



Women's Council  
OF GREATER BATON ROUGE

Connecting, Promoting & Empowering Women

# Women's TIME

November 2009

Special  
points of  
interest:

- Facts About Women's Week
- Luncheon
- Meet & Greet
- Member Events coming up- you won't want to miss!
- Next WCGBR Council Meeting Thursday, Nov. 12th, 11:30am

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## Women's Week Luncheon Facts

### Did You Know?

1. Boudreaux's has been the site for the luncheon every year since 2004. The 2002 and 2003 kick-off events were breakfasts at the Centroplex.
2. Coffee mugs with our logo have always been the tradition as favors for luncheon attendees. Each mug is different. If you have been to all of the luncheons, you should have a collection of six mugs. Ditty bags have been given at all eight events.
3. One speaker has given the keynote twice. Kathleen Passanisi, a humorist, spoke in 2006 and 2008. She volunteered for 2006 following Katrina as a tribute to Louisiana women.
4. Two speakers have been from Louisiana. Jean Gatz, the 2007 nationally known speaker, lives in Baton Rouge. The 2004 speaker was General S.C. Cadoria who grew up in Marksville, Louisiana.
5. The Silver Magnolias were first introduced at the 2004 Luncheon.
6. The first theme was added in 2004 with *Women Taking Charge*. That was followed by *Women of Courage* in 2005, *Humor, Hope and Healing* in 2006, *For the Everyday Woman* in 2007, *For the Ever-Changing Woman* in 2008, and *Women Mean Business* this year to introduce our Women's Business Center.



Karen Groves, Historian

## Meet & Greet Luncheon This Week!

After the flurry of activities from *Women! A Week-Long Celebration* is over, the Women's Council of Greater Baton Rouge keeps on going, as it does all year. In place of our General Membership meeting for the month of November, we will hold our Annual Fall Meet and Greet Luncheon. The purpose is for new and prospective members to learn more about the Women's Council and to honor our Women's Week sponsors. Please join us for lunch on Thursday, **November 12 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm** at the First United Methodist Church (930 North Blvd.) in Baton Rouge. **RSVP by November 6:** (225) 302-8018 ext. 1 (Membership) or [wcgbr09@yahoo.com](mailto:wcgbr09@yahoo.com). *The Women's Council of Greater Baton Rouge is a nonprofit organization made up of diverse groups and individuals committed to enhancing our community by connecting, promoting and empowering women.* Visit our Website at <http://www.wcgbr.com>.

**2010 Membership Renewals Due January 1, 2010**

Membership dues are for calendar years. So 2010 WCGBR Membership renewals are due January 1, 2010.

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

To renew your membership and keep receiving member benefits, please renew by January 1, 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](http://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:

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

**If you decide not to renew** your membership, please notify Membership Committee at [wcgr09@yahoo.com](mailto:wcgr09@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.

# Women's Week Luncheon a Success



Women's Council President, Anita White, thanking Women's Week Luncheon speaker, Lisa Bull

Women's Week was nothing short of a huge success including the luncheon that kicked off the week's activities.

The luncheon began with a presentation by Irma Plummer of the Mayor's office who announced that Mayor, Kip Holden, officially declared the week "Women's Week". The audience then enjoyed a lovely musical performance by a lyrical quartet followed by recognition of this year's Silver Magnolias.

This year's speaker, Lisa Bull, focused on opportunity and how we can sometimes miss opportunity in our lives if we aren't proactively seeking it. Lisa gave the audience some thoughtful things to consider and apply to everyday life.

In closing, Temeka Perrin gave an overview of what activities would be taking place and gave other useful information about the Women's Week. Attendees were given a ditty bag of useful items donated by our Activity Sponsors and were ready to dive into Women's Week.

**Mayor Kip Holden officially declared the week of Sept. 25th– October 4th as "Women's Week".**

## Special Events By Members

### Broadmoor Arts & Crafts Show:

Friday, November 20th 3PM– 9PM  
Saturday, November 21st 9PM– 4PM  
Visit Tiffany Temple's booth, [Joyful Creations](#).

### Christmas Concert:

Kristina Shapiro, clarinet player in the Baton Rouge concert band, invites everyone to attend the

annual **Christmas Concert** on Sunday, December 6, 2009 at 3:00 PM at the St. Joseph Cathedral (412 North Street) downtown. The concert is free.

### Yelp! Adoption Events in B.R.:

No Kill BR, an initiative to end the euthanization of healthy and treatable companion animals in the Greater Baton Rouge area announces upcoming pet adoption events. For more info, click [here](#).

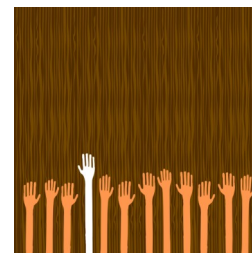
If you have an announcement for the next newsletter email Erica at [bookbooglar@yahoo.com](mailto:bookbooglar@yahoo.com)

## HELP WANTED:

### Presenters Needed For Women's Business Center

The Women's Business Center is accepting applications from members who are interested in making presentations at the quarterly women's conferences on personal, family, and business finance beginning in November 2009. The planned range of presentations includes all aspects of women's lives as they relate to finances– earning or preparing to earn money, handling money, using money wisely, saving money, looking good and enjoying life on less money, planning for your financial future, etc. Please send your name, contact info,

credentials (CV), and a brief description or outline of your proposed presentations with a copy of handouts to : Anita White, 2924 Brakley Drive, Suite A-3, Baton Rouge, LA 70816 or email to [anitarozaswhite@bellsouth.net](mailto:anitarozaswhite@bellsouth.net).



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

**The Women's Council of Greater Baton Rouge**

cordially invites you to our

**Holiday Luncheon**

**December 10, 2009**

**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

**Juban's Restaurant  
3739 Perkins Road  
Baton Rouge, LA**

**Cost: \$25**

**Come experience the "Sights and Sounds of the Season"  
Featuring Holiday celebrations and traditions  
From around the world**

Holiday giving this year will be in the form of donations to the Food Bank

Please bring non-perishable food items as your holiday gift

Suggested value: \$10

**R.S.V.P. with payment for the luncheon must be received by December 4, 2009**

R.S.V.P. to Kristina at (225) 928-4193 or [Kristina@ShapiroAndShapiro.com](mailto:Kristina@ShapiroAndShapiro.com)

Payment can be mailed to:  
Kristina Shapiro  
1500 Lobdell Avenue, Suite B  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806

[www.wcgr.com](http://www.wcgr.com)

PayPal not available for this event

## Women's Business Conference Rescheduled

The Women's Council is rescheduling the first "**Women and Finances**" conference in late February, 2010.

Want to learn more about how to reach your goals and get the most out of life? This conference is designed to help you explore ways to improve your financial picture, manage what you have, live better and smarter and have more fun on less, and plan for your and your family's future. It will address personal, family, and business finances, life skills, and fulfillment.

Originally scheduled for early November, the conference has been moved to a more open time on the calendar. Watch for more information.

Call (225) 302-8018, Ext. 5.

**"Women and Finances" conference rescheduled for February, 2010.**

## Women's Market Place

Women's Market Place celebrated it's One Year Anniversary!

Women gathering to support one another in small business in a casual setting, perfect for exchanging ideas and coming up with new ones. Women's Market Place, the evening meeting for women interested in business, meets the 4th Thursday of the month at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Tara Blvd at Old Hammond. 6:00 pm [rsvp4pm@gmail.com](mailto:rsvp4pm@gmail.com) to make your reservation for dinner. \$10 members, \$12 guests

## Nominations Open for Officers and Board Members for 2010

**Nominations Open** for Officers and Board Members for 2010

- Nominations are open for Officers and Board Members
- Download nomination form [here](#).

You may nominate yourself or someone else, but please get her consent first if you nominate someone else.

# Member Spotlight

## Mayor Proclaims “Mary Frey Eaton Day”

At the O’Brian House Benefit Breakfast on September 11<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Kip Holden proclaimed the day in honor of Mary Frey Eaton. Ms. Eaton was honored for her contribution to the field of substance abuse. Mayor Holden spoke of Ms. Eaton’s dedication to creating a great voice of advocacy by uniting the community’s support.

In 2004 The Women’s Council of GBR honored Ms. Eaton as a Silver Magnolia for her lifetime service and contribution in organizations such as United Way, the Arts Council, Volunteer Baton Rouge and the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce. She has also served BR as Mayor Pro Tem and as a Metropolitan Council member.

Ms. Eaton is a most lovely and gracious lady. She opens her home to the Women’s Council each year for our annual Spring Tea. Congratulations, Dear Friend!



WC member, Linda Allred, poses in front of her friends from left– Karen Alford, Jude Barbier, Carol Frazier, and Rhonda Gielen at the **Attire for Hire** clothing drive Oct. 17th.

## Women’s Council member helps collect clothes for “Attire for Hire”

The Fleur de Lis Chapter of Business and Professional Women (BPW) joined forces with the Baton Rouge’s Women in Media to host the annual community **Attire for Hire** clothing drive to collect used work-appropriate attire for local women re-entering the workplace. Kean’s Fine Dry Cleaning graciously allowed them to collect the clothes at two of their locations.

According to Women’s Council member, Linda Allred, “The weather was absolutely gorgeous, and we had a fun time collecting the clothes from all of the wonderful people in our community. I can tell you that we all felt privileged to be a part of such a worth while cause.”

## Community Giving Day at Whole Foods

September 17th was Community Giving Day at Whole Foods. Five (5%) percent of sales that day was donated to Women’s Council of Greater Baton Rouge.

Thank you all who manned (womanned?) the table, talked to shoppers, and represented Women’s Council so ably.

And, thanks to all who shopped! It was an exhilarating day.



Women’s Council members, Nancy Hammatt, Temeka Perrin, and Alicia Murphy at Whole Foods for **Community Giving Day**.