



# A VIEW FROM FEW

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FOR WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT

SPACE COAST CHAPTER, KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FL  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Sandy Eliason*

The wind has brought October and Fall has arrived! I was out riding my bike last night and the long awaited fall breeze was blowing, feeling very refreshing. Tonight it's really "blowing," so hold on to your hats!

Space Coast has had a very busy month! I believe I can speak for all of us feeling overwhelmed from the devastation left by Hurricane Katrina. I can only imagine so many individuals being affected by Katrina's wrath and the human suffering that she left in her path. Early in the month we met at Applebee's to gather ideas on ways that we felt we could best support those affected by Hurricane Katrina. We had a wonderful turnout and great suggestions were given to support local evacuees. Ladies contributed great ideas like conducting food drives to putting kits of personal care items together.

Later in the month we met again and voted to give a one hundred dollar gift card from Wal-Mart, to the families of nine children that had to evacuate from New Orleans. These children attend Cocoa Beach High School and range in grades from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>. We also, supported a family with six hundred dollars they had lost everything they owned during the hurricane. What many of you don't know is that two members gave a hundred dollars each, of their own money to me, to reach out and give, however, I felt best. Those two hundred dollars went to a local family with relatives who had evacuated and moved in with them because they lost everything they had. In addition, our Southeast Region unanimously voted to contribute one thousand dollars to Red Cross in FEW's name.

Ladies, I am so proud of you! I know you all had hearts full and wanted to do something that would make a difference in this time of devastation.

It reminds me of the story of the little boy who was walking along the beach and picking up star fish and throwing them back in the ocean so that they might live. Someone came up to him and made fun of him. They said to him, you aren't going to make a

difference. The little boy said so boldly, "I did to that one."

Sometimes the needs are so huge that we feel overwhelmed and don't know what to do, but instead of turning away and doing nothing, lets always be like the boy and help, even if it's just that one! If every person would help just one person at a time, can you see the difference that one would make in our world?

See you next month,  
Sandy



## SUNSHINE

Celebrating birthdays in October:

Marlene Satterthwaite	October 5
Sandy Gates	October 7
Marie Argana	October 19
Carole McCline	October 28



If you notice anyone missing please email Muzette Fiander at [Muzette.B.Fiander@nasa.gov](mailto:Muzette.B.Fiander@nasa.gov)

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Vickie Hall



### Hurricane Katrina Relief

The Chapter held a special meeting to discuss what we could do as a Chapter to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina. And then at our regular September meeting we again discussed our efforts to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina. We decided to give \$1500 to help a few families. Below is a note we received from one of our fellow KSC family members:

*"To all the members of FEW,*

*Thank you so much for your generous support for my family after Katrina. Your caring and help is very much appreciated. We feel very blessed by each of you. My brothers and their families have all relocated to Baton Rouge, La. All have enrolled their children in area schools and the kids are beginning to adjust to their new lives. My mother is in Melbourne but is anxiously waiting for my brothers to find her a place in Baton Rouge. She was very touched by your*

*generosity, so touched she started to cry. She came to Melbourne with three shirts and two pair of pants. They all are still in a state of disbelief but are determined to rebuild their lives and their houses. Your support means a great deal to all of us; words can not express our sincere appreciation.*

*Thank you again and bless you all,  
Marcia Groh-Hammond"*

Thanks to all the members who supported this effort and also to all of you who made donations to the Red Cross or other organizations.

We still have not heard the status of many of our FEW Sisters in Louisiana and Mississippi, so please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

### Make a Difference Day

Our Make a Difference Day project is going strong. This year, Space Coast Chapter of Federally Employed Women has chosen the Central Brevard Sharing Center as our project for "Make a Difference Day". The Sharing Center is really low on canned goods and personal care items.

FEW would like your help to "fill the pantry" so those less fortunate can get some needed assistance. Suggested items include canned foods; peanut butter; jelly; packaged rice and pasta meals; and other non-perishable items; as well as personal care items such as: toothpaste/brushes; shampoo & cream rinse; soap; shaving cream & razors; and other items such as diapers of all sizes, wipes, toilet paper, etc.

The following areas have collection boxes for your donations:

The project will continue through October 20, 2005. If you would like to set up a collection box in your area or have any questions please contact Vickie Hall, 867-9100, email at [Vickie.C.Hall@nasa.gov](mailto:Vickie.C.Hall@nasa.gov) or Arden Belt, 867-2201, email [Arden.Belt-1@ksc.nasa.gov](mailto:Arden.Belt-1@ksc.nasa.gov)

As far as the Habitat for Humanity Project, they do not have any projects that we can assist with at this time.

### **Membership Drive**

*Ellie Miller*

A Membership Drive is being held to help people recognize FEW and what we stand for here at the Space Center.

We will be visiting various buildings on campus with literature, information and Membership applications in an effort to generate more interest in FEW and becoming a member of FEW. Our organization represents the views and ideas indicative to both NASA and Contractor goals. We offer an opportunity for all persons to be a part of our annual training and join our great organization.

Please encourage all to visit with us when we are in your building. We will be in Headquarters Building on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, the O & C on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and we plan to be in the CIF on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Come out and talk with us!

**Baxley Manor**  
*Aneta Ott*

This month is going to be a particularly hard month for Baxley Manor because my right arm, at the Center, is on vacation. Remember these folks are on food stamps and any help that you can give will be greatly appreciated. Every month you continue to help them make it through another month. Of course if you are unable to go shopping and would like to donate, I will gladly do your shopping for you. Since Sandra Getter is not at work please remember the contacts that have continued to help us Becky Fasulo in O&C 2038, Jan Hall in the Logistics Building 2610A, Barbara Powell HQ 2451 as well as Sandy Eliason in LCC 4P23, and [Susan.T.Boyett@nasa.gov](mailto:Susan.T.Boyett@nasa.gov) in UB-I or you can call me for pick up at 452-4917. I will need to pick up the items early on the 21st. Please help if you can



**GOVERNMENT NEWS & LEGISLATION**  
*Charlotte Becker*

**Panel Debates Strategy for Rebuilding New Orleans**

A top Army Corps of Engineers officer testified Wednesday that it would cost \$1.6 billion to restore New Orleans flood protection capabilities to pre-Katrina levels and another \$3 billion to \$3.5 billion to shield against another Katrina-force hurricane.

Still, both Corps Chief of Engineers Lt. Gen. Carl Strock and House Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman David Hobson, R-Ohio, said it is not up to the federal government to say where people can rebuild.

Hobson said his panel "would probably have to support" a request, if made, for the lower figure to

protect against a Category 3 hurricane. But echoing reservations of both Democrats and Republicans on his panel, Hobson told reporters after the hearing, "I am concerned about rebuilding in the flood plain the way they did before."

**FLORIDA HISTORY AND CULTURE**



*Submitted by Vickie Hall*

Florida's cities and counties are named for influential residents, Indian words used to describe the area, and former governors. I have found these to be interesting so I'll include a few of these each month just to help educate you on a little more on Florida's history.

**Quincy**, Gadsden County -- The town is named in honor of John Quincy Adams, who was Secretary of State of the United States when the city was found.

**Sanibel**, Lee County -- The name is thought to be a combination of health and beauty.

**Silver Springs**, Marion County -- Silver springs is named after Florida's largest spring, whose crystal-clear waters inspired the name.

**Sopchoppy**, Wakulla County -- The name has been corrupted from "Lockchoppe," the former name of the waterway in Wakulla County. Muskogee "lokchapi," which signifies the red oak, is composed from "lokcha" (acorn) and "api" (stem).

**St. Augustine**, St. Johns County -- The oldest continuously inhabited city in the United State, St. Augustine was named by its founder, Pedro Menendez de Aviles, for St. Augustine, the Bishop of Hippo.

**Steinhatchee**, Taylor County -- The name is derived from the Muskogee "ak" (down), "isti" (man) and "hatchee" (creek). It means "dead man's creek."

My source of info. <http://dhr.dos.state.fl.us/facts/>

**WOMEN'S HEALTH**

*Submitted by Vickie Hall*

At the Breast Cancer site, every day is a chance to make a difference. It's fast, free and easy - remembering to click is usually the hardest part!

Sign up for our reminder service and automatically contribute additional funding for free mammograms. Each weekday you'll receive simple emails reminding you to visit The Breast Cancer Site and click the "Fund Free Mammograms" button. You can unsubscribe at any time. Thank you for supporting The Breast Cancer Site.

You can increase funds generated for mammograms by signing up to receive newsletters of interest to you, offered by our partners. With each sign-up, you give more, further helping to make early detection and survival possible. But you do not have to read or receive these additional offers, you can just click the link below and then click the pink bow when you get to the site and a donation will be made. <http://www.thebreastcancersite.com/>

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**October**

3-20	Make a Difference Day
10	Columbus Day
16	National Boss Day
18	FEW Program Meeting at Houston's Steak House, Cocoa Beach
31	Halloween

**SPACE COAST CHAPTER NEWSLETTER**

*Muzette Fiander*

This monthly publication is a means of sharing information and ideas. Please send news articles or items of interest for this Newsletter to Muzette Fiander, TA-E1, or e-mail at [Muzette.B.Fiander@nasa.gov](mailto:Muzette.B.Fiander@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.

**Insight for the Day**

*Submitted by Vickie Hall*

Any fact facing us is not as important as our attitude toward it, for that determines our success or failure."

*Norman Vincent Peale*

Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and try to follow where they lead."

*Louisa May Alcott*

**And then a little humor -**

I am proof that Einstein's "e equals m c squared" is wrong. My mass has increased, but my energy has dropped.



After an accident, a woman stepped forward and prepared to help the victim. She was asked to step aside by a man who announced, "Step back please! I've had a course in first aid and I'm trained in CPR."

The woman watched his procedures for a few moments, then tapped him on the shoulder. "When you get to the part about calling a doctor," she said, "I'm already here."

