



Women's Resource Center Update

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2010 Annual Membership Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Women's Resource Center invites you to attend our Annual Membership Meeting. Annual reports will be distributed and the 2010 Executive Board and Board of Directors will be elected.

When: Thursday, January 21, 2010

**Where: Dubsdread Banquet Hall
549 West Par Street
Orlando, FL 32804**

Time: 6pm - 8pm

Food, Cash Bar

Free to members

RSVP to Mimi Mora at 407 426-7960

2010 BOARD NOMINATIONS

The Nominations Committee has presented the following slate for the 2010 Central Florida Women's Resource Center Board of Directors to be voted on by the membership at the Annual Meeting on January 21st, 2010.

Officers

President: Julia Hartwell
President Elect: Ruth Patrick
Vice President: Mary Jane Grant
Treasurer: Jan Richmer, Janice T. Richmer,
C.P.A., P.A.

Continuing on the Board for their 2nd Year

Ralphetta Aker, Past President
Sultana Ali
Deborah Hessler
Kate Kinsley, Immediate Past President
Dawn Steward
Dale Walker

Returning Board Members for New Two Year Term

Amanda Conochalla
Nancy Forbes
Cathie Rising-Clark
Patty DeYoung
Jill Hamilton
Eva Krzewinski
Nicole Ostertag
Sandy Rendek
Georgiana Tynes

New Board Nominees

Karen Aulich, AT&T, retired
**Sultana Haque, CPLA, P.A. – Attorneys
and Counselors at Law**
Deborah Touchton, Stetson University

**Central Florida
Women's Resource
Center**

2009 Officers

President

Julia Hartwell

President Elect

Ruth Patrick

Vice President

Mary Jane Grant

Treasurer

Sandy Wilkening

Past President

Kate Kinsley, Ph. D.

**2009 Board of
Directors**

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Cathie Rising-Clarke
Amanda Conochalla
Patty DeYoung
Nancy Forbes
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President's Notes:

By Julia Hartwell, President of Women's Resource Center Board; Regional Manager, Florida Hospital

It's hard to believe that my first year as WRC President is already coming to an end. This year has been a very exciting one for the Women's Resource Center. I want to thank the Board and members who helped make this year so successful. WRC has a lot to be proud of including:

- 12 Not-For-Profit agencies were recipients of the **2009 Summit Impact Grant**. Over **\$47,200** were awarded to fund programs that support education, prevention, and issues related to sexual assault.
- An inspiring 25th Summit Awards. This year, five outstanding women were recognized for over 25 years of community service. Congratulations to this year's winners: Mena Bonnewitz, Martha O. Haynie, Harriett Lake, Linda Hanlon Sutherland and Annetta Wilson. In addition, Becky Cherney, one of the founders of WRC, was awarded with the Founders Award.
- Supporting the Clothesline Project by providing volunteers, t-shirts and other supplies. This year two were held, one at UCF and one at Lake Eola.
- A grant to the John C. Garrett Thanksgiving Food Drive. Together with Joy Metropolitan Community Church and various organizations, over 540 meals were provided to underprivileged families.
- A WRC Strategic Planning Session. With the help of Mark Brewer from the Community Foundation, WRC has been undergoing a strategic planning process.

As we approach 2010, the nominating committee has assembled a board that has the talents and commitment to continue our mission of supporting our community by recognizing the power of women; celebrating women's achievements; connecting with other women's organizations; and identifying, impacting and supporting women's social, educational, health, political, economic, spiritual and artistic issues. You can help by volunteering your time and resources.

Happy New Year! I hope to see you all at the Annual Meeting on January 21, 2010!

Welcome New Members

**Mena Bonnewitz
Judy Ellis
Sandra Goodwin
Jill Heroux
Deborah Kreiger
Holly Luisi
Meredith McWaters
Lois Silverberg
Lois Turbin**

WRC is Working Together to Make a Difference...

WRC Contributes for 5th Year to John C. Garrett Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Women's Resource Center was a proud sponsor for the fifth year in a row for the John C. Garrett Thanksgiving Food Drive. Together with Joy Metropolitan Community Church and various other community organizations, WRC provided over 540 meals for underprivileged families throughout Central Florida during Thanksgiving week.

Volunteers gathered before Thanksgiving at Joy MCC to assemble Thanksgiving baskets that included mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, gravy mix, cranberry sauce and a small holiday gift. Each basket (actually a bag), which included a frozen turkey added to each of the bags, provides enough food to feed ten people. The bags were then distributed through Central Florida Agencies that had signed up to receive and distribute the meals to underprivileged families that would be unable to afford a Thanksgiving dinner on their own.



Food ready to be packed

WRC's donation provided 54 baskets and is proud to, once again, be part of this very worthy cause.

WRC Strategic Planning Session

With the help of Mark Brewer from the Community Foundation, WRC has been undergoing a strategic planning process. At the first meeting on November 11th, Mark and the board shared many ideas about the future goals of WRC. While the process is not yet complete, the goals of the meeting were achieved. Accomplishments included review of WRC's outcomes and impact over the last few years, assessment of the "business WRC is in"; and discussion and agreement on short-term action plans to create and/or improve elements of the mission and strategy for the organization. The outcome of the discussions will result in a redesign and launch of a new, more focused business plan for WRC.



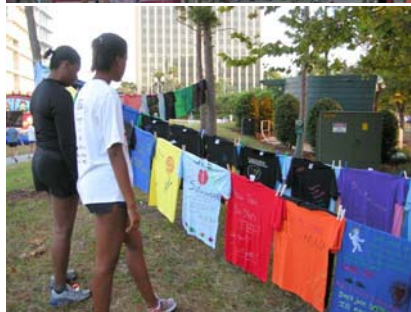
Clockwise from upper left; Mark Brewer presents the current marketplace; Mark, Julia Hartwell and Jan Richmer share ideas; Kate Kinsley tells of WRC's history; Mark observes Jill Hamilton, Ruth Patrick, Dawn Steward, Sultana Ali and Ralphetta Aker in breakout group; Mark summarizes groups findings, Ruth discusses the goals.

WRC Co-Sponsors the Clothesline Project

The Clothesline Project

The Clothesline Project display of T-shirts from victims of sexual assault was held at the The Dick Batchelor Run for Children on Saturday, October 24th, at Lake Eola Park. Counselors and WRC members assembled in the wee hours of the morning to set-up and staff the event.

WRC is a major sponsor of the Clothesline Project, providing t-shirts for healing art therapy and other supplies as well as helping with setup and staffing of the display. Other supporting agencies include the Healing Tree, Harbor House and Women's Residential Counseling Center (WRCC). The collaboration continues to raise awareness about the severity of domestic violence, and offers a time of healing to victims and their families.



*WRC wishes you
A
Happy Holiday
And A
Prosperous New Year*

**To Outgoing Board Members:
Marianne King
Sandy Wilkening**

Our Thanks

"Be the change you wish to see." Gandhi

In Memoriam – Cindy Romagnoli

by Kate Kinsley



Cindy Romagnoli passed away on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, after a battle with cancer. Cindy was the WRC Office Administrator in 2005-2008. She was a wonderful, competent, sweet person and will be missed by WRC.

Cindy is survived by her husband, Julian; their daughters, Cristina and Ashlinn; her mother and father, Clara and Henry Curtin; sister, Dianne Yancey and her husband, Michael; and three brothers, Henry Curtin and his wife, Jeannie; Jeff Curtin; and Paul Curtin and his wife Kim.

Cindy's Memorial Mass and celebration of life will be January 15th at 10AM at the South Patrick Chapel. (Chapel phone: 1-321-494-4073, address: 854 Harrier Street, Satellite Beach Fl 32937)

*"I stretch lame hands of faith, and grope,
And gather dust and chaff, and call
To what I feel is Lord of all,
And faintly trust the larger hope." In Memoriam, Tennyson*



Clockwise from upper left Cindy (far left) at planning meeting with Sultana Ali and Jeanne Adam, Cindy (far right) at Ten Thousand Villages with other attendees, Cindy (middle) on Clothesline duty, Cindy and daughter Cristina wrapping gifts for WRCC families for the holidays.

Thank You For Your Support!

WRC would like to thank all of its members for their support this year. You should have received an invoice for next year's membership. We would like to especially recognize our patrons, lifetime, small business and corporate sponsors at this time.

Patrons

Jennifer Corcoran Dorothy Dukes Carolyn Fennell Mario Garcia Mickey Griffin Jill Hamilton Susan Harris	Shari V. Hodgson N. Diane Holmes Dolores Indek Jacqueline Jones Junior League of Orlando Michelle Larschan Lynda Mays	Cassandra Patterson Allen Schwalb Andrea Sell Denise Solis Georgiana Tynes Joyce Whidden
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Lifetime

Ralphetta Aker Lelia Allen Wendy Anderson Vernice Atkins-Bradley Lori Booker Margaret Brownlee Betty Carter Becky Cherney Anne Chinoda Mercerdese Clark Anne Curtis Ava Doppelt Susan Drukman Kitty Jean Ellison	Susan Epley Melanie Fernandez Sharon Foley Pamela Goodrich Lindsay Harnish Karen Jensen Kathy Johnson Marianne King Kate Kinsley Sharon Laisure Harriett Lake Marianne Levy Brenda Long Paula Marmorstone	Mercedes McCall Kathy McCoy Joan Milligan Rebecca Mooroose Susan Morris Lola Narvaez Beverly Paulk, CFP Cathie Rising-Clarke Kathleen Russell Sandra Spang Melinda Stewart Natalie Stiles Jan Stratton Holly Stuart Nancy Weber
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Small Business

Rosana Almeida, A2Z Cleaning Inc. Brenda Barry, M.D., Brenda M. Barry, MD Andrea Eliscu, Medical Marketing Inc.	Teresa McElwee, Justice & Peace Office, Inc. Monica Richter, Justice and Peace Office Tamara Sobieski, Woman Care Centers of FL Dawn Vaughan, The Vaughan Edwards Group
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Corporate

BETA Center, Hope Kramer Central FL Health Care Coalition, Becky Cherney Darden Restaurants, Patricia DeYoung Datawise Inc, Kathryn Kinsley Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation, Inc, David Odahowski Florida Hospital, Julia Hartwell Jennie C. Linders Fund, Kim Whitehurst	Nemours, Karen Breakell Orlando Health Care, Betsy Culpepper Orlando Magic, Ana Padilla Pearls for Women, Eva Krzewinski SeaWorld, Aquitica, Discovery Cove, Jennifer Dirscherl Valencia Foundation, Geraldine Gallagher
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**The Central Florida Women's Resource Center, Inc.
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Name _____
First Name MI Last Name

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Street/PO Box City State Zip Code

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Employer _____ Occupation/Title _____

Business Address _____
Street/PO Box City State Zip Code

Business Phone _____ Fax _____ E-Mail _____

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Membership Categories: Membership serves from January through December. Please prorate your dues as to which quarter you are paying (i.e. Qtr. 1=100%; Qtr.2=75%; Qtr. 3=50%; Qtr. 4=25%).

- () Individual (\$40.00 per year)
- () Patron (\$75.00 per year)
- () Small Business - less than 25 employees (\$150.00 per year)
- () Corporation - 25 or more employees (\$300.00 per year)
- () Lifetime (\$300.00 one time fee) (\$300.00)

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Type of Payment: _____(Cash-Amount) _____(Check-Amount) _____(Charge Card – Amount)

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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND BENEFITS

Membership Category: Membership serves from January through December. Please prorate your dues as to which quarter you are paying (i.e. Qtr. 1=100%; Qtr. 2=75%; Qtr. 3=50%; Qtr. 4=25%).

- \$40 **Individual** - Quarterly newsletter, Membership directory, reduced rate at WRC programs.
- \$75 **Patron** - Receives all individual benefits plus a special listing in Membership directory and listing in one newsletter.
- \$150 **Small Business** - Membership for 2 people, which includes all individual benefits, special listing for the business in Membership directory and one newsletter, one free small ad in Summit program or discount on a larger ad.
- \$300 **Corporate** - Membership for 4 people, which includes all individual benefits, company will receive special listing in directory and one newsletter and special recognition at Summit Awards Dinner, 1/2 page ad or discount on full page ad in Summit program.
- \$300 **Lifetime** - Individual membership benefits, special listing in one newsletter, special listing in membership directory, invitation to Summit Reception.