



Women's Council
OF GREATER BATON ROUGE

Connecting, Promoting & Empowering Women

Special
points of
interest:

- New Officers & Board Members
- Installation Luncheon
- Race for the Cure 2010
- Member Events coming up- you won't want to miss!
- Next WCGBR Council Meeting Thursday, Feb. 11th, 11:30am

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Women's Council Presents 2010 Leadership

The *Women's Council* proudly presents our newly-elected officers and board members for 2010 and thanks these members for their willingness to serve. We invite you to attend the Council's annual Installation Luncheon and Ceremony honoring our incoming leadership at our next monthly meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at the First United Methodist Church at 930 North Boulevard. Networking at 11:30, Installation Ceremony at noon.

2009 was a year of incredible building and growth in the Council. We welcomed approximately 50 new members who bring new ideas, energy, and eagerness to the growing number of wonderful programs Women's Council offers. Women's Week and other existing programs continued to grow in size, strength, and quality. New programs, such as the Women's Business Center, and projects, such as the cookbook gathering the golden recipes and culinary artistry of our members, are being planned and added. We look forward to another stellar year under the dynamic leadership of our new board and officers.

Officers:	President	Jaimie Smith
	Vice-president	Alicia Murphy
	Secretary	Ellie Torres
	Treasurer	Kristina Shapiro
	Historian	Karen Groves
	Immediate past president	Anita White

Corinne Bailey has agreed and been approved by members to serve as Assistant Treasurer to Kristina Shapiro.

Board of Directors:

Eileen Brisco - 2010-2011
 Brenda Jackson-Conrad - 2010-2011
 Nancy Hammatt - 2010-2011
 Erica Malone - 2010-2011
 Libby Quintana - 2009-2010 (Serving out remaining term of Board Member who resigned.)
 Mary Jacob - 2009-2010
 Temeka Perrin - 2009-2010
 Karen Vingiello - 2009-2010

2010 Membership Renewals Due January 1, 2010

Membership dues are for calendar year periods. So 2010 WCGBR Membership renewals are due January 1, 2010. To renew your membership and keep receiving member benefits, please renew NOW.

NOTE: If you joined as a New Member after September 1, 2009, your membership is paid through the end of 2010.

You can renew your membership by mailing your dues or renewing online. Details on each option are below:

To renew by MAIL, send your check to the following address:

Women's Council of Greater Baton Rouge.
P. O. Box 80138
Baton Rouge, LA 70898

To renew ONLINE:

1. Click the RENEW NOW link in the top right corner of the WCGBR website at www.wcgr.com.
2. Enter your Membership ID (available under your profile when you log in to the Member Area)
3. Follow the online screens to complete.
4. Pay online using PayPal or mail in your check to above address.

The membership dues are as follows:

Student \$10
Individuals \$30
Non Profit \$55
Small Business \$65
Corporation \$100

If you decide not to renew your membership, please notify Membership Committee at wcgbr09@yahoo.com or Martha Dishongh at 225-752-6628. Also feel free to contact Membership Committee if you need more information or your member ID number.

Join us for the 2010 Race For The Cure!



WC members and friends at 2009 Race for the Cure

Come join us to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Susan G Komen Race for the Cure for breast cancer on Saturday, March 7, 2010.

The Komen Race for the Cure raises significant funds and awareness for the fight against breast cancer, celebrates breast cancer survivorship and honors those who have lost their battle with the disease.

Over 100 Women's Council members and friends participated in last year's Race for the Cure and we hope to increase our numbers this year!

If you wish to join us as a team member, you can par-

ticipate whether you want to run the 5K, walk or run the one-mile Fun Run, volunteer to help with the event, or just cheer from the sidelines. This wonderful event has all the traits of everything we all love about the Women's Council--caring, hard work, determination, fun-loving optimistic spirit and a great cause! You'll be glad you came. For more info click [here](#). Contact Libby Quintana for details- libby.quintana@yahoo.com.

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Special Events By Members

Women Chef's Show Off

The Capital Area Family Violence Intervention Center/Battered Women's Program will be presenting its 15th **Annual Women Chefs' Show Off. Save the Date. Thursday, March 11, 2010** is the date for this tasty and mouth watering event. This exciting and worthwhile event will be held at the Sheraton Hotel Convention Center Atrium. If you would like to join us at the Women's Council table, please contact Kristina at 928-4193 or kristina@shapiroandshapiro.com and deliver your \$60 check to 1500 Lombell Ave. prior to March 6th.

Capital City Caper

Join the fun as Capital City Caper kicks off its zany limousine scavenger hunt right here in downtown Baton Rouge. It will begin and end at the **Hilton Capital Center on Sunday, March 14, 2010**. Gather your friends and build a team of 8 to solve the clues and earn points towards victory. It's not about figuring out where you are going or retrieving an item when you get there, but instead solving puzzling clues that might be physical or mental in nature. Contact Erica at 346-5095 or for more info.

Trinity Institute's 2010 Theological Conference

Building an Ethical Economy will bring together leading theologians and economists to talk about the relationship between economics and Christian belief and action. Speakers will address topics including: • Theology & Economics: Two Different Worlds? • Is Capitalism a Belief System? • What Is Wealth? • What Do We Owe the Future?

To register or for more information contact the Rev. Laurie Brock, Associate Rector and Director of St. James Center for Spiritual Formation at lbrock@stjamesbr.org.

HELP WANTED:

RESOURCE FAIR NEEDS HELP

Calling individuals, organizations, schools, and businesses offering services of particular interest to women.

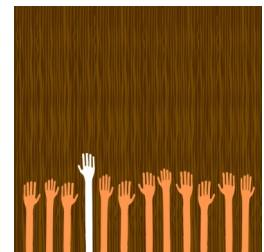
The **resource fair** offers display space at our planned conferences on improving the lives of women--money, work, family, personal. Our wonderful program offers sixteen informational sessions to conference attendees. Date and place to be announced.

If you are interested in participating or helping, or for more information, please e-mail member@wcqbr.com or call (225) 302-8018 Ext. 5. Give your name and contact information and a brief description of your participation interest.

Other Help needed. Please click [here](#) for more information on how you can help.

Patrons Committee Needs Volunteers

If you are interested in helping us raise funds for this year's Women's Week, please contact Patron Chair, Erica Malone at bookbooglar@yahoo.com.



Like to help us out???
We'd love to have you!

WBC– A Short History

The Governor's Office called Karen Vingiello, the organizer of the Market Place, in September, 2008. They recommended that Women's Council apply for a grant through the Small Business Administration (SBA) since we already had a business component. The maximum grant was \$150,000 requiring a \$75,000 match for the first year.

The initial organizational meeting was held on November 18, 2008 at Mary Bird Perkins. At that time we thought we had to have a final application ready by January. As luck would have it, a professional grant writer appeared and offered her services – Jennifer Baird with Nancy Hammatt to assist. We set about collecting the information that Jennifer would need.

On November 25, Anita White, Jaimie Smith, Karen Vingiello, Jo Ann Bell and I drove to Lafayette to meet with Sherie Lazare, director of the Acadiana Center. Cookie Tuminello met us there. Sheri quickly became our greatest resource. Since she set up the center in Lafayette only one year before, she knew all the required details.

The committee met again on December 2 at Anita's house to set up committees and assign tasks. Another meeting was held on December 13 with Sheri Lazare in attendance. Sheri suggested that we start by coming in under her grant. The many advantages quickly convinced us to choose that option.

As it turned out, the grant was not available this year. In the interim, we decided to have four quarterly conferences for women. We had hoped to have the first one on November 7. However, November's busy schedule convinced us to reschedule in February. Although we are operating on a shoe string, we hope that our efforts will result in a long history for the WBC.

Karen Groves, Historian

Silver Magnolias Now Accepting Applications



2009 Silver Magnolias standing from left: Helen Spears, Evelyn Robinson, Vera Martin, Sheila Smith, Sue Braud, and Rosa Polk. sitting from left: Bette Levine and Mary Jetson.

Silver Magnolias Committee is now accepting applications for the 2010 Silver Magnolias. Applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2010 to be considered. Applications are now available on the Women's Council website at www.wcgb.com. You can mail you application to WCGBR Silver Magnolia Committee P.O. Box 80138 Baton Rouge, LA 70898. For more information contact Patsy Wilkerson at patsywilkerson6060@att.net.

Next
Women's
Marketplace
meeting
will be
January
28th, 2010,
at 6 pm at
St. Paul's
Lutheran

Women's Market Place

Women's Marketplace will kickoff the new year on Thursday evening, January 28th, 2010 at 6:00 pm. . Come join in on the fun, as we meet one another and brainstorm ideas to make this year the best yet. \$10.00 fee covers the cost of the delicious buffet dinner, prepared by Pamela Hardy Catering. Please RSVP to member@wcgbr.com

Meeting at St. Paul Lutheran Church, corner of Tara Blvd. and Old Hammond.

Member Spotlight



WC Member,
Mary Jacob

For several years Mary Jacob has filled several important and time-consuming positions. She is a Board member and has served as the Chair of the Activities Committee. As Activities Chair, Mary has worked tirelessly to streamline the Activity Registration process in order to be more user friendly and efficient. Her position has been one of the most high profile jobs on the Women's Council. Mary Jacob has been a face for the Women's Council to the Baton Rouge community. She has represented us with grace and determination. It is her attention to detail that has built confidence in the Women's Council and has developed relationships within the Baton Rouge community that has spanned years. Because Mary is a woman of her word, so too, the Women's Council of GBR is considered to be dependable and worthy of commitment. Her efforts have grown Women's Week so much so that last year we were able to offer over 180 activities to the women of Baton Rouge.

Mary Jacob is retiring from her position as Chair of the Activities Committee. We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for her service to the Women's Council. And when we say retiring, what we really mean is that Mary Jacob is going to be serving the WC as our Website Tzarina, another high profile and time-consuming job.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you Mary Jacob for your service.



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