



Women's TIME

June 4, 2009

Special points of interest:

- Tea for Two a huge success
- We need your help to get Patrons for WW!
- Women's Business Center opening soon
- Member Announcements
- Next WCGBR Council Meeting Thursday, June 11th- 11:30am

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Tea for Two Helps Us Grow by Nine!

The Women's Council of Greater Baton Rouge held its annual open house **Tea for Two** on May 17th at the home of member Mary Frey Eaton. Her daughter Barbara Anne graciously helped us welcome attendees to their beautiful and spacious home.

Over sixty people attended the event, including Sheri Lazare the director of the ECGC Women's Business Center of Lafayette who is guiding us in our plans to have a Women's Business Center of our own. Vice President Jaimie Smith spoke to the group and explained the purpose of Women's Council and benefits of membership. By the end of the day, nine wonderful women had joined our organization.

Thanks to all the **Tea-rrific** women who supported us to make this event a success including all who got the word out, all who attended, all of the Membership Committee and all those who joined our organization today.



Women's Council members assist a new member with her application.



Jaimie Smith addresses the attendees at the Tea for Two.

Call For All Sponsors!

Ladies, if you participated in Women's Week in prior years, you know what an exciting and popular program it is. It is urgent, especially this year, that all members of Women's Council assist us in obtaining new sponsors for this event. Sponsors can be anyone, including our individual or small business members! Sponsorships begin at \$100. A schedule of benefits and the Patron Sponsorship packet is available online at http://www.wcgbr.com/womensweek/ww09_PatronsPacket.pdf or by calling me. If you know someone who may be interested in being a sponsor, please call them! Tell them about this **exceptional advertising and promotional opportunity that reaches over 15,000 women**. Then let me know and my committee will follow up. If they would like a copy of last year's Activity Booklet, I will be happy to mail this to them. To be included in all promotional materials, we need a commitment by June 19th. **Kristina Shapiro, Patron Committee Co-Chair, 928-4193.**



While we "mean business" with these workshops, there will, as always with Women's Council events, be plenty of fun, too.

Women's Business Center Opens November

We all know the purpose of Women's Council is to connect, promote, and empower women, and nothing empowers women like financial savvy. Financial knowledge and know-how in our changing economic climate is the focus of the four daylong women's conferences the Women's Business Center (WBC) will offer each quarter beginning in November.

The first workshop will be all about the basics- earning, managing, and saving money, and living better and smarter on what you have now. The second, early next year, will build on the basics with smart planning, tax strategy, and preparation for the future. The third, in the spring, focuses on

creating the economic stability and security necessary for pursuing hopes, dreams, and ambitions. And, the final workshop, to be held in the summer, focuses on relaxation, fun, and enjoyment both now and in your financial future.

While we "mean business" with these workshops, there will, as always with Women's Council events, be plenty of fun, too. Having to get serious about living on less and saving more won't mean sacrificing fun, fashion, self-development, and good times for the financially savvy woman. We'll explore these things, too.

The November conference will offer a fair to help you learn

where to go for the resources you want, a luncheon to gather us together, and breakout sessions for more detailed information on areas of particular interest to you. Each conference will have a similar structure, and each will offer opportunities on all levels of knowledge and expertise to take you from the very beginning or build on what you already know. Most of the presentations will be made by some of our many knowledgeable, experienced, and talented members.

Watch for more info soon to come!

Women's Week Activities Registration Opens for 2009!

The Women's Council of Greater Baton Rouge (WCGBR) has opened its doors for the eighth consecutive year and is now accepting activities for the Women's Week celebration. Women's Week runs for ten days from September 25th to October 4th. This year's theme is "Women Mean Business!"

Activity registration forms for the 2009 Women's Week Celebration have been distributed. However, if you have not received a registration form and would like to submit your activity, you may register online at www.wcgb.com then click the Women's Week tab and go to Women's Week Activities.

The closing date for registration is the 19th of June 2009. For more information call Mary Jacob at (225) 753-4226 or email at mjacob53@cox.net.

Visit the Website Photo Gallery

Did you know that WCGBR website has a PHOTO GALLERY which has almost 20 folders containing event pictures that go back to 2006?

Event folders for 2009 contain pictures of the Officer and Board Induction, Race for the

Cure, Silver Magnolia Tea, and "Tea for Two" Open House. You can view these pictures and even download those you would like to keep onto your computer.

You can reach the Photo Gallery by clicking on the "Photos" tab at the top of

the website main page or you can go to <http://www.wcgb.com/photos/igallery.asp>

For more information or to submit pictures of an event, contact Mary Jacob at mjacob53@cox.net or call 753-4226.

In The Beginning: A Moment in Women's TIME



The Women's Council was conceived by Debbie Orsot who moved to Baton Rouge in April, 1993, from Lake Charles where she had been involved with a

women's council. Baton Rouge did not have a similar group. Mayor McHugh referred her to Jan Bernard who worked in his office. After meeting over the next few months, they recruited an additional eight or nine women. This group invited chairs of various organizations to the first meeting. After some informal meetings, the first official year was 1994. On March 12, 1994, the Council adopted its first bylaws and elected its first officers and Coordinating Council. The first President was Willie Johnson with Dovusher Sadler, VP, Roberta Madden, Secretary, and

Debra White, Treasurer. Members of the Coordinating Council were: Jan Bernard, Debbie Orsot, Beverly Chevalier, Erlene Bradford, Mary Frey Eaton, Georgia Brown, BEBE Facundus, Dr. Laura Cassidy, Pam Gallant, Dorothy Jenkins, Bette Levine, Carmen Lindig, Allene Rayford, Debra Lazare, Lynda Schilf, Geraldine Simms, and Marsha Wade. Leaders of many women's organizations in Baton Rouge were invited to attend and participate in developing the first conference.

Karen Groves - Historian

Women's Week kicks off with a luncheon this year at Boudreaux's on Friday, September 25th.

Tickets for this luncheon are only \$35, and will be available for sale in June.

So mark your calendars today!

Special Announcements By Members

Women's Council member, Linda Allred, was featured in the May issue of Town Favorites magazine. You can read the article at <http://www.townfavorites.com/TFJournal400.htm>

If you have an upcoming event or would like to share something with us, please contact Erica Malone at

bookbooglar@yahoo.com

HELP WANTED:

Activity Committee Seeks Leads for New Women's Week Activities

Members are encouraged to provide leads for new activities for Women's Week. If you have an idea, please contact Lois Folse at 938-7944 or loisfolse@cox.net. Some suggestions we've gotten include basic house maintenance and repair, quilting, needlework, antique collecting, interior design, updating your wardrobe/accessorizing, and closet design/organization. If you know anyone who does any of these, please let Lois know.

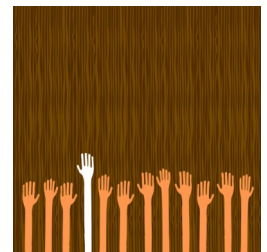
Activity contracts must be finalized by June 19 in order to meet the booklet printing deadline.

Presenters wanted for WBC conferences

Women's Council members willing to share particular knowledge, wisdom, and expertise. If you would like to be considered for making a presentation at one of our four women's conferences during the next year, please send a cover page or letter with your basic contact info and credentials, an outline or concise summary of your presentation, and any hand-out materials you would offer. To submit an application or for more information, please contact: Anita White, 2924 Brakley Drive, Suite A-3, Baton Rouge, LA 70816; phone - (225) 293-6914; fax - (225) 293-6452; e-mail - anitarozaswhite@bellsouth.net.

What do you know that is important for other women to know? We are looking for members who know about managing money, meeting life's necessities (food, clothing, shelter, transportation), living well, developing skills, setting and achieving goals, establishing and running a business, getting a job or promotion, putting yourself through school, looking good, being comfortable in different social situations, stretching dollars, having fun, getting through tough times, enjoying life.

We want to add in-house presentations to our roster of sessions for all four conferences.



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

We Need Your Help with Membership Dues

Women's Week will be here before you know it. If you are planning to present an activity you will need to have your membership current. Verifying that you are current now will facilitate the process for you and us.

Why are we bringing this to your attention again, you may ask. It appears our message has not reached all of our members. There has been some confusion due to work on our website, policy changes, and growing numbers of members and projects. We want to apologize for that and clarify changes. So, please read the following information carefully for parts that pertain to you.

The Board voted last year to return to calendar year membership terms (Jan-Dec) beginning this year (2009) with everyone renewing on January 1st of each year. **What this means for you:**

If you joined during Women's Week 2008 - your dues are paid until January 1, 2010, and you need do nothing until then. *As always, for those who join during Women's Week through the end of the year, we will continue to extend your membership from the date you join through the end of the following calendar year.*

If you are a renewing member who paid your dues on or AFTER September 1, 2008 - your membership is valid until January 1, 2010, and you need do nothing until then. *For this transition year, all renewing members who paid after September 1, 2008 receive an extension from the time dues were paid through the end of the following calendar year.*

If you are a renewing member who paid your dues BEFORE September 1, 2008 - your membership has expired and you need to renew **NOW**. *For further instructions, go to our Website, www.wcgbr.com and click on the box to the left under "News & Updates" that begins with the date "3/1/2009".*

Note:

- To renew online, you need your Member ID. If you have forgotten it, **please contact** Martha Dishongh ***rather than creating a brand new profile.***
- If you are still not sure whether your dues are current, or if you have any questions, please get in touch with Martha Dishongh (contact info is included below).
- If you decide you do not want to continue your membership with the WCGBR, we ask that you notify us so we can update our directory. Refer to contact info below.

We want to help you keep your membership current so together we can continue to grow and to be able to enhance our community by connecting, promoting and empowering women. Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

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Women's Council of Greater Baton Rouge Welcomes the *Disney Institute* to Baton Rouge
on June 16, 2009

It doesn't take any training to recognize that the world's economy has taken a significant downturn. It does take effective and proven professional development training to guide impacted organizations back to the summit.

A one-day local workshop, the Disney Keys to Excellence program is a rare and affordable opportunity to learn best business practices from Disney insiders, and discover ways to easily and immediately adapt and apply those best practices to pick up the pace in these slow economic times.

Organizations from across the nation and around the world have learned proven philosophies, adapted critical lessons, and implemented effective processes to reap the rewards of improvements in **leadership, management, service, and brand loyalty.**

Professional development doesn't cost—it pays. It pays by creating a framework of focused energy in a vacuum of uncertainty. It pays by helping an organization gain share in a slow economy. It pays because it has been proven to strengthen employee morale and retention, which will be critical to emerge from tough times.

IMPORTANT: Please use Women's Council of Greater Baton Rouge promotional code WCGBRMNE to receive **\$50 OFF PER GUEST** when registering. Additional group discounts are available.

TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER GO TO: www.KeysBatonRouge.com

No prerequisite training required.