



# 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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## SPACE COAST CHAPTER, FEW 2003 – 2004 Officers and Committees

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Barbara Powell*

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Did you make a New Year's Resolution? No, not the traditional ones like lose weight, exercise more, or the generic favorite, be a better spouse, parent, sister, or daughter. No, I'm talking resolutions that you could make regarding your membership in FEW. For instance, how about resolving to recruit one new member to our Chapter? Just think what an impact it would make on our organization. Still need another one? You could resolve to volunteer to serve on or even chair a committee. Here's the easiest one. Commit to attend at least one meeting or social event this coming year. You might even enjoy yourself! Being a member of an organization is more than just paying dues. If you believe in the mission of FEW enough to hand over your hard earned money surely you can find the time to attend one meeting. If we sincerely want to increase our membership with the intent of furthering the goals of FEW, we must start by showing our own commitment to non-members. I challenge each and every member to move into action this coming year for the benefit of the Space Coast Chapter of FEW.

I have to admit I plagiarized the first paragraph of this message from Patricia Hart, President of the Oak Ridge Chapter of FEW. But her words bear repeating to all the members. So "thanks" Pat.

For those of you who could not make the hastily planned Sunday Brunch at Bernard's' Surf and attending the play "Steel Magnolias" at the Surfside Playhouse you were really missed. I'm hoping we can do it again. For example, beginning February 6, 2004, and running through February 22, 2004, the Cocoa Village Playhouse will be presenting "Children of Eden". This play is the Old Testament story of the Garden of Eden and Noah's Ark set to some of the most glorious music ever written.

Well ladies, we have passed the half way mark in our year, and some very busy times are approaching. The third week in February, some of the members will be traveling to Augusta, GA for the Regional Training Program, as well

as the National Board Meeting. Our own monthly meeting will be held on February 24, 2004, program and meeting place to be determined. In March, we have our own 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Program. This year Jean Greenville is chairing the Committee and with her co-chair Vickie Hall they have created an exciting event for the attendees. April is Membership Month and hopefully each of you will keep your New Year's resolution to introduce a potential new member to the benefits of belonging to such an outstanding organization. Then quickly June is here and we are installing the new officers at the Installation Dinner. Phew!!! There is no grass growing under the feet of this Chapter.

Looking forward to all of the adventures we have coming up. I encourage you all to jump in with both feet and help; it's a great feeling. ☺ ☺



### **Your Health**

*Submitted by Vickie Hall*

#### **National Wear Red Day Friday, February 6, 2004**

National Wear Red Day supports the Red Dress, the centerpiece of *The Heart Truth*. The Red Dress is the national symbol for women and heart disease awareness, allowing women and men across the country to participate in this life-saving awareness movement. By showing off a favorite red dress, shirt, or tie, Americans will unite in the national movement to give women a personal and urgent wake-up call about their risk of heart disease.

#### **Remember Heart Disease is the Number One Killer of Women in America**



### **New Inventions**

#### **New Harms**

*Submitted by Arden Belt*

Keep a watch out for people standing near you at retail stores, restaurants, grocery stores having a cell phone in hand. With the new camera cell phones they can take a picture of your credit card. This gives them your name, number, and expiration date. Identification theft is one of the fastest growing scams today and this is just another example of the means that are being used.

Also, many spas, health and workout facilities are banning the camera phones from entering their areas

as there is the potential of compromising pictures being posted on the Internet.

So ... be aware of your surroundings.



### **FEW AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS**

*Betty Valentine*

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 2004. Students must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher to be considered. Applications should be received by March 27, 2004. For additional information or an application, please contact Betty Valentine/UB-I-3 at 861-2016.



### **PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

*Patti Rissman*

As we celebrate Valentine's Day and Heart Month, it is appropriate our February program topic is on the Women's Heart Advantage Program. Our speaker is Callie Arthur, the Manager of the Health & Fitness Center at Parrish Medical Center.

Please mark your calendars and join us at Kelsey's in Port St. John on Tuesday, February 24th. We will gather between 4:30 and 5:00 pm and will order from the menu.



### **So You Think You Know Everything?**

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

"Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand; lollipop" with your right.

The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.

Now you know everything! .... Maybe!



## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

*Becky Denis*

Reminder annual membership dues are owed February 1st. You should have received your invoices in the mail. Don't delay, renew today so we can keep our membership strong. The renewal rate is \$30.00 for members and \$5.00 for lifetime members

We are truly glad to have our members support our Chapter and if anyone has any questions, call Becky Denis at: 321-867-4104 (voice), 321-867-1458 (fax) or E-mail at [Rebecca.M.Denis@nasa.gov](mailto:Rebecca.M.Denis@nasa.gov)

If you haven't yet sent in your membership dues, please send your check to our Treasurer, Karin Biega.

Also, please remember, when you use the Global FEW Membership list, it only includes the folks that are on-site. Individuals need to create a **FEW Membership Distribution** list in their personal address books and add in those folks that are off-site.

## COMPLIANCE

*Gail McLean*

The Compliance Committee is here to enforce Agency compliance with employee rights. This is a form of accountability in which we can all participate. FEW members should educate themselves by reviewing current regulations, and directives. Find out what your dispute resolution process is, and what all of your dispute resolution options are (EEO, Union, Mediators, Arbitrators, etc.). Keeping professionalism in mind, ask strategic questions to find out if your organization is complying with these directives. When we have no enforcement, many Agencies have (in effect) traditionally done nothing. There is more information on MD-715 on-line <http://www.eeoc.gov/federal/eeomd715.html>.



SUNSHINE

*Karen Jansma*

### Celebrating birthdays in January:

Michelle Lehr-Church	01/01
Connie Dobrin	01/05

### Celebrating birthdays in February:

Delores Abraham	02/01
Gina O'Shaughnessy	02/03
Robin Allsup	02/04
Debra Dukes	02/07
Sherron Gwaltney	02/08
Becky Fasulo	02/23
Leota Furis	02/28



Our Chapter would like to continue to remember our FEW Sisters Birthdays as well as any other significant events in our members' lives, so please send information to Karen Jansma at [Karen.S.Jansma@nasa.gov](mailto:Karen.S.Jansma@nasa.gov). Also, if your big day comes around and it is not noted in the monthly Newsletter, please let Karen know.

Also, a get well card was sent to Dorothy Nelms, Past National FEW President.



## GOVERNMENT NEWS & LEGISLATION

*Marie Argana*



### Voter Registration

FEW is starting a Voter Registration project to encourage more women to register and vote in the upcoming election. First, on the FEW grassroots website ([capwiz.com/few](http://capwiz.com/few)), there is now a link for visitors to automatically register to vote. Please check it out, and if you are not yet registered, please do so. Also, spread the word to others and let's get more women registered!

FEW is developing a Voter Registration Kit that will offer "how-to" advice on getting women to register, and helpful hints in running a voter registration drive. We will be working with the League of Women Voters in obtaining as much valuable information for this publication as possible.

We are very excited about this initiative and hope that many FEW members will participate and take a



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### February

- 01 STS-107 Anniversary
- 06 Wear **Red** Day
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 President's Day
- 19 Take Heart Health Fair (See Article)
- 20 African American Cultural Luncheon
- 24 **Monthly Meeting at Kelsey's, PSJ**

"Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia."  
Charles Schultz, Peanuts creator.



### **Florida History and Culture**

**Submitted by Vickie Hall**

#### **Florida Facts:**

- Total Area** - 58,560 square miles
- Total land area** - 54,252 square miles
- Total water area** - 4,308 square miles
- Rank among states in total area** - 22nd
- Length north and south** - 447 miles (St. Marys River to Key West)
- Width east and west** - 361 miles (Atlantic Ocean to Perdido River)
- Distance from Pensacola to Key West** - 792 miles (by road)
- Highest Natural Point** - 345 feet near Lakewood in northeast Walton County
- Geographic Center** - 12 miles northwest of Brooksville, Hernando County
- Coastline** - 1,197 statute miles

- Tidal shoreline (general)** - 2,276 statute miles
- Beaches** - 663 miles
- Longest River** - St. Johns, 273 miles
- Largest Lake** - Lake Okeechobee, 700 square miles
- Largest county** - Palm Beach, 2,578 square miles
- Smallest county** - Union, 245 square miles
- Number of lakes (greater than 10 acres)** - about 7,700
- Number of first-magnitude springs** - 33
- Number of islands (greater than 10 acres)** - about 4,500
- First permanent European settlement** - 1565, St. Augustine, by Spain
- U.S. Territory** - 1821
- Admitted to U.S. as state** - March 3, 1845 (27th state)
- Capital** - Tallahassee
- Population 2000** - 15,982,378 (Rank 4th)
- Population 1990** - 12,937,926
- Population 1980** - 9,739,992
- Population growth rate 1990-2000** - 23.53%
- Most populous metropolitan area 2000** - Miami-Ft. Lauderdale: 3,876,380
- Number of counties** - 67
- Form of government** - Governor and cabinet consisting of Attorney General, Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Agriculture
- State sales tax** - 6%
- State income tax** - None
- Legislature** - 120 house districts, 40 senate districts, and 25 congressional districts

Taken from the following website:  
<http://dhr.dos.state.fl.us/museum/civwar/19.html>

### **SPACE COAST CHAPTER NEWSLETTER**

*Sharon White*

This monthly publication is a means of sharing information and ideas. **Please send news articles or items of interest for this Newsletter** to Sharon White at OP-ES-A or e-mail at [Sharon.L.White@nasa.gov](mailto:Sharon.L.White@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.

**FEDERALLY EMPLOYED WOMEN**  
**Space Coast Chapter 009**  
**Membership Application**

<b>New Applicant</b>		<b>Renewal</b>		<b>Previous Member</b>		<b>Change of Membership Info</b>	
<b>Name</b>		<b>Membership Number</b>		<b>Birth Date</b>			
<b>Home Address</b>							
<b>City, State, Zip</b>							
<b>Home Phone</b>							
<b>Agency/Company</b>							
<b>Mail Code/Address</b>							
<b>City, State, Zip</b>							
<b>Work Phone</b>		<b>FAX #</b>					
<b>E-mail Address</b>							
<b>METHOD OF PAYMENT</b> (Credit Cards only available Jan-Mar)							
<b>Total Amount Due: see schedule below</b>							
<b>Cash or Check</b>		<b>Check No.</b>		<b>Credit Card</b>		<b>Master Card</b>	
<b>Card Number</b>						<b>Expiration Date (MM/YY)</b>	
<b>Print Cardholders Name (as it appears on card)</b>				<b>Signature (Credit Cards Only)</b>			

	Month	Amount Due		Month	Amount Due		Month	Amount Due
	March	\$30.00		April	\$28.00		May	\$26.00
	June	\$24.00		July	\$22.00		August	\$20.00
	September	\$17.00		October	\$15.00		November	\$13.00
	December	\$11.00		January	\$9.00		February	\$7.00

Please place an X by the month dues are paid and pay the indicated amount.

**National Office requests the following for statistics only:**

**Position/Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Series/Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle One:    SES    GM    GS    WG    Military    Other**

Circle if Applicable:    FWP Full-time    FWP Part-time    EEO

**Demographics**

**Sex [F/M]:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Race:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Years of Service:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Retired [Y/N]:** \_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues are to be paid February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.  
Please contact the Membership Chair, Becky Denis, 867-4104 if you have any questions.