

Recent Happenings @ WWF (cont'd)



Serving Lunch at YWCA's Angeline's Center - December 15

Over 30 WWF members helped serve a special holiday meal to homeless and low-income women in downtown Seattle. Members who participated found the hands-on service extremely rewarding.



Philanthropy: Through A New Lens at Seattle Art Museum - February 2

WWF's biggest event of the year! Over 350 members and guests joined us for an inspiring and energizing evening at SAM. Our keynote speaker, Killian Noe, delivered a stirring account of her personal experiences as an activist working with people suffering at the fringes of society. She offered inspired insights and encouragement for each individual to engage in helping the marginalized - and illustrated the power of women to address critical social needs and build community together.

Marisa Sanchez, Assistant Curator at SAM, also spoke about Imogen Cunningham's groundbreaking career as a female photographer, as well as her Pacific Northwest roots. Imogen's granddaughter Meg Partridge was on hand to visit with our guests in the gallery featuring Imogen's work - what a special opportunity!

Many thanks to our Presenting Sponsor, Laird Norton Tyee. We are also grateful to our Supporting Sponsors, Seattle Art Museum, Brookdale Senior Living, and The Seattle Foundation.



"When we connect with the world's suffering through some creative, compassionate response, we also become connected to all the hope in the world. We become part of a movement of healing and hope."

-Killian Noe, Keynote Speaker
Founder of Recovery Café



(L-R): Carla E. Lewis, WWF President; Maggie Walker, President, SAM Board of Directors, WWF Board Member; Anne V. Farrell, Chair, WWF Board of Directors; Kaycee Krysty, CEO Laird Norton Tyee; Killian Noe, Founding Director, Recovery Café; Marisa C. Sanchez, Assistant Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art, SAM

Kudos to our own Foundation Members!

Rhoda Altom was awarded the WSU Alumni Association Alumni Achievement Award for her exemplary career in real estate and for her tireless work to improve pediatric health care, medical research and women's philanthropy in the Seattle area.

Anita Braker was named to the Swedish Hospital Foundation Board of Directors.

Sara Carter was distinguished with the 2010 Board of Advocates Award from Americans for the United Nations Population Fund, for her passionate support and commitment to the Seattle community and the health, education, and dignity of women.

Chris Charbonneau was presented Planned Parenthood Federation of America's Ruth Green Award. This award is given to a Planned Parenthood affiliate chief executive chosen by their peers for outstanding leadership in planning, public affairs, and fundraising.

Grace Chien has been named Vice President of Service for Seattle Rotary #4, in recognition of her leadership in the community and dedication to service.

Marion DeForest, WWF member and Deputy Director, attended the Food & Community Gathering in Arizona as a guest of the King County Food & Fitness Initiative.

Anne Farrell was named Not-for-Profit Director of the Year by the Northwest Chapter of the National Association of Corporate Directors.

Mimi Gates is the recipient of Cascade Land Conservancy's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. Ann Hayes received one of four 2009 Distinguished Alumni Awards from the University of Alberta for her founding and continued support of Concern for the Girl Child, Uganda, an NGO whose mission is the support and education of orphaned girls in Uganda.

Judy Runstad was honored with the 2009 Gates Volunteer Service Award, created by the UW Foundation to exemplify the highest standards of service to the UW, for providing the lead gift to create the Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies in the College of Built Environments.

Maggie Walker is co-chairing the City's Central Waterfront Partnerships Committee, which will advise the City on the planning, design, management, and programming of Seattle's Central Waterfront.

Kathleen Weber has been named to Barron magazine's America's Top 1000 Advisors for 2010.

Alison Oresman Wilson co-authored the new cookbook *Pastry Queen Parties: Entertaining Friends and Family, Texas Style*.

Always Seeking Member Kudos Please send your or other members' accomplishments to megan@wawomensfoundation.org

Newsletter of the Washington Women's Foundation Spring 2010



Gretchen -- Of Course! WWF receives gift of \$201,000 from the estate of Gretchen Mathers (1941 - 2007)

Renowned chef, entrepreneur, successful business owner, and long-time WWF member Gretchen Mathers passed away in August 2007. She made a very generous gift of \$201,000 to Washington Women's Foundation through her estate, which was received in late December 2009. A pioneer of Seattle's culinary scene, Gretchen was diagnosed with breast cancer originally in 1979, and the disease returned twenty-six years later.

"This is an astonishing gift from an astonishing woman. Gretchen was a dear friend, and it is spectacular that she has remembered the Washington Women's Foundation in this incredibly generous manner," said Rhoda Altom, WWF's 2009 Board Chair.

Gretchen was a Garfield High School graduate who went on to major in foods and nutrition at Washington State University before joining the restaurant profession in New York. She also worked in the General Foods test kitchen in White Plains, NY.

In 1966 she returned to Seattle to join Western International Hotels (now the Westin), where she was the first woman executive in the food and beverage division.

In 1979 she opened a catering business and restaurant, and *Gretchen's Of Course* was born. She expanded in the following years to 5 restaurants and a thriving catering trade. Her culinary creations became the talk of the town, and many remember her famous mini rubeen sandwiches and signature salads.

In 1987 she joined forces with the Schwartz Brothers restaurants and her responsibilities expanded to include Gretchen's Shoebox Express, Schwartz Brothers (**cont'd on pg 2**)

2010 Grant Ballot Goes Green

WWF is excited to offer
online voting for the 2010
Pooled Fund Grant Awards

The 70 members of our Grant Committee have been hard at work researching and deliberating on the top 10 organizations to consider for WWF funding. Now it's up to you to pick five 2010 grantees!

If you receive regular emails from WWF, you will also receive an invitation to vote online. We hope you will consider voting this way, to conserve resources and cut costs.

**Paper ballots can also be mailed
upon request.**

Contact Emily at 206-340-1710

**Check your email inbox for the
ballot and Voter's Pamphlet
in late May!**

Coming Up at WWF

Please register online at www.wawomensfoundation.org/calendar-of-events or call Emily at the office at 206-340-1710

Education Forum: Technology and Social Change - May 4, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m., 2100 Building

Technology, social media, and new forms of communication are redefining the notion of social change. Come to this forum to learn about the creative and innovative ways that nonprofits can reach clients and generate "buzz" about their work. Featuring David Edelstein, Director of Grameen Foundation's Technology Center, and Peter Blomquist, instructor at Seattle University and principal at Blomquist International. Cost: \$25, lunch will be served

WWF at Bellevue Arts Museum - May 13, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m., 510 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, WA 98004

Join us at the Bellevue Arts Museum (BAM) to learn about and view the creations of Beth Levine, a shoe legend. Featuring BAM's curator Nora Atkinson, and a panel of fellow WWF members who are Board Members at BAM. If you love shoes, you won't want to miss this! Museum entrance fee sponsored by BAM, lunch generously hosted by WWF member and BAM Board member Norma Klorfine.

Grant Showcase: Final 15 - May 18, 2:30 - 5:00 p.m., 2100 Building

The Grant Committee will report on the 15 Site Visits made. This is a great opportunity to enhance your knowledge about the top 15 nonprofit projects, as well as the most critical short-term needs in our community. We will also announce the 10 nonprofits that will be on the 2010 Pooled Fund ballot!

2010 Grant Award Celebration - June 17, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., 2100 Building

The votes will be in and counted - come celebrate our 2010 Pooled Fund Grant winners! Join us for the exciting announcements and learn about the top five outstanding projects that our pooled contributions will fund.



Dear WWF members,

What an exciting time at WWF!

As we enter our 15th year with 500 members and approach \$10 million in cumulative grants, the Board of Directors has adopted a new Strategic Plan! Guided by input from members and other key stakeholders, we believe this Plan will position the Foundation for the future, and move our organization forward.

This Strategic Plan places key importance on innovation, education and partnerships, while maximizing efficiency and effectiveness. We will build on the strong platform we currently have, using our Vision, Mission and Core Values to inspire us as we step boldly ahead.

We are introducing new strategic grant making initiatives, and offering enhanced programs for continued learning. New community partnerships will broaden our impact. This plan presents more ways for members to engage with the Foundation, while streamlining our operations and strengthening our financial position.

Feedback from members has been tremendous and we appreciate your enthusiasm!

Warmly,

Carla

Carla E. Lewis, President

Gretchen Mathers (cont'd from pg 1) Bakery, Columbia River Bakery, Spirit of Washington Dinner Train and Schwartz Brothers Entertainment Services at Benaroya Hall.

She was a delegate to two White House conferences on small business and helped found the Seattle chapter of Les Dames d'Escoffier, a group designed to help the next generation of women in the food industry. Gretchen was the first woman President of the Restaurant Association of Washington, and was recognized with the Nellie Cashman Award as Woman Entrepreneur of the Year.

Gretchen valued her membership in the Washington Women's Foundation. Her commitment to women's leadership and community generosity, as well as her dedication to her many friends at WWF, inspired her to make a generous provision for the Foundation in her will. WWF received \$201,000 in December 2009, and the Board of Directors designated this gift to the Colleen S. Willoughby Endowment Fund so that it will continue to support the long-term future of the Foundation. In this way, Gretchen's gift will have a lasting impact, and her commitment to women's leadership and philanthropy will be a part of her enduring legacy.

We hope Gretchen's generous gift will inspire other WWF members to consider the Foundation in their estate plans. The process of making a provision in your will for Washington Women's Foundation is simple. You can include a charitable bequest when you create your will, or you may add or update a bequest later with a codicil. Just call the office for our official bequest language to share with your attorney. Although it is not required, making us aware of your bequest is very helpful. By informing us of your wishes, we can recognize you for your thoughtful generosity and better plan for the future and intention of your gift.

Top 15 Organizations Advance in 2010 Grants Cycle

WWF is delighted to announce that the 2010 Pooled Fund will again have **\$475,000** to grant out to the community in June! Given this challenging economic climate, WWF's sustained membership and funding levels for 2010 speak volumes about the commitment of our members. Thank you for your continued membership and generosity!

Congratulations to these outstanding nonprofits! For a summary of the project being considered for a Pooled Fund grant of \$50,000 - \$100,000, please visit the website: www.wawomensfoundation.org

ARTS & CULTURE

Museum of Northwest Art www.museumofnwart.org
Seattle Music Partners www.seattlemusicpartners.org
Theatre Off Jackson www.theatreoffjackson.org

EDUCATION

Healthy Start www.healthystartfamily.org
One World Now! www.oneworldnow.org
Para Los Niños www.plnwa.org

ENVIRONMENT

Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition duwamishcleanup.org
Groundwire www.groundwire.org
Student Conservation Association www.thesca.org

HEALTH

Neighborcare Health www.neighborcare.org
Refugee Women's Alliance www.rewa.org
Sound Mental Health www.smh.org

HUMAN SERVICES

Atlantic Street Center www.atlanticstreet.org
Eastside Domestic Violence Program www.edvp.org
Emergency Food Network www.efoodnet.org

WWF Board Business

New WWF Board Chair and Vice Chair

With the start of 2010, a new group of Board officers began their one-year term. We are pleased to present our new Board President, Anne Farrell, and Vice President, Kate Janeway.



Anne Farrell is a founding board member of the Foundation. Anne is President Emerita of the Seattle Foundation. She has served on the Boards of many institutions including Children's Hospital, Leadership Tomorrow, Alliance for Education, Council on Foundations, the Seattle Public Library Foundation, and the Pacific Northwest Grantmakers Forum (now Philanthropy Northwest). She currently serves as a Trustee of Seattle University, is a director of KCTS Television, and is Chair of the Board of Directors of REI.



Kate Janeway is a founding member of the Foundation. President of Great Governance Group, Kate works with closely held and mission driven companies on high stakes strategic challenges, including succession planning, alignment of the Board and the executive team, and governance issues. Kate has graduate degrees in law and management. She has decades of Board experience and currently serves on the Boards of four foundations, including the Orcas Island Community Foundation and the Haas Foundation. She previously served on the board of the Seattle Foundation for nine years. Kate chaired the WWF Strategic Plan Steering Committee in 2009-2010.

Recent Happenings @ WWF

Holiday Home Gathering: Grace Chien - December 10

Members and guests gathered to hear from WWF Board Member **Grace Chien**. Grace is the CEO of Girl Scouts of Western WA, a recipient of WWF's 2008 Pooled Fund Grant in Human Services. Grace discussed her career path and inspiration, and updated WWF members on the program our grant funded, *Fostering a Future*, which is designed to meet the special needs of girls in foster care, to help them gain confidence and skills. Special thanks to Carrie George for hosting this event!

WWF Outing: Seattle Public Library - January 14

Over 30 WWF members explored the vast services of Seattle Public Library, with a fantastic presentation and a customized tour of the Library's early literacy programs, genealogy tools, Pacific Northwest history section, services for immigrants and refugees, and extensive online resources. All participants were inspired and in awe of the array of the Library's services in our community!

February Forum: Preserving Your Philanthropic Intentions: How Do New Laws Affect Your Giving? - February 24

WWF members **Beth McCaw** and **Sandra Perkins**, both respected members of our legal community, led an informative discussion about the changing estate tax landscape and how it now affects even the most carefully crafted estate plans, especially in 2010. Many thanks to Beth and Sandra, as well as **Anne Knapp** for moderating.

Pacific Northwest Global Donors Conference - March 19-20

WWF was a partner sponsor of the first-ever conference for Northwest international grantmakers and philanthropists. Over 150 individuals attended (many WWF members) to hear keynote speakers **Kavita Ramdas**, President & CEO of the Global Fund for Women, and **Bill Gates, Sr.**, Co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, as well as workshops devoted to today's most significant global issues and strategies to address root causes of global poverty and other human rights issues.

Book Discussions: *Whatever It Takes* - March 24

This year's featured book was *Whatever It Takes* by Paul Tough, the inspiring story of Geoffrey Canada's dedication to transform the lives of low-income children and his experiences founding the nonprofit Harlem Children's Zone. WWF members attended two book discussions featuring local experts in education and early childhood development - **Sarah Smith**, Associate Executive Director of Rainier Scholars, and fellow WWF member **Elizabeth Benedict**, Director of Donor Relations and Communication for Child Care Resources. Special thanks to our discussion moderators **Kathy Edwards** and **Kathleen O'Connor**, and to **Carol Madigan**, for hosting one discussion in her home!

Reflections on Philanthropy From Today's Leaders: Carol Lewis - April 22

Carol Lewis, WWF Board Member and CEO of Philanthropy Northwest (PNW), gave a fascinating presentation on PNW's *Trends in Northwest Giving Report* - 2010 edition. This event launched WWF's new sponsorship of this lecture series, along with PNW, Social Venture Partners, and UW Evans School's Nancy Bell Evans Center on Nonprofits & Philanthropy. Carol gave a tremendous shout-out to the impact of WWF - only 8% of Northwest funders make grants of \$100,000 or more!

Neighborhood Gathering: Featuring Bobbe Bridge - April 28

Fellow WWF Member, the Honorable **Bobbe Bridge**, spoke about her passion for juvenile justice issues, and her experience as founder and president of the Center for Children & Youth Justice, a nonprofit dedicated to reforming the state's juvenile justice and child welfare systems. Thanks to **Donna Holpainen** for hosting this great event!

More recent WWF events and photos on back page...

Welcome New WWF Members!

Susan Adkins
Jean Barber
Carson Barnett
Patricia Buchanan
Sara Carter
Ana Mari Cauce
Carolyn Corvi
Megan Davies
Trudy Davies
Mary Ekman
Laura Fletcher
Catherine Gibson
Kelly Grounds
Aya Hamilton
Kathryn Hinsch
Isobel Hostek
Laurie Macfadden Jones
Ione R. Kubik
Darby Langdon
Bo Lee

Marti Liddell
Jennifer Love-Crowell
Leasa Mayer
Lisa Martin
Beth McCaw
Linda McDougall Lewis
Sarah Michael
Barbara Omalev
Tracy Ostrem
Michele Peltonen
Paula Riggert
Mell Schoening
Jennifer Sik
Kay Stimson
Jane Stonecipher
Jane Talbot
Kat Taylor
Joan Wellman
Sylvia Wolf

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

to Foundation members who have recently hosted Prospective Member events:

Kaycee Krysty
Mai Norden

Contact Megan if you are interested in hosting an event for your friends to learn more about WWF membership!
megan@wawomensfoundation.org

Seeking Sponsorships

Do you own your own business or work for an organization that might be interested in sponsoring an upcoming program or event at WWF?

Contact Carla: carla@wawomensfoundation.org

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Look for yours in your mailbox and email inbox
Please renew by **June 1, 2010**