



# Windy City News

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## FEW Windy City Chapter

### *Approaching a New Fiscal Year*

*By Adrienne Callahan, Communications Chair and Cyd Curtis, Chapter President*

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*Did you know that you can attend our monthly meetings via conference call? See Meeting invitation for call-in information.*

As many of us dredge through end of fiscal year workloads, prepare children to go back to school and slowly recover from much needed vacations, we should be thinking about what's next for the Windy City Chapter of FEW.

In the past two years we have grown past the infancy stage and are now entering adolescence. We have learned some basics, listened to our elders and grasped onto new ideas. We are growing together as a Chapter as we learn about the various agencies we represent, along with meeting new friends, colleagues and mentors.

The next stage of our growth requires us to develop a new level of focused planning, sound use of our Chapter funds and activities to engage every member in at least one aspect of our core focus areas.

The FEW focus areas are *Training, Compliance, Diversity and Legislative*. As of today we have Chairs for each of those focus areas and committed elected officers who will effectively lead us to the next phase of our growth. We must actively seek opportunities to address the four focus areas. Over the next couple months, as we enter into a new fiscal year, the Chapter will be buzzing with activity. It is

important that we hear from you and maintain your active participation and support.

The success of Chapter members in the 2009 NTP Scholarship and 2009 FEW Academic Scholarship boasts our Chapter members achievements. We look forward to nominating more members and more Chapter activities in more categories for the FEW 2010 Award nominations. So we've got work to do. A quick checklist for the next couple months:

- ✓ *Complete annual budget/planning calendar*
- ✓ *Attend Monthly meetings*
- ✓ *Participate in capwiz activities*
- ✓ *Affect Change in those agencies where no FWP exists*
- ✓ *Invite friends co-workers to join FEW*
- ✓ *Support Chapter Fundraisers*

Lastly, welcome new members: Linda Dollack, Frances Abel-Galba, Valerie Conley, Jowana Jenkins, Michelle Lloyd, Vivian Montgomery, Supriya Raman, and Zulma Ocampo. We look forward to hearing your fresh perspectives!

**Legislative**

By Margrett Hardman, Chair  
Legislative Committee

About 22% of our chapters members responded to the recent OPM survey regarding Pay for Performance. The survey is still open to complete [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=aPT2ZzWA4qblpldSsaiOAg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=aPT2ZzWA4qblpldSsaiOAg_3d_3d). National FEW requested members to respond to the survey in order to drive input from FEW members in response to questions #3 and #4.

As a reminder, FEW members can utilize the Capwiz tool to write their elected officials. Please bookmark <http://capwiz.com/few/home/> and from time to time check into to help drive issues that are affecting the entire FEW constituency.

*Current Issues Listed on Capwiz.com that need your support:* <http://capwiz.com/few/home/>

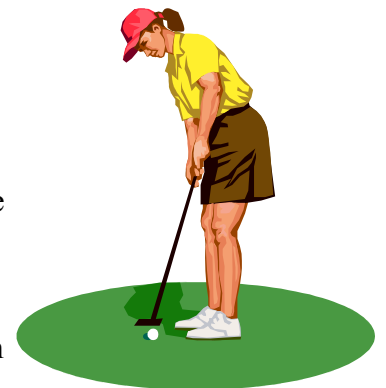
- SES Diversity Bill—The SES Needs to be more diverse (introduced by Danny Davis, IL)
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- Paid Parental Leave—Senate bill
- Repeal of GPO and WEP

Increasing our membership participation in the legislative process by at least 50% of our Chapter members will help increase the FEW national goal of at least 2,000 letters being sent from the entire organization this year. It only takes a couple minutes to enter your zip code, enter your info and click submit ——>>>

**Let's Play GOLF!**

By Sheree M. Haywood  
Membership Committee, Co-Chair

Golf is important for women, especially women in business. All women need to be empowered, and we as women, have the absolute right to invest in ourselves -- participation in a Golf Tournament allows women to increase their networking base, thereby, increasing their sphere of influence. Learning the protocols of golf, the benefits of the game as a business networking tool will help to advance women in all fields. It will help women to grow as leaders within their organizations regardless of job titles, and give a clearer understanding to the dynamics of power and influence within their organization allowing women to position themselves to succeed. It is also a great way to relieve and ease the stress of working in high-powered, male-centered business environments. As women strive to reach the next level, golf will allow those who decide to participate, to expand their networking base and advance their sphere of influence. Participating in FEW's Golf Tournament in Orlando, Florida was a great opportunity for me; I wouldn't have missed it for the world. As we women continue in our federal careers, consider learning the game of golf and participating in a golf tournament. The membership committee is considering sponsoring a golf tournament to increase membership of the Windy City Chapter and to advance the women within FEW. Please share your thoughts, suggestions and ideas about this tournament to [SHaywood@fdic.gov](mailto:SHaywood@fdic.gov).

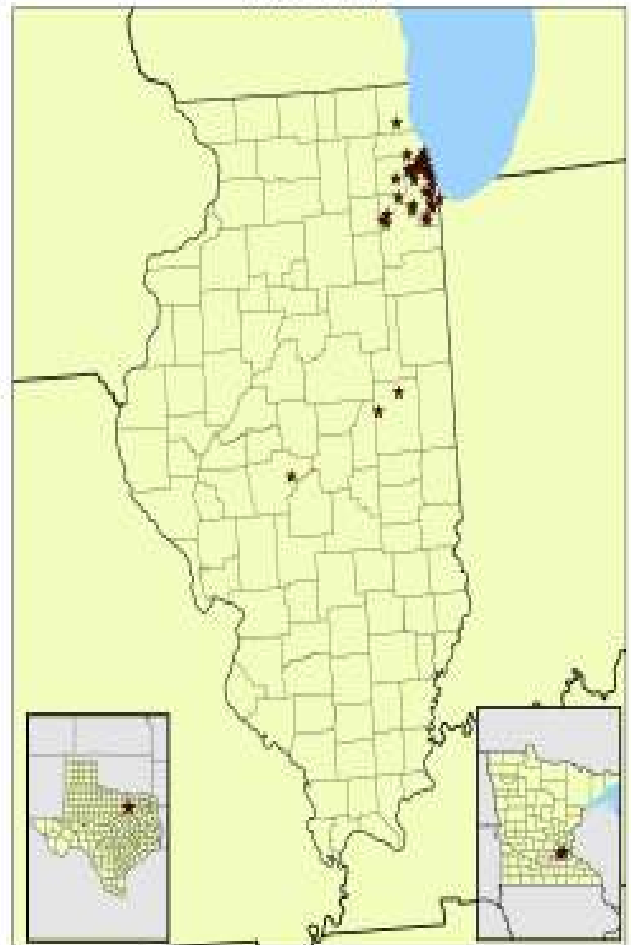


## Membership/Diversity

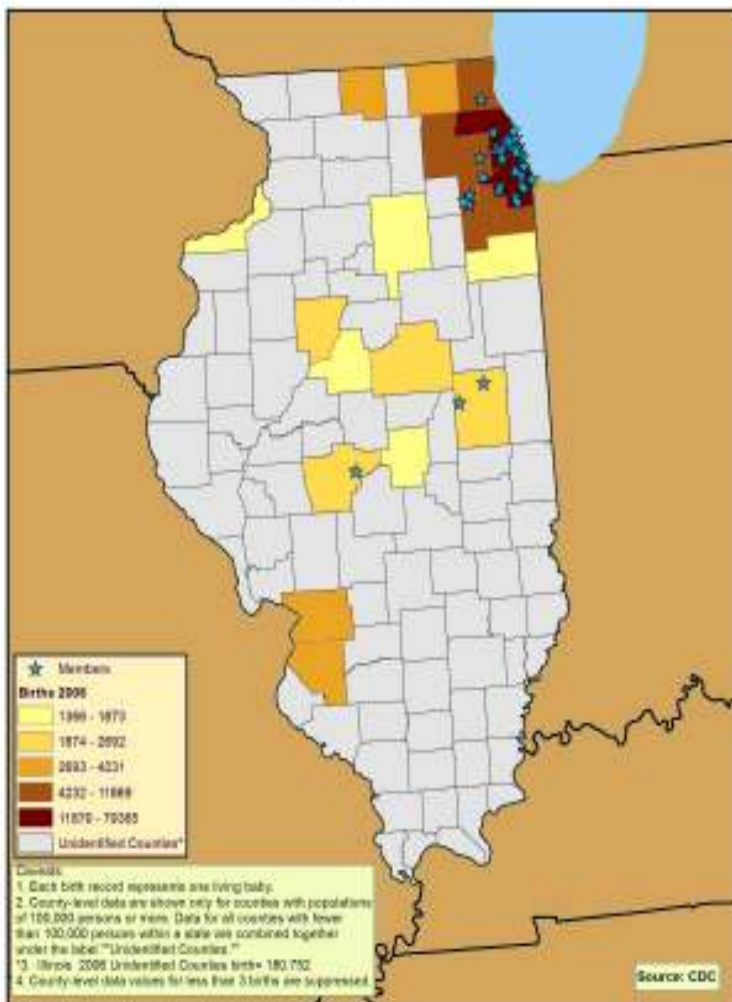
By Carmen Maso, Training/Diversity Chair

As we plan for next year's Chapter activities, we should take a look at the diversity of our membership. One important factor is the location of our members. While we probably won't find the time to hold a meeting in Texas, we could find ourselves holding an Regional Training Program or other special event in Minnesota :). Most of our members reside in the Chicagoland commuting area, however, we have found several that reside in the southern parts of Illinois. Implementing a conference call line has helped some of our members "chime" in via teleconference but for a large majority of our members finding a suitable and mutual place to hold meetings and Chapter events is important for membership attendance and member outreach.

FEW Windy City Chapter  
Where We Live



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The map to the left gives a visual of the number of Illinois births. Considering the large number of births since 2006, and the concentration of our FEW members, some of the issues we should consider may include maternity/parental leave (see Capwiz!), adoption, flexible work schedules, family medical leave and childcare. Although the map does not provide specific statistics for members, it gives an idea of the communities that each of us represents. If there are issues affecting women in your community, please inform our Community Outreach Committee which takes the lead on ideas and specific action items for the chapter to undertake while serving and supporting various communities: contact [meyer.cynthia@epa.gov](mailto:meyer.cynthia@epa.gov). If you have specific questions or would like to see more comprehensive data from these "mapped" areas, please email [maso.carmen@epa.gov](mailto:maso.carmen@epa.gov).



## Making Strides

by Windy City Walkers

We're about a month away from walking in the annual American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk. Our thanks to the members and their families who have donated or plan to walk with us on Sunday, October 18. While last year was a little brisk, we can expect this year to be mildly colder but with a great walk team who cares about the wind! We are FEW Windy City Walkers. We are at 20% of our fundraising goal—which means we need your financial support.

*Walk with Us!*

*Ask Your Friends to provide a Tax Deductible Donation!*

*Cheer Us On!*

[http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/MakingStridesAgainstBreastCancer/MSABCFY10Illinois?team\\_id=500528&pg=team&fr\\_id=19903](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/MakingStridesAgainstBreastCancer/MSABCFY10Illinois?team_id=500528&pg=team&fr_id=19903)

## FREE Webinars

We encourage members to gather together and attend these free Webinars as a group. Why not take the lead and schedule a room in your location and invite other members to attend with you? Webinars can also be attended right at your desk. Please take a look at the schedule below:

**Fierce Conversations: Transform Conversations Central to Your Success**

September 9  
12:00-1:00 pm Eastern

**The Carrot Principle: Building Employee Engagement and Recognition to Drive Business Success**

September 23  
12:00-1:00 pm Eastern

AMA Webcasts are complimentary to attend, but **reservations are required**—and they often sell out. Register online or call 1-800-262-9699 to sign up. Please mention **code DPL** when you do.

*Don't forget to send an email to [nfo@windycityfew.org](mailto:nfo@windycityfew.org) to share your feedback.*

## Women's Equality Day—August 26, 2009

Windy City members attend the “Story Behind Women’s Equality Day” webinar. The Webinar included a history of women’s equality day, the women’s equality day movement, key players in pushing awareness of women’s equality day and suggestions of how to ensure an annual celebration of the historic event. The webinar was provided by FEW’s Foundation for Education and Training.

Members also attended the Environmental Protection Agency’s FWP sponsored lunch time workshop. Guest speaker, Janice Metzger, author of the recently published book, *What Would Jane Say?*, spoke about the efforts of Jane Addams, and other women active in the social reform movement, to resolve urban disharmony and blight in Chicago. Although they were not consulted as Daniel Burnham and the city fathers who developed the Plan of Chicago, they could have offered sound advice on city-building, based upon their own experiences.

**Thank You!**

By Jacqueline Wasik

I cannot express my appreciation and love that I feel for FEW, the FEW Foundation and my Windy City Chapter in Chicago. As one of the Academic Scholarship winners of 2009, my future is brighter than ever.

I thank the Foundation for making one of my long time dreams come true and enabling me to finish my degree. I also thank Mable Seldon, Great Lakes Region Manager, and Lashana Johnson, Windy City Chapter President for their support.

I joined FEW to find a better connection with other Federal women and I have received so much more. I have found a great mentor in Adrienne Callahan, Chapter Treasurer. She has taught me how to become a better FEW member and inspires me to be a better person in life. I have found a new family in my Windy City Chapter, Great Lakes Region and beyond.

Today women need each other's support in so many ways. As a FEW member, I know that support is just a phone call away.

Thank you to the FEW Foundation and Dawn Nester, President, for placing your trust in me.



**Chapter Officers**  
**Cynthia Curtis-President**  
**Lashana Johnson—V. President**  
**Adrienne Callahan-Treasurer**  
**Jacqueline Wasik-Secretary**

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**Committee Chairs**

- Membership/Diversity—Sheree Haywood and Georgetta Bishop
- Legislative—Margrett Hardman
- Training/Diversity—Carmen Maso
- Finance—Lashana Johnson
- Fundraising—Lashana Johnson and Gail Christoffer-Baruch
- Community Outreach—Cynthia Meyer
- Website manager—Khalia Poole
- Newsletter Editor—Adrienne Callahan

**Chapter Meetings**

- Sept. 10—Planning/  
Budget Mtg
- Sept. 16—Regular FEW Mtg
- Oct. 21—Regular FEW Mtg
- Nov. 18—Regular FEW Mtg

*77 West Jackson Boulevard,  
12th FL*

*Lake Ontario Conference Room*



**That's My Pan**

The That's My Pan fundraiser is currently underway! By now everyone should have received the information packets, price lists and deadlines. Payments can be made via cash, check or money order payable to FEW Windy City, mailed to FEW Windy City Chapter, P.O. Box 1484, Chicago, IL 60690—ATTN: Lashana Johnson.

That's My Pan features personalized cookware—a great gift for the upcoming Holiday season! Contact Johnson.lashana@epa.gov for more info.

**XTRAs**

**Great Lakes RTP**  
**Oct. 22-24, 2009**  
**Indianapolis, IN**

## Employee Discounts



**Chicago Federal Executive Board**  
*Creating Opportunities for Our Federal Family*



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We are proud to offer Government Employee Discounts to the beloved holiday classic

**THEATRE GOODMAN**  
Production of  
Charles Dickens'  
*A Christmas Carol*  
Adapted by Tom Cooney | Directed by William Brown



Elaborate sets, lavish costumes and world-class actors bring Dickens' heartwarming tale of holiday redemption to life at the Goodman. Be sure to order your seats before tickets go on sale to the general public.

Chicago Federal Executive Board and Lookingglass Theatre are Proud to Offer Government Employee Discounts to

Lookingglass  
Production of  
*The Arabian Nights*



This re-imagined adaptation by Tony Award-winning ensemble member Mary Zimmerman is one of the world's most enduring works of literature. King Shahryar vows a ruthless vengeance against every maiden in the kingdom when he discovers his wife in the arms of another man. His brutality is interrupted only when he encounters the clever maiden Scheherazade, whose captivating stories may just save her life. This stunning theatrical piece incorporates powerful storytelling, lush visuals, and vibrant music to weave a rich tapestry that celebrates the redemptive power of story telling.

Government employees may purchase tickets for these performances at \$10 off the normal price.

Performance Date	Regular Price		Discount Price	
	A	B	A	B
November 20 8:00 PM	\$39	\$30	\$29	\$20
November 21 8:00 PM	\$39	\$30	\$29	\$20
December 30 2:00 PM	\$43	\$33	\$33	\$23
December 30 7:30 PM	\$43	\$33	\$33	\$23



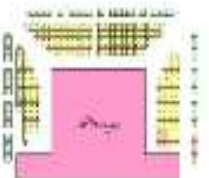
Purchase tickets, using discount code "FEB":

- o At the Goodman Theatre box office, 170 North Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois 60601
- o Online at: <www.GoodmanTheatre.org>
- o By phone at 312.443.3800

Tickets must be purchased before October 1, 2009. All orders will be subject to a \$3.50 handling fee per ticket.

Government employees may purchase tickets for performances through August 31 at 20% off the regular price.

Performance Dates through August 31	Regular Price		Discount Price	
	Main Floor	Balcony	Main Floor	Balcony
Wed and Thur Evenings at 7:30	\$46	\$42	\$36.80	\$33.60
Fri Evenings at 7:30; Sat & Sun Matinees 3:00 pm	\$56	\$52	\$44.80	\$41.60
Sat Evenings at 7:30	\$66	\$62	\$52.80	\$49.60



Purchase tickets, using discount code "FedExedLTC":

- o At the Lookingglass Theatre box office, 821 North Michigan, Chicago, Illinois 60611
- o Online at: <www.Lookingglasstheatre.org>
- o By phone at (312)387-0665

Online and phone orders are subject to a ticket handling fee. Limit discounted 4 tickets per person.

**Federal Employee Cell Phone Discounts** (NOTE: You may have to ask for a manager or supervisor as some customer service agents are not aware of the program. Several Windy City Chapter members are currently receiving this employee discount)

Cingular/ATT—<https://www.wireless.att.com/business/>

T-Mobile 1-866-646-4688—22% #you will need to request a migration form from this e-mail: [HYPERLINK \(federalmigrations@t-mobile.com\)](mailto:HYPERLINK(federalmigrations@t-mobile.com))

Sprint PCS 1-888-788-4727—15%

Nextel 1-800-639-6111—18%

Verizon \*611 from a cell phone or 1-800-922-0204—15%



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
FEDERALLY EMPLOYED WOMEN  
P.O. BOX 73351  
BALTIMORE, MD 21275**

Membership ID \_\_\_\_\_

Month/Year Joined:      /

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS 1: \_\_\_\_\_

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ADDRESS 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/POSTAL CODE - 4 \_\_\_\_\_

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DAYTIME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EXTENSION: \_\_\_\_\_ EVENING PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**EMPLOYER:**

Private Industry        Federal Government        Local/Municipal Government      
 Other (Specify)        State Government        Retired     YES     NO

**GRADE (check)**

GS 1-4  
 GS 5-8  
 GS 9-12  
 GS 13-15  
 GS 16+

SES  
 WG  
 Military  
 Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**FWP/EEO (check)**

FWP Full-Time  
 FWP Part-Time  
 EEO  
 Other FWP/EEO \_\_\_\_\_  
 Not Applicable

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

GENDER:     Male     Female  
 RACE/NATIONALITY:  
 American Indian     Hispanic  
 Asian/Pacific     Caucasian  
 Black     Other

JOB SERIES: \_\_\_\_\_

SERVICE COMPUTATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION:**

FEW is comprised of Chapters throughout the world. Membership is open to all Federal and D.C. government employees and to any other person supporting the goals and objectives of FEW. More information about the organization is posted on the FEW website: <http://www.few.org>

Annual National membership dues are \$45 for chapter members. Eligibility for Chapter membership is contingent upon National membership.

NATIONAL (\$45)   

PAYMENT TYPE:     CHECK# \_\_\_\_\_       

I wish to join the \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter.

Referred/Recruited By (one name only): \_\_\_\_\_

Recruitment Event (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Contributions or gifts to FEW are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

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