



# December 2011 Newsletter

## President's Message

*By Lori Lewandowski, Wells Fargo*

Well, this is my last newsletter as 2011 President of FEW. It has been an amazing year of working with a great group of women on the board as well as the general membership of FEW. THANK YOU!



Lori Lewandowski  
2011 Forum of  
Executive Women  
President

December is always a busy time of year for everyone especially us busy women – mothers, sisters, grandmothers . . . With the baking, shopping, wrapping, and entertaining my wish for you is that each of you take a few moments to treat yourselves and relax.

As you know from my previous 11 newsletters I highlight an influential woman in American history, but this month I'm going to do something a little different. I'd like to highlight our amazing members. We are a group of 99 members strong **including 20 new members this year.** WOW!! We are diverse group of ages, backgrounds, and professions. I hope you can take a few minutes out of your busy schedules and think about your year of FEW and what you found most valuable. It's also a good time of year to set goals for the new year. I hope that each and every one of you will renew your FEW membership for next year and make this your FEW!!

Our December meeting will be our annual holiday social featuring our own Pam Nelson with the musical group "Semi Sweet". The social will be at the St. Cloud Country Club on December 12.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

# Exciting Meetings Ahead



## December 14: Holiday Social

Join us December 14th at the Saint Cloud Country Club for our Holiday Social, featuring the vocal stylings of “Semi-Suite” with our own FEW member, Pam Nelson. The food is fun and delicious and the atmosphere is relaxed! To share in the spirit of giving, please consider a monetary gift for the Catholic Charities food shelf (cash or checks go much farther than cans of food). And if you’d like to unwrap a treasure for yourself, be sure to bring a gift for someone else to exchange (\$10 suggested). As always, the gathering will begin at 11:30 a.m.

## 2012 Meetings—Le St-Germain Suite Hotel

January 11	Bruce Miles - The Art of Execution – How to be Known as the Leader Who Can Make it Happen.	Business/ Personal
February 8	Joel Ackerman - Emerging Ways to Support Local and Remote Family Caregivers.	Business/Civic/ Personal
March 14	Dave Eisenman - Cyber Safety - Catching Up with High Tech Kids in a High Tech World	Business/ Personal
April 11	Bassey Eyo - Servant Leadership - The Bird is in Our Hands	Civic
May 9	JoyGenea Schumer – Organizing: Simplify, Balance and “No”	Business/ Personal
June 13	Douglas Wood - No One But You: Discovering, Feeling and Experiencing the Important Things in Life	Personal
July 11	LeAnn Riley - Understanding the Impact of Divorce from Every Angle	Personal
August 8	“Hot Topic of the Month”	
September 12	C. Wille Miles – Humor in the Workplace	Business/ Personal
October 10	Dr. John Houle - A Pink Ribbon Event: Focus on an Innovative Breast Reconstruction - DIEP Flap	Personal
November 14	Business Meeting and Networking	
December 12	Holiday Social at the Saint Cloud Country Club	

# *Featured FEW: Meet Jackie Scholl Johnson*



“Work hard, laugh often, eat well” is Jackie’s philosophy on life. Growing up as the youngest of twelve in Buckman, Minn., she probably had many opportunities to develop that philosophy. Jackie is currently the Executive Director of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Central Minnesota and has been a member of FEW since December 2010 and serves on the Program Committee.

Jackie is married to Kevin and they have a 16 year old son Karl who attends Sauk Rapids Rice High School. Jackie adds, “We have also had dogs throughout our 22 year marriage who have been a part of our family.” She and Kevin own 44 Sign Company in Saint Cloud, a full-service sign and large format graphics company.

When asked if she had any inspiring mentors in her life, Jackie replied, “Yes! That’s what really drew me to this agency (Big Brother Big Sisters) is the impact mentors have on their mentees. I’m very fortunate to have had wonderful mentors throughout my life, starting with an older sister when I was a child.”

For fun, the Scholl-Johnson family really values eating well, “we seldom eat out at restaurants, rather we challenge ourselves to cook new recipes and try a variety of foods and cooking methods, of course the food has to be paired with the perfect wine or beer. To make this even better we would be enjoying it with our friends and family.” When asked for a “green” tip, Jackie suggests, “Bring your lunch to work in reusable containers – I’m known for my gigantic salads at lunch – it’s sometimes hard for others not to stare.”

If you’re not culinary motivated, Jackie would recommend participating in the local arts scene, such as a concert or a play. “We have so many opportunities right in our backyard, there is something very special about a live performance, the relationship between the performers and the audience. She also recommends reading Katie Couric’s book of essays by prominent people, “The Best Advice I Ever Got: Lessons From Extraordinary Lives.”

How does Jackie help others succeed? “By believing in them and getting out of their way!” This self-proclaimed “determined” woman sees herself in five years as no longer calling herself “new” at BBBS and visiting her son at college. Jackie says that she has been incredibly blessed throughout her life and career and have been given many opportunities to meet wonderful, inspiring people.

Get to know more about Jackie Scholl Johnson at our next FEW meeting– just ask her!

# *FEW Announcements*

## **Time to Renew your FEW Membership!**

THANK YOU for your membership in 2011. We hope you have benefited from the wide range of programs and opportunities to connect with other brilliant and respected women through FEW. It's time to renew memberships for 2012 and we sincerely hope you will continue your membership. We added twenty new members in 2011 and FEW is growing strong. Renew online by clicking "Renew Membership" on the Member's Section of the website, or use the membership form on the next page. We look forward to having you as a F.E.W. member in 2012!

## **Update your profile today**

In the early days of FEW, each member received a coveted printed directory of members. This was your direct link to the other members of the group. That directory still exists, but it is now a members-only online directory, found on our website. If you have not yet created your personal profile, please make a point to do that soon. And if you have set up your profile, but haven't visited it in awhile, please review your information to make sure it is current and PLEASE upload a photo.

## **Business Book Club**

Several of you responded positively to Brenda Brown's sticky note asking for interest in starting a Business Book Club. She will have information out in the January newsletter for a group to start in February. If you would like to join, please email her directly at [bbrown@sjprep.net](mailto:bbrown@sjprep.net).



# Don't Forget!



## INVOICE – 2012 Membership Dues

**Name of FEW Member:** \_\_\_\_\_

2012 Membership Dues:      \$ 180.00

Membership follows a calendar year (January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012). The 2012 membership dues are due and payable by December 15, 2011.

Please send this signed form and payment\* (by check) to:

Forum of Executive Women  
PO Box 1451  
St. Cloud, MN 56302

(You also may give your membership dues payment to the Meeting Coordinators, Treasurer, or Membership Vice-Presidents at our monthly meeting.)

Please mark the following check boxes:

- I give consent to receive correspondence from FEW at the following email address: \_\_\_\_\_ or fax number: \_\_\_\_\_.
- I give consent for FEW to use photographs taken at FEW events, which may contain images of me, for FEW's promotional use, on the condition the photos will not be sold or transferred.

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**Signature**

\*Be sure to include the name of the FEW member on this invoice and on the check.