higher nutrient levels caused by the development.
- *Some of the submerged lands Lost Tree wants to be given ownership are in the Aquatic Preserve. Portions of the Aquatic preserve have never been given or utilized by a private company in the way proposed by this settlement.

*Ongoing state, local and private efforts to restore water quality in the area will be undermined by the settlement. Private homes and golf courses are the two most common sources of excess fertilizers and sediment, the two greatest impacts to water quality in the Indian River Lagoon. Since the area is far from any inlet, water quality in the vicinity of the islands have already been showing the impacts of population increases on the mainland and barrier island, to develop islands in the lagoon itself will be magnifying this effect due to the proximity to the lagoon.

*Giving the submerged lands around the islands to Lost Tree will insure that docks will not only be build out into the sea grasses around the islands but also the mangrove fringes will be cut through for access to the dock and later to create views of the lagoon they are compromising.

*Indian River County offered to purchase the islands from Lost Tree for 10.5 million dollars to preserve them but was turned down.

* A proposed 25-foot buffer around the islands and retention ponds are insufficient to protect the lagoon from storm water impacts from storm events.

Never harm the planet that feeds you!

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SPACE COAST CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS

Christy Vanasse

The Space Coast Chapter of Federally Employed Women (FEW) is awarding scholarships for high school and/or college students who are currently attending college or enrolling in the fall semester 2001. Students must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher to be considered. Applications should be received by March 16, 2000. For additional information or an application, please contact Jane Eitel/QA at 867-3433; Jean Rhodes/AJ at 867-9170; or Christy Vanasse/VA-1 at 867-3749.



KSC All American Picnic



Vickie Hall

The KSC All American Picnic will be held March 17th in conjunction with St. Patrick's Day and boy do I have an opportunity for you. Yours truly has the distinguished honor of getting picnic Volunteers for **all Committees** and since you are my friends what better place to go than to you. We need HELP all day long in all areas, so if you can Volunteer for about two hours of your time not only will I appreciate it, but also you'll have a great time at the picnic.

Please check out the website and if you can spare a couple hours on Saturday, March 17th, send me or Arden Belt an e-mail with your name, desired time to work, where you would like to work, T-shirt size and your mail code and phone number. <http://kscpicnic.ksc.nasa.gov/>

This activity counts as a FEW Annual Project.

Keeping In Touch

Please note the following e-mail changes for members and friends:

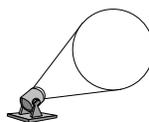
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KUDOS to our very own Patricia Leonard. Patsy has been selected for the Agency-wide Fellowship Program. The Fellowship she received is the National Space Club/James E. Webb Space Administration Fellowship. This is a full time academic study program for 1 academic year beginning in the fall of 2001.

Patsy will be attending Barry University to obtain a Ph.D. in the College of Education/Educational Leadership Program.

Way to go Patsy, we're all pulling for you!



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Patricia "Pat" A. Lowry

Has been a member of the Space Coast Chapter of FEW since 1970. She has held the offices of President, Vice President, Chair and Organizer of the Scholarship Committee, Program Chair, and the list goes on. Pat was born in Versailles, Kentucky in a much kinder and gentler time. She graduated from high school in Midway, Kentucky in 1950, and received her Bachelor of Professional Studies, from Barry University in 1987.

She began her professional career at KSC in 1966, entering in through the typing pool. Her career has spanned many positions, but Pat is most noted for her contributions to the women of KSC as the Federal Women's Program Manager, in the Equal Opportunity Office from 1977 until she retired in 1993.

Pat is married to Lyle, and they have four married children, 10 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren. When not shopping for antiques, which is her number one hobby, Pat and Lyle can be seen motoring along in their home on wheels. They are very proud of the fact that they have explored almost all of the United States. The West Coast, and Kentucky (her home state) have been their most frequent stops. Their travels have also taken them overseas to Ireland, Wales and England, and they have cruised to the Panama Canal, Alaska, and the Bahamas. (She is having too much fun).

Pat's added comment to the women of KSC is :“FEW has been one of the most fulfilling experiences of my career. I was able to grow and develop in a non-hostile environment and develop relationships with other women who were supportive, and have become some of my closest friends. I will always be a member of FEW so that I can give back just a little of what it's done for me.” Future aspiration: “To live a long and happy life!”

HEALTH CORNER **Submitted by Vickie Hall**

NUTRITION QUIZ

These days we know better than to fall prey to food folklore, such as the myths that vitamins provide energy and that margarine is healthier than butter -- right? Or did you think these two were true? Take this quick **True or False** quiz to see how much know about eating healthy.

1. Nibbling on chocolate may actually be healthy.
2. Eating high-fiber cereals prevents colorectal cancer.
3. Refined sugar has more calories and is less nutritious than honey or raw sugar.

4. Cottage cheese isn't a particularly good source of calcium.
5. When you need quick energy, your best bet is to consume a candy bar or soda.
6. Butter and margarine have about the same number of calories.
7. Eating sugary foods always contributes to fungal or yeast infections.
8. Popeye was right: Spinach makes you strong!
9. Snacking doesn't always make you fat.
10. Canned or frozen fruits and vegetables contain fewer nutrients than the fresh fruits and vegetables.

Answers to Quiz: 1 – T; 2 – F; 3 – F; 4 – T; 5 – F; 6 – T; 7 – F; 8 – F; 9 – T; 10 - F

This quiz was taken from the following website. You can go there, take the test for yourself and get the explanation to the answers: <http://onhealth.webmd.com/fitness/in-depth>

Space Coast Chapter Newsletter Editor **Rutha Williams**



This monthly publication is a means of sharing information and ideas, please send news articles or items of interest for this Newsletter to Rutha Williams at QA-D or e-mail Rutha.Williams-1@kmail.ksc.nasa.gov Please feel free to share this Newsletter with your friends. And for anyone interested, a Membership Application is attached as the last page.

This issue of A VIEW FROM FEW is dedicated in memory of Ellen Horn, long time FEW member and dear friend to the Editor

FEDERALLY EMPLOYED WOMEN, INC.
Space Coast Chapter
Membership Application

New Applicant		Renewal		Previous Member		Change of Membership Info	
Name				Membership Number			
Home Address							
City, State, Zip							
Home Phone							
Agency/Company							
Mail Code/Address							
City, State, Zip							
Work Phone				E-mail Address			
<i>Committees you would like to work on or Chair</i>							
Finance		Bylaws		Seminar		Programs	
Legislative		Historian		Scholarships		Sunshine	
If interested in serving as a Chapter Officer, please indicate which office							
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If you would like Space Coast Chapter to address a specific issue or provide a program covering a specific topic, please let us know here:							
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Membership dues are to be paid February 1 st of each year. However there is a pro-rated fee schedule for those joining after March 1 st . Please contact the Membership Chairperson, Patricia Leonard, 867-8147, XA-D1, if you have questions concerning your dues.
