



From left: Carla Lewis, WWF; Maggie Walker, Co-Chair, Board of Trustees, MOHAI; Emeritus Board, WWF; Juana Royster, The Links Incorporated, Greater Seattle Chapter; LeAnne Moss, Women's Funding Alliance; Amy Stephson, Jewish Women's Funding Network

Recent Foundation Highlights

Women's Votes, Women's Voices at MOHAI - September 15

WWF's program year kicked off with a presentation and reception at the Museum of History and Industry. Members and guests had the opportunity to explore and learn more about the exhibit *Women's Votes, Women's Voices*, which celebrated the centennial anniversary of women gaining the right to vote in Washington State.

As part of our community partnership effort, WWF invited three other leading women's philanthropy organizations in Seattle to participate: Women's Funding Alliance, Jewish Women's Funding Network, and The Links Incorporated, Greater Seattle Chapter. Over 150 women from all four organizations attended - a great display of women's leadership in our community!

Service Event: Serving Dinner at FareStart - October 28

25 members and guests volunteered to serve dinner at FareStart's Guest Chef Night. Farestart is a culinary job training and placement program for homeless and disadvantaged individuals, as well as a 1998 WWF grantee. Our members helped to raise \$1400 to fund student services and training, as 100% of proceeds and gratuities from Guest Chef Night benefit Farestart. All of our volunteers reported a rewarding experience!

Discovery Days - November 9 & 17

WWF's signature educational event! Each year, WWF offers a two day workshop featuring expert speakers in each of our five grant-making areas: Arts & Culture, Education, Environment, Health and Human Services. Speakers discuss urgent, critical issues in their respective fields, and share their thoughts on how we can best make individual and large-scale philanthropic investments.

Over 100 members and guests attended each day and heard fascinating presentations on topics such as autoimmune diseases, climate change, immigration reform, Seattle's cultural overlay districts, and closing the achievement gap. Special thanks to the twelve members on the planning committee - it was a terrific effort!



WWF member Cherry McGee Banks (left) introduces the panel of education speakers.

Women in the World Breakfast, featuring Ambassador Melanne Verveer - November 16

WWF members and guests had the opportunity to hear U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues **Melanne Verveer**. She spoke about the challenge of advancing the political, economic, and social empowerment of women around the globe, and encouraged us to invest both locally and internationally in women's issues. WWF was a co-sponsor of this event, which was hosted by Seattle International Foundation.

Holiday Home Gathering featuring WWF member Kathryn Hinsch - December 6

35 WWF members gathered to celebrate the holiday season and hear a fascinating presentation from fellow member **Kathryn Hinsch**. Kathryn founded the Women's Bioethics Project, a public policy think tank focused on ethical issues that influence women in the fields of health care and biotechnology. Special thanks to **Carol Madigan** for hosting this event at her home!

Foundation Member News

Renee Behnke, Patricia Buchanan and Judy Runstad were named 2010 Women of Influence by *Puget Sound Business Journal*.

Ana Mari Cauce joined the board of Experience Music Project.

Toby Donner launched a blog for women who are providing care for aging parents at www.girlfriendswithagingparents.com.

Aya Hamilton is the Chair of the Board at Pacific Northwest Ballet.

Molly Hanlon is Board Chair at YWCA of Seattle/King County/Snohomish County.

Carolyn Kelly announced her retirement as President and Chief Operating Officer of *The Seattle Times*.

Martha Kongsgaard is the Chair of the Puget Sound Partnership Leadership Council.

Grace Nordhoff has joined the Seattle Public Library Foundation's Board of Directors.

Nancy Nordhoff was recognized by Senior Services with their Lifetime Achievement Award.

Kathleen O'Connor launched a healthcare analysis blog at blog.oconnorhealthanalyst.com.

Mary Pigott has joined KING FM's Board as they transition from a commercial station to a listener supported radio station. She has also been in the news for donating 51 acres of undeveloped land for public use to the city of Sammamish over the next 14 years.

Paula Reynolds and Judy Runstad were appointed to Governor Gregoire's Higher Education Funding Task Force.

Pam Robbins was named Jubilee Women's Center's 2010 Volunteer of the Year.

Marie Sauter was named Philanthropy Northwest's Volunteer of the Year.

Benita Staadecker was in the cast of an independent film called *Old Goats*. The movie is being shown at the Atlanta International Film Festival in April.

Mary Stevens will be honored for her longtime commitment to Plymouth Housing Group at their event in March.

Elaine Von Rosenstiel joined the board at the Bainbridge Community Foundation.

Phyllis Wise is the recipient of the Chang-Lin Tien Education Leadership Award, recognizing the professional accomplishments and leadership of Asian Americans in higher education.

Amy Zimmerman has joined the Women's Funding Alliance board.

Always Seeking Member News:

Please send news of your or other members' accomplishments to megan@wawomensfoundation.org

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Newsletter of the Washington Women's Foundation

Winter 2011



Speakers from left: Kaycee Krysty, President Emerita, Laird Norton Tye; Chiyo Ishikawa, Curator, SAM; Anne Farrell, Chair, WWF Board of Directors; Colleen Willoughby, Founder, WWF; Carla Lewis, President, WWF; Derrick Cartwright, Director, SAM



"In 1995 when we started WWF, women in philanthropy were a novelty. Today statistics show women give more than men to causes they care about... together, we have changed the face of philanthropy."

Colleen Willoughby
Founder

Washington Women's Foundation



2011 Philanthropy Celebration

On January 11, over 350 members, guests, and community partners joined us for an inspiring and energizing evening at Seattle Art Museum.

Our keynote speaker **Colleen Willoughby**, founder of WWF, shared her insights on the original inspiration for creating a women's foundation 15 years ago, and her perspectives on the progress of women's leadership in philanthropy. SAM Curator **Chiyo Ishikawa** provided fascinating insights about the groundbreaking *Picasso* exhibit, highlighting the women who provided much of his artistic inspiration.

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

More photos available on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/wawomensfoundation

Upcoming Programs at WWF

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

Member Discussion: The Complications of Addiction

February 7 • Discussion: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Social time until 1:30 p.m. • 2100 24th Ave S, Third floor

Connect with fellow WWF members and engage in lively discussion! This program will feature articles related to the disease of addiction, including recent studies on the comparative destructive effects of alcohol and hard drugs, and the growing addiction problem in the baby boomer generation. Gina Grappone from SAMA (Science and Management of Addictions) will join us to provide additional insight on this disease. Please join us for an eye-opening examination of this critical issue - articles available online.

Workshop: Personal Safety Nets, with WWF member Judy Pigott

February 10 • 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. • 2100 24th Ave S, First floor • Cost: \$25

Join us for an informative workshop featuring WWF member and author Judy Pigott! *Personal Safety Nets* presents a conceptual and pragmatic approach to life and to creating community in a holistic way. Enhance your knowledge of how to take logical steps toward success, resiliency and community by looking at the people, plans and papers that, together, create a net that supports healthy and proactive living.

Book Discussion: The Big Burn by Timothy Egan

March 7 • 12:00 - 1:30 p.m., 2100 24th Ave S & 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., WWF member home

Share and reflect on insights from this book with fellow WWF members. Local author Timothy Egan's latest book *The Big Burn* is a fascinating account of the 1910 wildfire in the Pacific Northwest, and its lasting effect on the national conservation movement and the founding of the national park system.

Workshop: Planned Giving: Discovering Your Legacy, with WWF board member Kaycee Krysty

March 16 • 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. • 2100 24th Ave S • Cost: \$25

Will you leave a legacy? Are you living it today? Do you even know what it is? Kaycee Krysty will share the critical steps needed to create legacies that last based upon her 30+ years of experience helping families. Trusts, wills and foundations don't create a legacy; you do!

Save the Dates - WWF Spring Events!

Workshop: Evaluating a Nonprofit Grant Proposal

March 10 • 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. • 2100 Building

Diversity Grant Showcase

March 31 • 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. • 2100 Building

Pacific Northwest Global Donors Conference

April 1 & 2 • Red Lion Hotel, downtown Seattle

Grant Showcase: Top 25

April 12 • 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. • 2100 Building

Workshop: Conducting Effective Site Visits

April 20 • 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. • 2100 Building

Grant Showcase: Final 15

May 18 • 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. • 2100 Building

Grant Award Celebration

June 14 • 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. • Northwest African American Museum

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WWF Board Business

At WWF's Annual Meeting on October 28, members heard about the business of the Foundation, including 2009 financial highlights, and how to get involved with committees. We also held the annual election of directors to the WWF board, and elected five new board members to begin their terms in January 2011. Welcome to new directors **Kathleen Edwards, Carrie George, Martha Kongsgaard, Kaycee Krysty, and Iyabo Tinubu-Karch!**

Board Officers 2011



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Julia Calhoun
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Jeannie Nordstrom
Faye Sarkowsky
Maggie Walker
Colleen S. Willoughby

WWF Committee Leadership

Thank you to members who are serving as leaders this year!

Discovery Days

Kit Bakke, Carrie George

Grant Committee

Barbara Fielden, Carol Shaw, Susie Tull
Work Group Leaders: *Sally Brunsman, Paula Butzi, Carol Driver, Mary Ekman, Rosalie Gann, Gina Haggerty, Beth McCaw, Michele Peltonen, Jennifer Sik, and Michelle Sailor*

Impact Assessment

Amy Michael, Patti Meyers

Member Engagement

Donna Holpainen, Kathleen O'Connor

Committee Cabinet

Mary Stevens

New Partner Grant Initiatives

International Grant Committee

Kathleen Davis, Pamela McCabe, Laura Midgley

Diversity Grant Committee

Roxanne Scott, Donna Lou, Laura Midgley

Innovation Grant Committee:

Carrie George, Judi Beck, Laura Midgley

2011 Grant Committee Kicks Off

Record number of Letters of Inquiry received

Washington Women's Foundation's 2011 Grant Cycle has begun, and the work of the Committee is well underway! This year, we received a record number of Letters of Inquiry (LOIs), with 280 nonprofit organizations in Washington State letting us know about their work in the community.

The Board of Directors has established the 2011 Pooled Fund at \$475,000, which will be awarded to five nonprofits in June 2011.

On January 7, the Grant Committee met for the first time and kicked off its work. More than 60 women are serving on the Grant Committee this year - participation is open to any member of WWF, no experience necessary! Each participant selected one of five workgroups that best matched her interests and schedule in the categories of Arts & Culture, Education, Environment, Health, and Human Services.

The Grant Committee has been hard at work evaluating the 280 LOIs during January. The workgroups will select 25 organizations (5 in each category) to be invited to submit a full grant proposal during February.

The workgroups will reconvene in March to read, discuss, and analyze the proposals, and will select three projects in each category to move forward to the Site Visit stage. After Site Visits in May, the Grant Committee selects two organizations for the ballot to be sent to the entire membership for voting.

If you are not currently serving on the Grant Committee but want to stay informed, we offer two Grant Showcases, in which Grant Committee members present the projects to the entire membership. We also offer educational workshops on evaluating proposals and conducting site visits - all members are welcome to attend.

Thank you to all of our Grant Committee members for their diligent work!

Your Individual Grant

One of the unique aspects of membership at WWF is the opportunity to recommend an individual grant with \$1,000 of your membership contribution to organizations of your choice.

Did you join or renew your WWF membership in the fall? Your individual grant designation is due to the Foundation by **March 31, 2011**

Helpful hints to remember:

- You may give 1 grant of \$1,000, or 2 grants of \$500 each.
- Your individual grant can go to nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations located anywhere in the U.S. -- including nonprofits doing international work.
- All individual grant recommendations are presented to the WWF Board for final approval, and checks are sent to the grantee in a timely fashion.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

to Foundation members who have recently hosted a WWF information session for friends and colleagues:

Jeanne Tweten
Judy Runstad
Paula Reynolds
Lyn Tangen

Would you like to introduce your friends to WWF? Contact Megan if you are interested in hosting an informal information session:

megan@wawomensfoundation.org

Seeking Sponsors

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**

New Partner Grants: International and Diversity

WWF's 2010 - 2013 Strategic Plan created three new partner grant initiatives to offer advanced grant making on an accelerated schedule, while presenting a deep educational experience and building partnerships.

International Grant Committee

International was the first new grant initiative to kick off in September 2010. The committee focused on our members' strong interest in global philanthropy, and took advantage of Seattle's growing prominence as a center of global giving. Seattle International Foundation acted as a 'mentor' foundation during this process to help navigate the global giving waters.

During the 14-week curriculum, the 19 International Grant Committee members researched a host of international organizations based in Washington, studied five grant proposals, conducted three site visits, and ultimately chose **PeaceTrees Vietnam** as the recipient of the \$14,000 grant. Funds will support a pilot project to clear landmines to create safe family garden plots and to teach appropriate farming methods to 132 women to combat the 43% rate of childhood malnutrition in this rural area of Vietnam.



Children served by PeaceTrees Vietnam.



PeaceTrees Vietnam volunteer showing a safe family garden plot.

Diversity Grant Committee

The Diversity Grant Committee was formed to make our commitment to inclusiveness actionable, and to highlight the needs in diverse communities. In this first effort, the committee will learn about critical issues facing the Native American community, research nonprofits, analyze proposals, conduct site visits and award a grant to an organization or project focused on Native Americans.

Our 'mentor' for this process is the Potlatch Fund, whose mission is to inspire and build upon the Native tradition of giving and to expand philanthropy in Northwest Indian Country. This promises to be a rich learning opportunity - stay tuned for details on this grant!

Ellen Ahearn
Joan Albee
Mary Bass
Renee Behnke
Ann Marie Borys
Sandra Clark
Connie Collingsworth
Julie Davis
Uta Egan
Martha Fuller

Welcome New WWF Members

Kathleen Gary
Michelle Goldberg
Carrie Gray
Susan Hautala
Gail Hawley
Susan Heikkala
Linda Hendrickson
Stella Jacobs

Deborah Jacobs
Ouida James
Peggy Kent
Patricia E. Kern-Cardillo
Arlene Kiesel
Ruth Keating Lockwood
Alissa Magnuson
Chase Morgan

Kerry Oldenburg
Mary Pembroke Perlin
Cynthia Roberts
Michele Rudnick
Leslie Rugaber
Karen Smith
Julie Stein
Judith Tobin
Birgit Weeks
Leslie Yamada



Dear WWF Members,

I want to thank you all for your incredible support in 2010! We've just completed our 15th year, and most importantly, together the 500 members of this foundation have made grants totaling more than \$10 million to nonprofits in the state of Washington. This year in 2011, we will invest another \$1 million. We are only able to make these significant grants because of the generosity and participation of our members. You make this possible--- thank you!

At this time of unprecedented budget cuts at the city, county and state level, many critical programs for the poor and underserved are at risk. We believe Washington Women's Foundation is well positioned to make a big impact by offering our members the education and the experience to act in leadership roles in our community. Each of us can make a difference!

Warmly,

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Carla E. Lewis, President, Washington Women's Foundation

THANK YOU For Your Generosity

We received many year-end gifts to the WWF Annual Fund, and we appreciate your continued support!

The WWF Annual Fund supports the member committees and over 40 educational programs the Foundation presents each year, and ensures that we can continue to facilitate a rich and rewarding experience for all of our 500 members.

Board Leadership Training

Sharpen your skills as an effective nonprofit board member! WWF has made special arrangements for our members to attend ArtsFund's excellent Board Training.

Dates: February 22, March 8, March 29, April 5, and April 12

Time: 6 - 8 PM

Fee: \$150

Please register with Virginia Daugherty at ArtsFund by **February 14**, and mention your WWF membership:

viriniad@artsfund.org