



A VIEW FROM FEW

AN ORGANIZATION FOR OPPORTUNITY AND EQUALITY
FOR WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT

Space Coast Chapter, Kennedy Space Center, FL

July/August 2001

**SPACE COAST CHAPTER, FEW
2001 - 2002
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



If you want happiness for an hour--take a nap.
If you want happiness for a day--go fishing.
If you want happiness for a month--get married.
If you want happiness for a year--inherit a fortune

If you want happiness for a lifetime
--help others

Chinese Proverb

Members of the Space Coast chapter of FEW will have happiness for a lifetime because they live the bottom line of this proverb. I wonder why our chapter is not thousands strong. If our Space Coast Chapter FEW members will spread the word, our membership will soar. Experience

has taught me that if you have a problem, reach out to a fellow FEW member. They will come through for you.

It was wonderful to see so many fellow members, their friends and guests at the Installation Dinner. Thank you for your trust and confidence in selecting me as President for the next 12 months. The coming year will be full of challenges and hard work

FEW is—

- An internationally recognized organization effectively working for the advance of women in government.
- A membership organization that actively enhances the status of women in the Federal workplace by providing personal and professional development training.
- A group that works towards ensuring compliance with equal opportunity laws, regulations and policies within the Federal workplace.
- A team committed to the equality of all Federal workers, influencing legislation that impacts our lives, defending diversity and maintaining open lines of communications.

In short, FEW can and will make a difference.

For the coming year, our local chapter will meet the fourth Tuesday of each month. Because of our commitment to organize NTP 2002, many of these will be working meetings. Clara Anderson and Jean Grenville have dedicated their minds, bodies and an enormous amount of time to making NTP 2002 the best and most profitable ever. Since I know both Clara and Jean personally, I am certain they will obtain this goal. However, it takes a commitment from every FEW member. Clara and Jean will come forward with requests for assistance. We must step up and provide this support. Someone may contact you directly for help. Please consider stepping up to bat and joining the fun and hard work.

At the last meeting, a decision was made to provide two scholarships to NTP 2002 for nonmembers. Once again, your FEW organization is reaching out beyond our numbers.

Thirteen of our members just returned from the National Training Program in Indianapolis, Indiana. Most of you are aware FEW National closed their offices, and experienced a significant lack of cash. The National Finance Chair has been very busy working to clear up old bills and tax filing requirements. Many bills were resolved quickly and all vendors, except one, were courteous and helpful. In fact, many creditors did not charge FEW interest, others charged us 18% compound interest—collection agency fees go to 25%. FEW National came out of this ordeal an enhanced and more knowledgeable organization.

We have a great group of women in FEW. We will be partnering with the Federal Women's Program Working Group during Women's History Month to create a local seminar even more outstanding.

I am honored to be your President for the year 2001-2002. Being a member of FEW is a privilege. There was a song by Helen Reddy about 20 years ago that said "United we stand, divided we fall." Well, we are united; we are

committed; and we are growing through diversity. I am proud of what we are.

Did You Know?

People in Florida use more water to irrigate lawns and plants than the total used by all other east of the Mississippi states combined!!! Most of this watering comes from our drinking water sources. What can each of us do? Reduce the amount of grass. Mow less often. Water less frequently to encourage deeper root growth. Plant drought tolerant native plants. Use recycled/gray water. From Peggy Lantz in *Protecting Paradise*.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Clara Anderson

Please join me in giving a warm welcome to seven newcomers to FEW:

Lesley Carroll
Norma Robinson
Marlene Satterthwaite
Sandy Shaheen
Laura Nonamaker
Patricia Schuler
Norma Robinson

Also, welcome three returning members:

Becky Dennis
Janice Everett
Robin Allsup

Welcome aboard!! We are truly glad to have you as a part of our Chapter and if anyone has any questions, call Clara Anderson at: 321-639-3154 (voice); 321-638-4228 (fax) or E-mail cmanderson8@cfl.rr.com

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### **A Special Group of Women**

Thank you to our Chapter members who volunteered to register and distribute badges for the Bring Our Children to Work Day. As usual when there is a need, we step forward!!!

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PROGRAM COMMITTEE**Jean Grenville****DON'T FORGET!**

A business, brainstorming and turnover meeting was held at Kelsey's in Port. St. John on Tuesday, July 24, 2001. Thank you everyone for supporting this meeting. One of the suggestions at the brainstorming was that we concentrate our efforts at our monthly meetings on working on our local seminar (March 6-7, 2002) and our NTP 2002 (July 22-26, 2002). We will have some local speakers but their purpose will be to preview for NTP 2002.

We will continue with our efforts in providing items to Baxley Manor monthly, Beach Cleanup in September, Make A Difference Day in October (Habitat for Humanity was suggested), assisting FWPWG with voter registration (November), Salvation Army Teddy Bear Tea (November), Stocking Stuffing for the Salvation Army (December), Christmas Party/Chinese Auction, Angel Wishes for Baxley Manor (December), and the St. Johns cleanup (Spring). Flyers will be distributed on all these projects.

Our next business meeting, seminar and NTP 2002 meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 28, 2001 at the Central Industry Assistance Office (door on side) from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. We will handle each subject separately. Refreshments will be served. Come and join us and help us on these exciting projects!



SUNSHINE
Christy Vanasse

The following members have birthdays during the months of July and August

Arden Belt	July 15
Barbara Gurr	August 7
Linda Bradley	August 8
Valarie Franklin	August 20
Melodie Tucker	August 21
Charletta Cribben	August 23

Happy Birthday!

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

GOVERNMENT NEWS & LEGISLATION**Vickie Hall****HOUSE COMMITTEE SUPPORTS PAY PARITY, CONTRACEPTIVE COVERAGE**

Last week, the House Appropriations Committee passed legislation calling for a 4.6 percent pay increase for federal employees for FY 2002, and mandating continuing contraceptive coverage in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP). The pay provision was added to the 2002 Treasury-Postal appropriations bill by Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-Maryland). The contraceptive coverage amendment was offered by Rep. Nita Lowey (D-New York). (WILL KEEP AN EYE ON THIS--NO ONE KNOWS THE OUTCOME UNTIL THE HOUSE AND SENATE AGREE.)

BILL INTRODUCED TO ALLOW WORKERS TO KEEP FREQUENT FLIER MILES

As expected, legislation has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives that would permit federal employees to keep for their own personal use the frequent flier miles they earn while traveling on official business. The bill, H.R. 2456, was introduced by Rep. Dan Burton (R-Indiana), who serves as the Chairman of the House Government Reform Committee. It is co-sponsored by Rep. Connie Morella (D-Maryland). Under current law, frequent flier miles earned while a federal employee is on official travel are considered the property of the government, not the employee. H.R. 2456 would allow federal employees to keep for personal use "promotional items" - such as frequent flier miles, upgrades, and access to carrier clubs or facilities - that they receive when traveling on official government business. (This is only introduced...not passed.)

SEN. CARNAHAN INTRODUCES CHILDCARE TUITION ASSISTANCE BILL

Senator Jean Carnahan (D-MO) introduced the Child Care Affordability for Federal Employees Act, a bill that provides for greater access to childcare services for lower income federal employees by granting agencies the flexibility to use a portion of their appropriated funds to establish a childcare tuition assistance program. The bill, S. 1286, which is cosponsored by Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), makes permanent the federal government's pilot childcare tuition assistance program, which currently must be reauthorized every year. "Passing this legislation and making the program permanent is essential to helping this initiative reach its full potential and benefit the maximum number of families it can," said Senator Carnahan. Rep. Connie Morella (R-MD) introduced a similar bill, H.R. 555, in the House earlier this year.

CONG. DAVE WELDON TO HEAD CIVIL SERVICE SUBCOMMITTEE

Late last week, House Government Oversight and Reform Committee Chairman Dan Burton (R-IN) announced that Congressman Dave Weldon, M.D. (R-FL) will become Chairman of the Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization. Dr. Weldon is expected to take over for retiring Chairman Joe Scarborough (R-FL) in early September after the full committee acts on the Chairman's nomination. "I am honored by this selection and excited to take on these additional duties this autumn," said Dr. Weldon. "This subcommittee will enable me to pursue an agenda that will be of great benefit to not only the people of Florida's 15th congressional district, but to the dedicated men and women who are civil service employees and retirees around the nation." The Subcommittee has jurisdiction over the Federal Civil Service, including compensation, health care and retirement benefits, as well as oversight of all executive branch agency organizations. During the last Congress, the Subcommittee produced legislation creating a long-term care insurance option for federal employees.

Question of the Month

Did you know the English language is always evolving?

New words are always being introduced

Fashionista: A very fashionable person

Mouse Potato: A person who spends too much leisure time at a computer.

Nutraceutical: Food or natural substance that contains ingredients with purported health benefits.

Definitions are always being revised

Burn: Record data on a compact disk

Slamming: Switching a customer's long distance service from one company to another without authorization

Words are always being deleted

Macarena: A popular dance in the late 1990's

Wendalyn Nichols

Random House

2002 FEW National Training Program (NTP)

Clara Anderson

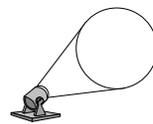
All of us had a great time at the 2001 NTP in Indianapolis; however, we recognize the tremendous amount of work that lies ahead. We presented our "ya'll come down" skit at the luncheon on Thursday. I began with a little magic from my Mickey Mouse wizard hat and a sprinkling of "pixie dust" to get their imagination started. We showed the Orlando video provided by the Orlando Convention Bureau and the Delaware North advertisement for the space program at Kennedy Space Center. Dave Rainer set the whole video to the music from *2001 a Space Odyssey* – music was nice and loud. After the video went to blue screen, we began our "un-electrical" parade. We started with our 2002 NTP Banner, then Sea World, Universal, NASA, Disney and our Invitation to Come to Orlando finished up. The entire Southeast Region participated. We had 35 of us in character hats (NASA had ball caps) marching around the dining room to the Mickey Mouse March and It's a Small World, throwing candy to the crowd. Everyone sang along and stood and

clapped. Needless to say, we were a hit. As I came back up to the podium to finish my entreaty to come to Orlando in 2002, Jett Williams, the luncheon Keynote speaker who is the daughter of Hank Williams, said that she had just found her new opening act. Our exhibit

booth was swamped that evening with people picking up information on Orlando. We heard several people say they hadn't planned on going to Orlando, but after our skit they were invigorated and enthused to attend our NTP. The Region had a great time with our skit and we have had a tremendous amount of people volunteer to help out.

That evening we followed up with a 2002 Hospitality Suite, where I'm sure all 1150 attendees visited at one time or the other that evening. Jean Grenville and I were almost too exhausted to move after that day. Jean and I got to all the Agency Forum's that were held early in the week, and she made sure that all the speakers had a copy of our Invitation to Present. Aneta and Barb went to each booth more than once – first to make contact with the exhibitors, then to buy whatever it was they were selling. Blue Cross/Blue Shield has indicated that they want to be a Platinum Sponsor in Orlando and has pledged to send us \$10,000 by year's end.

The Orlando CVB provided postcards that Ann Gary got printed up. Each convention bag had information about Orlando. Both the Rosen Centre and the Sheraton World have begun taking reservations. We heard several people say they had already made reservations and others that they were going up to their room to call right away. I'd like to personally thank Karin Biega, Ron Phelps and Betty Valentine for constructing and manning the NASA display. I think they had a lot of interest from attendees. Also lending more than a helping hand were Jean Grenville, Vickie Hall, Dawn Partlow, Becky Denis, Becky Fasulo, Christy Vanasse, Aneta Ott, Valarie Franklin, Connie Dobrin, Barbara Powell and Sharon White. They all provided a tremendous amount of support in manning our booth, talking with people and hauling stuff around. *Dreams can become realities when we believe in our tomorrows. I BELIEVE!!!!!!!!!!*



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Sue Gaines, Born and raised in Lexington, Kentucky. Graduated from Lexington Technical Institute with an Associate's Degree in Nursing in 1974. Graduated in 1984 from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale with a Bachelor of Science in Thermal and Environmental Engineering. Member of Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society.

Current Job Title (since 1998): Lead, Comprehensive Master Planning Office (TA-F). Leads a team developing a dynamic Cape Canaveral Spaceport Comprehensive Plan, defining the current capabilities of both Kennedy Space Center and the 45th Space Wing. The Comprehensive Plan will include a 50-year vision, as well as a 25-year facility plan to accommodate the future government and commercial requirements for space access at Cape Canaveral Spaceport.

Hired by NASA in 1985 as a mechanical engineer on Orbiter mechanical systems--primarily landing gear and wheels and tires, also hatches, motor driven mechanisms like payload bay doors, external tank doors, and radiators. I worked as an orbiter project engineer responsible for integrating all systems testing and modifications on Space Shuttle Discovery. Spent six years coordinating environmental issues for Kennedy Space Center's shuttle activities, the KSC Environmental Program Office, and base operations.

Received several group achievement awards and commendations, but proudest of the KSC Federal Woman of the Year Award, received in 1994. (That was the last year of this particular award.)

Mother of two, a daughter who is a senior, majoring in anthropology at Florida State University, and a son entering six grade.

Current opportunity: Recipient of a Kennedy Graduate Fellowship to pursue a Masters of Science in Planning at Florida State University, specializing in Comprehensive Planning and Growth Management. The fellowship program provides full salary, books, and tuition for three semesters of coursework. Courses include planning theory, legal foundations of planning, statistics, forecasting, land use planning, growth management, economic development in planning, policy analysis, and transportation planning methods. Following completion of the course work (15 graduate hours each semester), the final requirement for the master's degree is a master's research paper, to be written after returning to full time work at KSC. Earliest possible graduation date is April, 2002, but might not complete until August, 2002.

During the duration of the fellowship program, Renee' Ponik is the acting lead of the Comprehensive Master Planning Office.

****I have just learned Sue is carrying is a GPA of 3.9 Congratulations!!!!**

23rd Annual Seminar Becky Fasulo

Well, here I am again as the Seminar Chair. Yes, we are going to have an annual training seminar and again we will be partnering with FWPWG. They have taken the duty of the lunchtime program. The dates are March 6 and 7, 2002. The Holiday Inn, Cocoa Beach has been reserved. The theme is "Prelude to 2002", to tie it into the National Training Program. Since we are having a very busy year with NTP 2002, a lot of planning for the Seminar will be done without meetings. We will be combining the Seminar meeting with the NTP meetings. As usual, I am looking for volunteers. Christy Vanasse has agreed to be co-chair, Barbara Powell is handling the exhibits, and Jean Grenville has graciously accepted the duties of gathering the speakers. There are lots of other positions to be filled, so I'm looking for help. Contact me for more

information or to fill a position. Rebecca.Fasulo-1@ksc.nasa.gov or 867-4436.

Thank you

Dear Space Coast Chapter Friends,

Thank you for your cards, thoughts, and prayers for my family during the illness and passing of my brother, Pat Pritsch. Your thoughtful words and "warm hugs" meant so much to me. And a special thank you goes to Clara for her office delivery of flowers. Arden Belt

HEALTH CORNER Submitted by Mari Poulin

Mammograms at KSC

Ladies,

FYI - I went to have a mammogram this morning at the Mobil Unit behind Headquarters, sponsored by the Woman's Center for Radiology. I thought I would let you know that the number of folks taking advantage of this great program has dwindled dramatically, so much so, that the lead physician at the OHF had to beg them to come out today for only 13 patients. They used to come out every month, now it's every two months and I'm afraid is we don't get folks on the bandwagon to use this service, it will be taken away.

We need to use this service.

Just so you know, the equipment provided in the mobile unit is the same as that provided in any physician's office you would go to.

Matter of fact, the mammogram machine in the mobile unit is only 8 months old - others

around in their Orlando offices are older than that.

American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society recommends a baseline mammogram between the ages of 35-39. The Women's Center for Radiology, Mobile Mammogram, will be available during Super Safety and Health Day, to be held on October 17th, 2001. The Center has been offering screening Mammograms at KSC since 1990 and works with many insurance plans for payment. If you are interested in such screening, please contact the Center directly at 1-800-367-1870 for an appointment. Maximum participants for the day will be 25. Appointments will be made on first come, first serve basis. NASA civil servants that are eligible should obtain a voucher at the OHF clinic. POC: mail to: Nancy.Zuhlke-1@ksc.nasa.gov

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

- 23 Women's Equality Day
- 28 Meeting, Central Industry Assistance Office (CIAO), (SR 3)

September

- 3 Labor Day
- 25 Hispanic Heritage Month Luncheon

VULNERABLE: (vul-ne-ra-bel) adj.

- a. female: Fully opening up one's self emotionally to another.
- b. male: Playing football without a jockstrap.

COMMUNICATION (ko-myoo-ni-kay-shon)

- a. female: The open sharing of thoughts and feelings with one's partner.
- b. male: Scratching out a note before suddenly taking off for a weekend with the boys.

ENTERTAINMENT (en-ter-tayn-ment) n.

- a. female: A good movie, concert, play or book.
- b. male: Anything that can be done while drinking.

REMOTE CONTROL (ri-moht kon-trohl) n.

- a. female: A device for changing from one TV channel to another.
- b. male: A device for scanning through all 175 channels every 2 minutes.

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 QP-ES-A-or e-mail Sharon.White-1@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.

FEDERALLY EMPLOYED WOMEN, INC.
Space Coast Chapter
Membership Application

New Applicant		Renewal		Previous Member		Change of Membership Info	
Name				Membership Number		Birth Date	
Home Address							
City, State, Zip							
Home Phone							
Agency/Company							
Mail Code/Address							
City, State, Zip							
Work Phone		E-mail Address					
If interested in serving as a Chapter Officer, please indicate which office							
President		President Elect		Vice President		Secretary	Treasurer
METHOD OF PAYMENT							
Total Amount Due: see schedule below							
Cash or Check		Check No.		Credit Card	Visa	Master Card	
Card Number					Expiration Date (MM/YY)		
Print Cardholders Name (as it appears on card)				Signature (Credit Cards Only)			

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

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

The following information is requested by the National Office 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]:** _____

<p>Membership dues are to be paid February 1st of each year. However there is a pro-rated fee schedule for those joining after March 1st. Please contact the Membership Chairperson, Patricia Leonard, 867-8147, XA-D1, if you have questions concerning your dues.</p> <p align="right">Form Revised (05/01)</p>
