



# Derby City Pacesetter

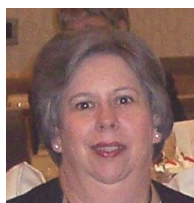
**Derby City Chapter, FEW, #082, Louisville, Kentucky**

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<http://fewderbycity.org>

**Jan/Feb 2010**

*January is Stalking Awareness Month  
January 18 is Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
February is African American History Month  
February 10-12 is SE Regional Training Program  
February 15 is Presidents' Day*



## **President's Message**

Happy New Year everyone! Can you believe it is already 2010? I know that I can't believe 2009 is gone – just happy memories. For most of us, time zips by, one day into the next, and during the busiest moments, like Christmas and the holidays, we get so caught up in what we're doing that we often forget to just stop and enjoy the moment. My hope is that you take the time in 2010 to join Derby City Chapter for some of the exciting times and programs we are planning for the New Year. Please take the time to read the articles submitted on our upcoming events as well as the programs for January and February. I think you will find the topics are quite interesting and will be presented by very interesting ladies like our own Judy Dillander who works as a Senior Compliance Officer for the Department of Labor and Retired Judge Toni Stringer who is also the sister of our members, Anita and Valerie Stringer. All federally employed women do interesting work and it is always exciting to network and hear about what is going on in other federal agencies so please join us at our new venue, Brownings, located at Slugger Field on the Corner of Main and Jackson Streets. Parking is free. Our meeting room is very nice, the service is great, and the food is superb. What more could you ask?

*Becky*

## **2009 – 2010 Chapter Officers and Committees**

President – Becky Giles, FBI  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – E. Anne Carter, Census Bureau  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Pamela Rankin, Benefit Planning, Inc.  
Secretary – Betty Southerland, FBI  
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Diversity – Carol Dawson  
Training/Education/Scholarships – Mary Lou Andres  
Publicity – Christina Moore  
Budget & Finance – Pamela Rankin  
Membership – Rhonda Smith  
Programs – E. Anne Carter  
Bylaws – Debra Gathright-Hunter  
Compliance/Legislative – Judy Dillander  
Newsletter – Anne Ramsey, E. Anne Carter, plus all officers and committee chairs  
Mentoring – Rhonda Smith  
Parliamentarian – Dorsey Kozarovich  
Awards – Mary Lou Andres

*If you are interested in serving on any committee or just would like information about any committee, please contact Becky Giles, (502) 569-3877, [beckyanng@aol.com](mailto:beckyanng@aol.com).*

## **FEW Monthly Meeting Info**

Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010  
March Training Planning Meeting  
Anne Ramsey's house, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010  
Brownings, 400 E. Main St., 5:15 p.m. (Order off menu)  
Speaker: Judy Dillander, Senior Compliance Officer  
Program: "US Dept of Labor, OFCCP: Federal Contractor Requirements to Ensure Non-Discrimination & Equal Employment Opportunity"

Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010  
Brownings, 400 E. Main St., 5:15 p.m. (Order off menu)  
Speaker: Judge Toni Stringer

Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010  
Board Meeting (All members invited to attend)  
Brownings (tentative location); 5:30 p.m.

Reservations Required – Call Anne Carter, 812-218-4891  
[e.anne.carter@census.gov](mailto:e.anne.carter@census.gov)

## New Members

Welcome to the following new members of the Derby City Chapter:

Bobbie Hargis, Census Bureau  
Jackie Johnson, Census Bureau  
Janice Baldwin-Gutter, Census Bureau  
Marybeth Stewart, VAMC

## Member News

**Betty Southerland** reports that she is feeling a lot better and is back at work full days starting Jan. 4. "Thank you all for your support and the gift card came in handy as well."

**Donna Walker** retired from the Census Bureau on December 31, 2009.

**Judy Dillander's** daughter, Jackie, was married to Martin Abraham DeZarn on November 28.

**Pamela Stiles**, VARO, was married in September and is now **Pamela Bland**.

**Genevieve (Jeff) Beavin**, charter member, was hit by a car in September and is still in a full brace recovering at home. We all hope Jeff gets well soon.

**Tracy Parker** recently switched to a new job in the Geography Branch at the Census Bureau. It is the same grade, but Tracy is very excited about the job.

**Janice Baldwin-Gutter** has self-published a book coming out in January. "Care giving, A Daughter's Story" is about caring for her parents. Janice is also attending U of L working on her doctorate.

**Debbie Vardeman** had gall bladder surgery on November 21. We hope you are doing well by now.

**Jennifer Day** (frequent guest and soon-to-be member) landed the leading role of Mrs. Sizemagraft in the U of L production of "Betty's Summer Vacation" which will run the first week of February. (See article below)

On Saturday, Dec. 26 **Jessie Weigel** was involved in an automobile accident. Thankfully she was not seriously injured, but her car was totaled.

*If you have news about yourself or another member to share, please let me know. Send information to [anneramsey@bellsouth.net](mailto:anneramsey@bellsouth.net).*

## 2010 Southeast Regional Training Program "Sailing Towards Success"

*By Anne Ramsey*

Join us on February 10-12, 2010 at the Hampton Inn, Pensacola Beach, FL for the Southeast Regional Training Program. Featured speaker is Larry Gardner, "It's a Jungle Out There".

### Registration Information:

	Member	Non-Member
Early	\$125	\$150
After Jan 10, 2010	\$140	\$165
At the Door	\$150	\$175

The hotel is now accepting reservations at 1-800-320-8108. Ask for group reservations. Room costs are \$99 (Sound Side) and \$119 (Gulf Side). The hotel will extend the RTP group rate through Saturday night, February 13. Mardi Gras Parades will be held on Pensacola Beach during the weekend.

Registration forms may be submitted on-line or mail. Go to [www.pensacolafew.org](http://www.pensacolafew.org) or call 251-978-5042 for more information.

## Important Information for CSRS Retirees

*By Anne Ramsey, Information furnished by NARFE*

If you are a CSRS Retiree who is not eligible to receive Social Security, you can apply for the 2009 economic recovery payment when you file your 2009 taxes. You only receive the \$250 payment in one way. If you got it through Social Security, you cannot claim it on your taxes. If you did not get a payment through Social Security because you are a CSRS retiree, you should claim the credit on your 2009 taxes. IRS Publication 721, "Tax Guide to U.S. Civil Service Retirement Benefits," for tax year 2009 will provide specific instructions on how you can claim your \$250 credit. You will need to file Schedule M. You could have to do the same thing next year if the new one-time payment proposed by the president becomes law.

## Save the Date – March 16, 2010! "Write Your Own FEWture" One-Day Training Event

*Submitted by Rhonda Smith, Event Chair*

Mark your calendar and begin speaking with your supervisor about attending Derby City Chapter's March 2010 one-day training. We expect to send out brochures after the middle of January when our keynote speaker is confirmed.

The training is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at the Fern Valley Hotel & Conference Center. You will have your choice between two workshops in the morning and two in the afternoon. Confirmed workshop topics include USAJOBS, Retiring with Confidence and an EEO Update. Derby City Chapter has tentatively scheduled Susan Miller to be the luncheon speaker. Many of you may remember Susan from NTP 2009 with her advice to “Stay in the Positive Zone.”

The cost for the full day training will be \$99; cost for luncheon only is \$35. Lunch is included with the full day registration...

Planning is still underway. If you have questions pertaining to the event, please contact Rhonda Smith at [Rhonda.Smith2@va.gov](mailto:Rhonda.Smith2@va.gov).



National Training Program (NTP) 2010 Co-Host Hotels, the New Orleans Marriott and the Sheraton New Orleans, are now accepting guest reservations within the Fiscal Year 2010 government per diem rate. The hotels will continue to accept reservations if space is available up to the cut-off date of June 14, 2010. **You must mention Federally Employed Women National Training Program in order to get the special group/per diem rate.**

Reservation Information:

#### **New Orleans Marriott Hotel**

555 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana  
504-581-1000 or Toll Free 1-888-364-1200

**Rates:** \$104 Single  
\$124 Double

All reservation requests will require a credit card guarantee, (one night's deposit) no later than the cut-off date. Deposits will be refunded for rooms canceled more than 72 hours prior to arrival.

#### **Sheraton New Orleans Hotel**

500 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana  
504-525-2500 or Toll Free 1-800-325-3535

**Rates:** \$104 Single

Check the NTP website at [www.fewntp.org](http://www.fewntp.org) frequently for updates.



## **Meet Your Fellow Chapter Members**

*By Anne Ramsey*

A column to introduce our Derby City Chapter members to each other –

### **E. Anne Carter**

Anne is currently the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President in charge of programs. She has been a member since May 2008. Anne joined FEW because Paula Thompson made it sound like a lot of fun and she was right. Anne is employed at the Census Bureau National Processing Station as a Training Specialist. She's been a Federal employee since December 1981, 25 years after layoffs. Anne has also worked as a pharmacy over the counter stocker, project planner, computer specialist, instructor, secretary, QA clerk, medical transcriptionist, stenographer, scanning supervisor, print inspector, mom, and her favorite – being a grandmother of 7. Anne is married, has one daughter, three red-headed step children, and 7 grandchildren so far. Her family also includes a beagle, a miniature pincer and cats. She loves to read and crochet and used to sew a lot.

In addition to her volunteer activities with FEW, after hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, she donated stuffed animals, crocheted blankets, toys and dolls from her craft business (OMASCRAFTS.2ya.com) to help victims recover from their losses. The items went directly to shelters and were distributed as needed.

“I used to sing opera (long time ago and far, far away). Got voice scholarships in college and sang with the Palm Beach Civic Opera and the Mississippi Gulf Coast Opera. So when I start singing...It's over!! I worked at the President Casino in Biloxi, MS before moving to Kentucky.”

### **Tracy Parker**

Tracy joined FEW less than a year ago in order to network with other like-minded and goal oriented women in Federal employment. Tracy currently works at the U.S. Census Bureau as a Lead Clerk/Geography Branch.

“My current unit is working with a new GIS (Geographic Information System) program developed specifically for the 2010 Decennial Census. GATRES (Geographic ADE-Based Topological Real-Time Editing System), along with the use of several other programs and satellite imagery research, enables us to digitally edit maps. I feel honored to have been chosen as a Lead for such a project. The use of GIS for many different applications is ever growing and I'm thrilled to be getting trained to use a GIS program. The project is high profile for the CB and there are numerous articles on the web and in tech magazines that talk about it.

“I would also like to add that I take full advantage of the Dept. of Commerce's Learning site. I have completed 7 classes on the site in an effort to strengthen my job and communication skills. I plan to continue taking classes as long as they are available to me.

"I have been a Government employee combined, close to 4 yrs. (I also worked briefly for the Census bureau during the 1990 and 2000 Decennial cycles. And yes, I remember the cardboard desks.)

"Other jobs I have held include Potter's Apprentice to world renowned Master Potter, Melvin Rowe (part time, current), Delivery Driver, Dental Lab, various retail positions, Motel Desk Clerk, and I've worked many elections over the years as a pole worker.

"I am divorced and have 2 children - Levi, age 21, who works for UPS and enjoys creative writing and Alexandra, age 13, who is First Chair Cello in her school orchestra and was also in the 2009 All County Orchestra.

"I have 2 cats, Rocky and Izzy, both black and white, one long haired and one short haired. Rocky was taken from an alley as a small kitten. He was in horrible shape and close to death, but with the help of a veterinarian and lot of TLC we nursed him back to health. I got Izzy a year later as a kitten so Rocky would have a companion.

"Hobbies include art, photography, jewelry making. Art is in my blood. We have many artistically talented people in my family, including my daughter. I was a commercial art student at JCTC and have about a year's worth of classes between me and an Associate Degree in Commercial Art. (I have put college on the back burner for now in order to work and have insurance for me and my daughter.) A sampling of my work can be found here;  
<http://www.louisvillephoto.org/profile/TracyParker>.

"I serve on the Community Outreach Committee of the Derby City FEW Chapter. I'm an on and off volunteer for the Center for Women and Families and have been for several years now, Potter's Assistant at an "Empty Bowls" mass bowl throwing event.

"I LOVE live music, and go to shows and concerts when I can. I keep a shriveled up apple, complete with burned incense sticks, in my freezer that was used on stage as an incense burner for the last Black Crowes concert I went to.

"I'm an F4 tornado survivor (Hanover, IN April 3, 1974). Pics of what was left of our house and neighborhood can be found in a blog post I did on my louisvillephoto.org page. It sucked our new fridge out of the house and deposited it a few miles away in a farmer's field with only a few small scratches and dings and in perfect working condition. I also make a mean lasagna and my chili is yummers."

## Betty's Summer Vacation

By Jennifer Day

I feel so blessed and excited to have a role in the upcoming play at University of Louisville. I decided to follow my

dream of getting my masters degree there this past fall. I never dreamed I would get the leading role as Mrs. Sizemagraff. I do believe that God answers prayers.

Betty's Summer Vacation is a comedy written by Christopher Durang back in the 1980's. It played off Broadway Feb. 19, 1999. It won several awards. This play has adult content since it deals with rape and incest. I know these are often issues that people hide or run away from, yet I feel I can bring awareness by playing this role. I play the part of a widow who has a guest house on the beach in New Jersey. Several guests come to spend the summer and zany comedy and strange events occur. Betty comes with my daughter for a vacation away from the city. I do not want to give away any more details in hopes you will enjoy the show.

If you enjoy funny skits on Saturday Night Live, you will laugh at this show. I hope everyone will come with an open mind. Laughter is great medicine. I am delighted that my friends will be there to support me. Here are the basic details.

Betty's Summer Vacation plays at the University of Louisville Playhouse on Feb. 3,4,5,6 and 7. They have group rates. General admission is \$12. The play starts at 7:30 on Feb. 3,4,5,6 and on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> it has a 3 p.m. matinee performance.

*Several Derby City Chapter members are planning on attending a performance to support Jennifer. We will discuss a date at the Jan 5 special meeting and the Jan 21 regular meeting. If you are interested in joining us, let Becky Giles know so we can get an idea of how many are going.*

## The December 2009 Issue of FEW's News & Views Newsletter is now available on-line.

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**This issue includes information on 2010 National Nominations, Membership Contest, National Awards, FEWS Visit to the White House, Allie Latimer's Induction Into Hall of Fame, Articles from the two new Special Assistants (Military Women and FWPM), Information on NTP 2010 and a lot of other important information.**

The current newsletter can be found on the PUBLICATIONS page of the FEW web site  
<http://www.few.org/publications.asp>

Here is a direct link to the December 2009 Edition of the Newsletter <http://www.few.org/newsletter/NV200912/>

## FEW Bylaws Vote

*By Karin Biega, National Bylaws Chair*

If you have not yet voted on the proposed amendments to the national bylaws, the deadline has been extended until January 12, 2010.

There were 2 notification methods to members:

- 1) An email from the FEW Executive Committee (“Vote Now”)
- 2) Postcards delivered through the US Postal Service

The emails you received from the FEW Executive Committee (Sent by “Vote Now”) direct you how to vote. Postcards have instructions and an individual code so that you may cast your vote.

If you did not receive either of these notifications, please contact me at: [Karin@bocabanana.com](mailto:Karin@bocabanana.com).

## FEW Lobby Day & Congressional Reception

*Submitted by FEW National Office*

Federally Employed Women announces that we will be conducting our third Lobby Day on May 12 and 13, 2010. This event is open to all FEW members. There is no registration fee, but attendees must take annual leave for the Lobby Day on Thursday. Attendees will also be responsible for their travel and lodging costs while in Washington, D.C. FEW will arrange all your Hill meetings (your Representative and two Senators), equip you with all the background materials you need for your meetings and provide attendees with the leave-behind folders for your legislators. You will also receive a full briefing on the morning of your meetings. If you are interested, contact Janet Kopenhaver at 703-528-7822 or [janetk@few.org](mailto:janetk@few.org).

## Federally Employed Women's Membership Contest

*Submitted by Rhonda Smith, Chapter Membership Chair*

### National Membership Contest

Federally Employed Women (FEW) sponsors a National Membership Contest annually. The dates for the current contest cover the period June 1, 2009, to May 31, 2010.

Contest rules and procedures are as follows:

1. Recruiter must be a current member of FEW throughout the contest period.
2. Members are eligible to win the contest only once every two (2) years.
3. Each new member recruited must print/type the name of her/his recruiter on the "referred by" line of the application form, or in the online application in the appropriate space.

This name must be on the form at the time of submission to National and cannot be added at a later time.

4. Forms must be filled in completely. Completed forms and checks should be mailed as soon as possible to ensure proper credit. In the event of a tie, the received or online posted date will be used to determine the winner.

5. Only applications with postmark/online submission dates within the contest range—June 1, 2009, through May 31, 2010, inclusive—will be accepted.

6. The minimum number of memberships required to be considered is as follows: First Place-Ten (10), Second Place-Seven (7) and Third Place-Five (5). No awards will be considered for less than 5 memberships.

7. FEW is not responsible for lost or misdirected entries. Send membership applications to: Federally Employed Women, P. O. Box 75551, Baltimore, MD 21275.

Also, members may join online during the time of the contest.

8. Members of the National Board of Directors and Executive Committee are not eligible to participate in the contest although each member is encouraged to recruit.

9. The contest winner will be announced at the Annual Membership Meeting held during the 2010 National Training Program in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Contest prizes:

1st place - FEW Lifetime Membership and Bank Gift Card (value NTE 1,000)

2nd place – 5 years FEW Membership (value NTE \$250.00)

3rd place - 3 years FEW Membership (value NTE \$150.00)

For more information contact Becky Fasulo, Vice President for Membership and Chapter Organization, at 321-636-8525 or email [fewvpmco@yahoo.com](mailto:fewvpmco@yahoo.com).

**Derby City Chapter's Membership Contest** covers the period June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010. The first place chapter recruiter will receive a one year membership (valued at \$45) and the second place chapter recruiter will receive dinner at a chapter meeting (valued at \$15). Be sure that the new member lists you in the “referred by” line of the application form.

Be prepared to share the benefits of FEW membership when recruiting. Here are some examples, which are listed in our current chapter brochure:

- Training opportunities for career advancement.
- FEW training scholarships.
- Educational scholarships.
- Updates on issues affecting women and federal employees.
- Legislative updates.
- Networking.
- Two free 30-minute calls per year with a designated law firm regarding legal matters, i.e., EEO/ or personnel issues.
- Notifications of federal job openings.
- Discounts for on-line college credit hours with Grantham University.

FEW membership and involvement provides experience that will greatly enhance your resume!  
Start recruiting!

## Veteran Christmas Adoption

*Submitted by Rhonda Smith*

Derby City Chapter was given the privilege of assisting a female Veteran and her family at Christmas this year. The Veteran is a single parent with two young children. While they were once homeless, they have now transitioned into permanent housing through a program which the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) partners with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The chapter pulled together and provided new coats, clothing and pajamas for the entire family. In addition, local members purchased bicycles and helmets and a few other toys for the two children. One Derby City Chapter member who now lives in the Washington D.C. area got her colleagues involved in the project. Their group purchased dressers for the children as well as other much needed household items.

Mary Lou and Andy Andres delivered the bicycles to the mother while the children were out. Rhonda Smith and VA Volunteer Ted Parero delivered the rest of the items on the same day. They were able to meet the children as well as the Veteran. The children were very polite and grateful and seemed to share a special bond. It was a joy to be able to bring cheer to their holiday season.

It was an honor and privilege for Derby City Chapter to be able to brighten Christmas for a woman who proudly served our country in military uniform.

## Danielle Bartlett Update

*By Anne Carter*

I got a reply to my letter asking about Danielle Bartlett, the 10 year old with the brain tumor we heard about and sent cards. Danielle has received over 50,000 cards and still has approximately 20,000 cards that have not been opened yet. Her family is thrilled and a little overwhelmed with the outpouring. Her treatment seems to have been quite a success.

You can go to <http://www.caringbridle.org/visit/daniellebartlett> and leave Danielle a note.

Thanks so much to everyone who helped.

## Attention Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance Holders in Indiana

*By Susan Horn, Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield*

In an effort to insure individuals enrolled under the Federal Employee Program's Standard or Basic Option coverage, administered by Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield are aware Radiology Associates, Inc (hospital based radiology group), providing services at Clark Memorial Hospital, Floyd Memorial Hospital, Harrison Memorial Hospital and Kindred Hospital, **will no longer be contracting with Anthem as of December 15, 2009.**

So, what does this mean for our members?

Standard Option members are liable for 30% of the billed amount, subject to the calendar year deductible, as non-preferred benefits will apply. This information can be found on page 31 of your **2009 Service Benefit** brochure.

Basic Option members will be liable for the difference between the billed charges and the plan allowance. This information can be found on page 31 of your **2009 Service Benefit** brochure

Please keep in mind the hospital facilities are still preferred facilities with Blue Cross Blue Shield; it is the radiology group providing services at the facilities that will no longer be contracted. We do continue to work with Radiology Associates to reach an agreement.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 502-889-2736 or via email at [susan.horn@anthem.com](mailto:susan.horn@anthem.com), if you should have additional questions. We will assist you any way we can.

## Interesting Article

*By Lela Williams*

If you've not see it, an article in below source may be of interest to you and FEW. A friend just made me aware of it:

U.S. News & World Report, November, 2009, page 75 - The Leadership Gap: A Woman's Place Is At The Pentagon.

## FEW Foundation Activities

The FEW Foundation is offering FEW members a contest. Recruit family, friends, and/or co-workers to take a court through [www.Ed2Go.com/fewed](http://www.Ed2Go.com/fewed) to win one of three prizes! The contest will run December 8, 2009 - May 7, 2010. Top prize is a free Ed2Go.com/fewed course for you (a \$99

value). 2nd prize is a \$50 gift certificate. 3rd prize is a \$25 gift certificate. Talk to your family, friends, and co-workers and share the [www.Ed2Go.com/fewed](http://www.Ed2Go.com/fewed) link. Let Jack Kenner at [JMK@FEW.org](mailto:JMK@FEW.org) know when someone you've recruited signs up for a course.

The FEW Foundation Board of Trustees and Council of Advisors is working hard to bring career- and personal-growth webinars to you, offer you discounts on self-development through education, and interesting, fun fundraisers. Keep watching the FEW Foundation website ([www.fewfoundation.org](http://www.fewfoundation.org)), News and Views, and other avenues for information about exciting, upcoming opportunities.



## New Volunteer Program at the Louisville Zoo

By Anne Ramsey

*As many of you may already know, I am a volunteer at the*

*Louisville Zoo. I work in the Horticulture Department and the Development Office. This past summer I suggested the "Adopt a Garden" program to the Zoo. They adopted my suggestion and put me in charge of implementing the new program, so this is my "baby". If anyone is interested in the program or knows of someone else who might be, you can contact me for additional information at 451-2127 or [anneramsey@bellsouth.net](mailto:anneramsey@bellsouth.net).*

## Calling all Gardeners – The Zoo Needs You!

The Zoo is starting a new volunteer "Adopt a Garden" gardening program. Beginning in spring 2010 you will be able to adopt your own garden at the Zoo. Individual garden plots of varying sizes are being identified throughout the Zoo that individuals, families, groups or organizations can adopt as their own to plant, weed, water and maintain. Each garden will be identified by a sign with the name of the volunteer gardener who is responsible for that particular garden. Some gardens will be primarily maintenance only, while others will be available to plant to various degrees. If you don't have a yard or you've run out of garden space, this is the perfect solution. All volunteer gardeners will be required to attend a mandatory meeting setting forth the rules and responsibilities of the Adopt a Garden program. For additional information on this new program or to sign up, please contact Diane Taylor, Coordinator of Volunteers at 502-238-5350, or at [mary.taylor@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:mary.taylor@louisvilleky.gov).

## Contact Information

Does the national FEW Office have your correct email address? It is very important to let them and our chapter know whenever there is a change. The national office sends out information to all members by

email frequently. If you have not been receiving job vacancy announcements and other email from national, then it is a good bet that they don't have your correct email address. Please let Becky Giles know whenever you need to change your email address. Becky can be reached at [beckyanng@aol.com](mailto:beckyanng@aol.com).

## FEW Survey on Work/Life Balance and Day Care

By FEW National Office

Federally Employed Women has been asked by the White House Council on Women and Girls to conduct a survey of our members about work/life balance options offered by federal agencies. In addition, several legislators have asked us to research the availability and services provided by federal agency day care facilities. Please follow this link to complete the survey – <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2BK9RKX>. Survey responses are due by Friday, January 15, 2010.

## Vision 2020

Forwarded by Sylvia Brown, Southeast Regional Manager

Vision 2020: An American Conversation about Women and Leadership is a project dedicated to creating a decade of education and action that promotes gender equality. The decade begins with an issue-setting session at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, PA on October 21-22, 2010 and culminates with a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution on October 21, 2020.

Vision 2020 is seeking 102 American women to serve as National Delegates who will attend the October 21-22, 2010 American Conversation about Women and Leadership to discuss and debate the issues surrounding women and leadership AND to set the decade-long agenda. Please help us find the best Delegates possible by submitting names and forwarding this email to women across the country who may be interested in serving!

Vision 2020 invites nominations from committed passionate women in the following Vision 2020 Topic Areas:

Arts and Culture  
Business, Law and Finance  
Communications and Media  
Education  
Engineering, Science & Technology  
Health  
Philanthropy, Family, Faith and Volunteerism  
Politics and Government

The 102 National Delegates will have a demonstrated commitment to and passion for helping women and girls who will also be charged with framing the Vision 2020 agenda for action to promote gender equality and who will also be in a position through their activities, professionally

or through organizations in which they are active, to implement some of the ideas that come out of Vision 2020's "Declaration of Equality"-the agenda that will be acted upon during the decade from 2010 to 2020. Please note that Vision 2020 will provide transportation and lodging for the National Delegates so there is no cost to them to participate. We are committed to the selection of a fully diverse group of National Delegates, in age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion, and otherwise.

There is a full description of the selection criteria for National Delegates at <http://www.drexel.edu/vision2020/community/vision/delegates/nominations>.

If you know women you think would be interested, please nominate them or suggest that they nominate themselves by going to the Vision 2020 website at: <http://www.drexel.edu/vision2020>. The National Delegate Selection forms are found: <http://www.drexel.edu/vision2020/community/vision/delegates/nominations>.

Nominations for National Delegates must be received by January 29, 2010. Delegates will be selected and notified by the end of February, 2010.

If you have any questions about National Delegate Selection, please feel free to contact Karen Kaplowitz, National Delegate Selection Co-Chair at [kkaplowitz@newellis.com](mailto:kkaplowitz@newellis.com) or Catherine Ormerod, Vision 2020 Project Director at [Catherine.Ormerod@DrexelMed.edu](mailto:Catherine.Ormerod@DrexelMed.edu).

Please feel free to share this note with other people you think would like to nominate National Delegates.

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## Coming Events

January 20, 2010 – 14<sup>th</sup> annual Race and Relations Conference; Galt House, Louisville, KY; Cost - \$75. For information or reservations, call the humal relations commission office at 574-3631.

January 27, 2010 – “An American Woman in World War II”, Frazier International History Museum; 12 p.m. – 1p.m.; for additional information contact Frazier Guest Services 502-753-5663

February 10-12, 2010 – RTP, Southeast Region, Pensacola Beach, FL

February 18-20, 2010 – RTP, Great Lakes Region, Columbus, OH

February 19-20, 2010 – Semi annual National Board of Directors Meeting, Columbus, OH

February 24-28, 2010 – RTP, Southwest Region, Oklahoma City, OK

March 16, 2010 – Derby City Chapter 1-day training program.

March 2010 – RTP, Western Region, San Diego, CA

March 2010 – RTP, Pacific Northwest Region, Seattle/Tacoma, WA

May 3-7, 2010 – FAPAC, Gaylord, Washington, DC

May 12-13, 2010 – FEW Lobby Day, Washington, DC

June 2010 – SAIGE, Mohican Sun, CT

July 12-16, 2010 – NTP, New Orleans, LA

August 29-September 2, 2010 – 31<sup>st</sup> National NARFE Convention, Grand Rapids, MI

July 18-22, 2011 – NTP, Philadelphia, PA

July 16-20, 2012 – NTP, Detroit, MI

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# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL

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Private Industry:  Federal Government:  Local Government:  Retired:

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### Grade (check):

GS 1-4  GS 13-15

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GS 9-12  Military

### FWP/EEO (check):

FWP Full-Time

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EEO

Other FWP/EEO

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### DEMOGRAPHICS

Gender:  Male  Female

### RACE/NATIONALITY:

American Indian  Hispanic

Asian/Pacific  Caucasian

Black  Other

Job Series: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Computation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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