

F.E.W. Newsletter

MAY 2010



Jill Magelssen
2010 Forum of
Executive Women
President

President's Message

"Leaders are made, they are not born. They are made by hard effort, which is the price which all of us must pay to achieve any goal that is worthwhile."

Vince Lombardi

Leading a group, organization, team or a project requires talent and the ability to see past today. Having a vision and the drive to move forward is a gift. Many of us can recall a leader who has had a positive impact on our goals and development. Personally and professionally, the best leaders I have had the pleasure of working with are positive, focused and driven.

On the topic of Leaders, we are pleased to have a very talented panel of School Superintendents and representatives for our May FEW Program. Each of our guests have demonstrated their strong leadership skills in very challenging times while making sure the quality of our educational system is solid. We look forward to hearing from each leader and learning more about what education in central Minnesota means today.

Bring your questions and join us as we look forward to learning more from our local school leaders.

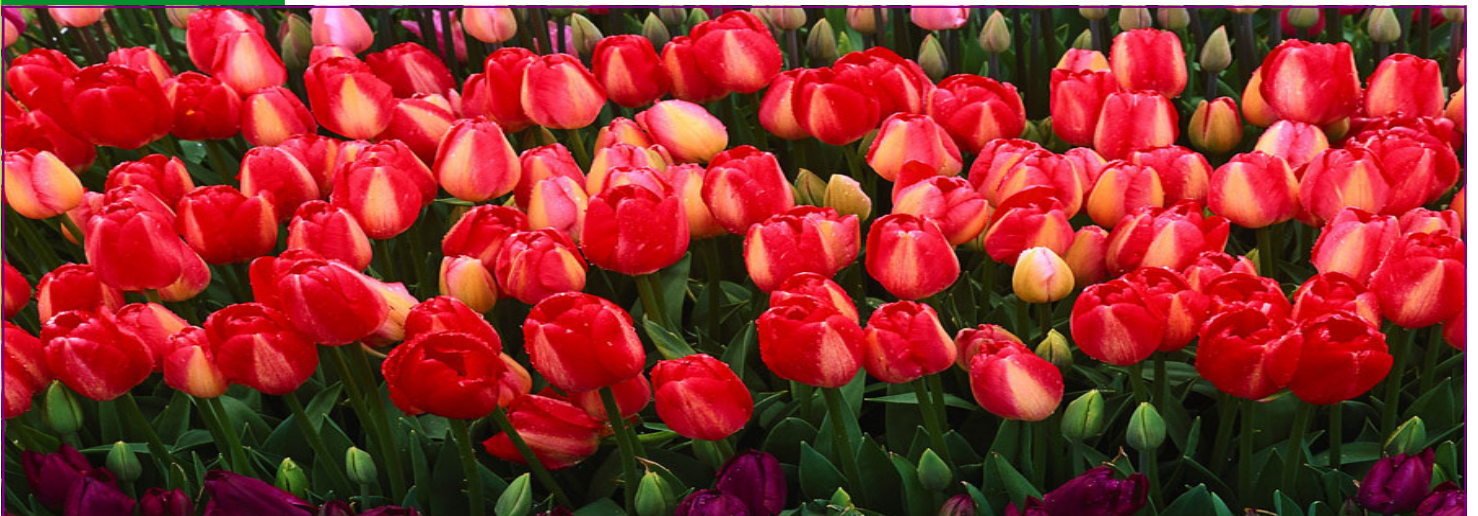
It is my hope during the month of May that you take time to enjoy the spring flowers and celebrate the positive changes of 2010.

I look forward to seeing you at our May 12 FEW Meeting.

Proud to be your FEW President and Leader,

Jill Magelssen

2010 FEW President



Meeting Information

Please join us for our next FEW meeting held on **Wednesday, May 12th, 2010** from **11:30 - 1:30 pm** at the **Holiday Inn**.

St. Cloud Area School Superintendent's Panel Discussion

Many changes are on the horizon for St. Cloud area schools! Hear first hand from area school leaders about their top priorities, what their biggest challenges are (aside from funding) and a discussion on the role and value of assessment instruments in school systems today. There will also be time for questions and answers for these leaders of our educational system.

Featured Panel Members

Steve Jordahl, Ph.D., Superintendent of St. Cloud Area School District

Dale Gasser, Ph. D., Superintendent of Sartell - St. Stephen School District 748

Timothy Backous, OSB, Ph.D., Headmaster of Saint John's Preparatory School

Greg Vandal, Ph. D., Superintendent of Sauk Rapids-Rice School District 47

Mike Mullin, President of Cathedral High School/John XXIII Middle School

Mindi Jenson, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment of ROCORI School District

Guests

FEW welcomes guests and prospective new members to attend our meetings for a fee of \$20.

NOW AVAILABLE - ONLINE REGISTRATION!

Please have your guests visit our website at www.fewstcloud.org for meeting information and to register online for the next FEW program. Payment available online through PayPal or at the door the day of the event. Please email Kelly Hansen at khansen@essilorusa.com or call at 320-203-4004 if you have questions regarding bringing a guest.

Exciting Lineup

Mark your calendars! It's time to look forward to another lineup of tremendous educational programs for you to enjoy!

Date	Location	Program - Speaker
Jun 9	Holiday Inn	Maretta Johannes - Beyond Botox and Breast Implants
Jul 14	Holiday Inn	Women Venture
Aug 11	Holiday Inn	Bruce Miles Big River Consulting - Developing the Best 2 nd
Sep 8	Holiday Inn	Chris Freytag – Fitness and Health
Oct 13	Radisson	Central Minnesota Gang Task Force
Nov 10	Holiday Inn	Business Meeting and Networking
Dec 8	Holiday Inn	Holiday Social

Our Website Overflows

If you don't frequent the FEW website often, you might not realize what a great resource it is. Not only does it contain a lot of really valuable profile information about our members, but it also has announcements and events that are updated all the time. Please visit our new website at www.fewstcloud.org!



The majority of FEW members have created profiles, but there are still a handful who have yet to do so. If you haven't taken the time to create your new profile on our new website, make sure you do! We need all current members to do this, as it is a benefit of membership for all and a great networking tool. To create your profile simply:

- Go to www.fewstcloud.org
- Click "Join FEW" at the top-right corner
- Scroll down and click "Join Now"!
- Fill in your profile information (**Be sure to write down your username and password**)
- Click "Register"

Once you register, your information is sent to Communications for review. Your registration is not complete until it is approved and you will receive a confirmation email once your registration is approved. If you have any questions, contact Brenda Schermerhorn at brenda@agency128.com or Rebecca Kurowski at rkurovski@gw.stcdio.org.

2.0 - FEW is Up on Social Networking



One of the greatest things going for FEW is the opportunity to regularly network with other fantastic businesswomen at our monthly meetings. Now you can get even more bang for your buck by using some popular social networking tools to get to know more FEW members.

Visit the FEW facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Forum-of-Executive-Women/67147842136>) and become a fan today for up-to-the minute events and information about FEW. You can also join our group on Linked In. Just search for "Forum of Executive Women - St. Cloud, Minnesota" after you've logged in. Our online presence is another great way to network with those in the community and other members of FEW!

Announcements and News



Do you have announcements about upcoming business or community events you would like to share? You can do so here in the FEW Newsletter! Please email your information to Rebecca Kurowski (rkurowski@gw.stcdio.org) by the appropriate deadline listed below. Newsletters are typically published during the first week of the month. Submissions received after the deadline may not be printed.

2010 Newsletter Submission Deadlines

Publication

Month	Deadline
June	May 24
July	June 28
August	July 26
September	Aug. 23
October	Sept. 27
November	Oct. 25
December	Nov. 22

Seeking FEW Mentors

The Membership Committee is starting a mentorship program to help new members feel more welcome and connected when they join FEW. Please consider being the friendly face who shows some hospitality at meetings. Contact Patti Gartland at 320-260-2442 or patti@sartellmn.com or Kristie Reverting at 320-229-6135 or kreverting@kdv.com.

Calling Long-Time FEW Members

We are trying to preserve the history of the FEW organization and need to fill in some holes in our archives. We are looking for past program calendars and details, particularly from years before 2007.

If you were a program chair or can forward this message to a past FEW member who you know was involved with programming, please help us. Send year, month, and topic and presenter information to Carol Howe-Veenstra at choweveenstr@csbsju.edu. Thank you!



Vegetarian Meals

Vegetarian Meals are available at our meeting upon request. Please contact April Mastey at amastey@stifel.com or call at 320-253-1300.

*"The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another.
The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month."* -Henry Van Dyke

More Announcements

College of Saint Scholastica - Local Open House

You're invited to learn more about degree programs offered at the St. Cloud Campus of the College of St. Scholastica. Sessions are in an open house format where individuals can drop in and meet with program specialists. A one-stop way to get all questions answered!

Drop in at the St. Cloud Campus between 4:00 - 7:00 PM on the following dates:

- Thursday, May 13th, 2010 - Tuesday, June 8th, 2010

For more information, visit <http://www.stcloud.css.edu>.

Make Dinner a Selfless Act

May 11 | 5 - 8 p.m. | Chipotle | St. Cloud, MN



Eat a Chipotle dinner this Tuesday, May 11th and a full 50% of the proceeds will benefit Anna Marie's Alliance. Print this flyer: <http://www.stcloud.org/userfiles/Chipotle%20Fundraiser.pdf> and show it to Chipotle when you go. *Simple as that.*



Healthcare Reform Seminar

Mahowald Insurance invites you to the 2010 Health Care Reform Seminar this May 26th from 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. Held in the Mississippi Room at the St. Cloud Library, this event features an explanation of the new mandates. A health insurance panel discussion will include Phil Stalberger the VP of Legislative Affairs with Blue Cross Blue Shield of MN, Dannette Coleman the VP of Public Policy and Government Relations with Medica, and Donna Zimmerman VP of Government & Community Relations for HealthPartners.

This panel will address what MN insurance companies are doing to prepare for the changes and how this will change any current program you may have in place with them. This will also be open for questions from you, so start jotting them down and bring them along!

For more information, visit <http://www.mahowald.net/pages/Seminars/>