

Recent Foundation Highlights

Education Forum: Technology and Social Change - May 4

WWF members and guests expanded their knowledge about new, inventive ways that technology is leading to social change, both globally and domestically. **Peter Blomquist**, Instructor at Seattle University and Principal at Blomquist International, spoke about philanthropy engaging a generation of "slacktivists," those who give donations and support to causes through social media. **David Edelstein**, Director of Grameen Foundation's Technology Center, provided insight on Grameen's innovative work using mobile phones to provide relevant and actionable information in sectors such as health and agriculture, catalyzing change for the poor in Sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia.

WWF at Bellevue Arts Museum - May 13

Bellevue Arts Museum was the premier US venue to host *Beth Levine: First Lady of Shoes*, a fun and stimulating exhibit showcasing the works of the first successful female shoe designer in an era and field dominated by men. BAM curator **Nora Atkinson** spoke about Levine's work and pioneering role in the shoe industry. Special thanks go to WWF members and BAM Board members **Susan Edelheit**, **Norma Klorfine**, and **Pat Smith**, who spoke about their support of the arts in Bellevue.



Beth Levine, Tuxedo.
Photo: David Hamsley



Amy Thone as Beatrice and Hans Altweis as Benedick in *Much Ado About Nothing*. Photo by John Ulman.

WWF Outing: Shakespeare in the Park - July 8

Members and their families experienced the thrill of Seattle Shakespeare Company's opening night performance of *Much Ado About Nothing* at Luther Burbank Park on Mercer Island. SSC's Managing Director **John Bradshaw** spoke to members about the unique collaborative work of SSC with other arts nonprofits in Seattle. The performance, with unique Cajun-style music and an excellent cast of Seattle actors, was magical on a perfect summer evening! Special thanks to WWF member and SSC Board Vice President **Leslie Vogl** for her help organizing the event.

Foundation Member News

Kit Bakke was a featured author at the ReadOn, WriteOn, VashOn event over Memorial Day weekend.

Jackie Bezos and Kaycee Krysty organized a fundraising luncheon for UW's Institute for Learning and Brain Science.

Paula Clapp will be the 2010 recipient of the YWCA's prestigious AK Guy Award, along with her husband Bill, and will be recognized at the luncheon on November 9, 2010.

Caroline Egan helped to create and decorate a new activity room for children for YWCA Seneca, an emergency shelter in downtown Seattle.

Janet Frohnmayer was named to the Board of Trustees of Cornish College of the Arts.

Cathi Hatch was named People's Choice winner at *Seattle Dances!* ballroom dance competition, a fundraiser for Plymouth Housing Group.

Cathy Hillenbrand has been named to the Board of Directors of Capitol Hill Housing.

Carolyn Kelly is the new Board Chair at Seattle YMCA.

Lynne Langseth is the new Executive Director of Seattle law firm Graham & Dunn.

Carol Lewis is on the Steering Committee for metropolitan Seattle's first Civic Health Index to inspire civic advancement in our region.

Olivia Lippens was recognized in the Puget Sound Business Journal's *40 Under 40*, honoring leaders under the age of 40 who excel in their industry and show dynamic leadership.

Kathleen O'Connor started a new business, The Power of Voice, in which she crafts histories for families, businesses, family foundations or nonprofits wishing to give witness and vitality to their accomplishments.

Judy Ramey is the 2010 recipient of the Ken Rainey Award for Excellence in Research from the Society for Technical Communication.

Elizabeth Sicktich was named to the Board of Directors of Woodland Park Zoo.

Suzanne Skinner completed the Seafair triathlon on July 18, a benefit for Benaroya Research Institute.

Erin Thomasson, Carla Lewis, and Cathi Hatch were among a delegation of women business and community leaders who participated in the YMCA Patsy Collins Adventure in Leadership Program for Girls of Promise in July, which included a visit to YMCA Camp Orkila.

Barbara Thrasher hosted the 10th annual Harriman High Tea fundraising event for the Harriman Trail in Sun Valley, Idaho.

Phyllis Wise has been named interim President of the University of Washington.

Always Seeking Member News!

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

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Congratulations 2010 Pooled Grant Award Winners!



Arts and Culture:
Seattle Music Partners, \$85,000
Education:
Healthy Start, \$100,000
Environment:
Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition, \$90,000
Health:
Refugee Women's Alliance, \$100,000
Human Services:
Emergency Food Network, \$100,000



A standing-room-only crowd of WWF members and guests gathered on June 17 to hear the announcement of 2010 grantees. **In the 15 years since the Foundation's inception, WWF members have invested over \$10 million in the community through individual and pooled fund awards.**

Beyond this achievement, 2010 saw a number of records and firsts for WWF's Pooled Grant Process: a record number of women serving on the grant committee, the first Merit Awards granted, and our first time offering online voting to members.

We gratefully acknowledge our two sponsors for this uplifting evening: Davis Wright Tremaine, and Jacobson Jarvis & Co.

And many thanks to our members. Your contributions make this possible!

WWF Merit Award Winners *NEW THIS YEAR!*

The five other nonprofit finalists also on the ballot each receive a \$2,000 grant in recognition of the strong endorsement by the 2010 Grant Committee, and in appreciation of the time, effort and goodwill invested in our rigorous grant process.

Theatre Off Jackson, Para Los Niños, Groundwire, Neighborcare Health, Eastside Domestic Violence Program

Upcoming Programs at WWF

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

Reflections on Philanthropy from Today's Leaders: Diana Searce, *Networks and Social Change*
August 4 • 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. • 2100 24th Ave S, Seattle WA 98144

This event is part of the *Reflections on Philanthropy* lecture series, which WWF is pleased to co-sponsor along with Social Venture Partners, Philanthropy Northwest, and The UW Evans School's Nancy Bell Evans Center on Nonprofits & Philanthropy. Learn about the latest research and best practices in using networks of all kinds for social change from speaker Diana Searce, author of the article *Working Wikily* (Stanford Social Innovation Review, Summer 2010).

Women's Votes, Women's Voices at MOHAI

September 15 • 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. • MOHAI, 2700 24th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98112

To celebrate the centennial anniversary of women's right to vote in WA state, the Museum of History and Industry presents the exhibit *Women's Votes, Women's Voices*. WWF presents an opportunity to view this exhibit at a special reception, to which members of 3 other leading women's philanthropic groups have been invited: Women's Funding Alliance; The Links Incorporated, Greater Seattle Chapter; and the Jewish Women's Funding Network.

Member Discussion Event *NEW!*

October 4 • 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. • 2100 24th Ave S, Seattle WA 98144

Connect with other WWF members and engage in lively discussions about community issues, philanthropy matters, current events, and topics of expertise featuring our own WWF members. Hosted by the new Member Engagement Committee.

Save the Dates - WWF Fall Events!

Workshop: *There's More to Estate Planning Than A Will*: October 21 • 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. • 2100 Bldg

WWF Annual Meeting: October 28 • 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. • 2100 Bldg

Service Event: *Serving Dinner at Farestart*: October 28 • 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. • 7th & Virginia, Seattle, WA

Discovery Days: November 9 • 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.; November 17 • 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. • 2100 Bldg

Member Discussion Event: December 6 • 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. • Location TBA

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Legacy Gifts to Washington Women's Foundation



Member Spotlight: Kathryn Enlow

Kathryn Enlow, WWF member since 2002, has always been grateful for the examples of generosity set by her parents. They both came from humble means and overcame significant challenges to become strong role models through their community involvement and philanthropy. Even with limited means, her parents were focused on helping others, and that ongoing generous spirit made a lasting impression on Kathryn. "If you have the means to help others, you do what you can," remarks Kathryn, reflecting on her parents' lifetime of generosity.

When her mother passed away last year, Kathryn was reminded again of her mother's legacy of generosity, as she had named several charities in her will. This in turn motivated Kathryn to start contemplating her own estate plans.

In considering her charitable priorities, Kathryn focused on her experience with the Washington Women's Foundation and reflected on her admiration for the leveraged model of pooling funds, selecting grantees together and feeling engaged in the process. "I have confidence in the process; it's a safe way to give strategically, and a way to have a bigger impact," says Kathryn. She decided that she wanted to include the Foundation in her estate plans.

Kathryn met with Carla Lewis and Anne Knapp, a WWF member with planned giving expertise, to discuss her charitable priorities. Subsequently, Kathryn decided to name WWF as a contingent beneficiary on some of her retirement accounts, with her husband as primary beneficiary. Naming your favorite charitable organizations as primary, secondary, or contingent beneficiaries of a portion of your retirement accounts can be an especially smart move from a tax standpoint because nonprofit charities do not pay income tax on the proceeds from such accounts.

In our short history, Washington Women's Foundation has become known for leadership in philanthropic education and innovative philanthropy. Many of you may have already included your favorite causes in your estate plans -- but if you haven't, now is a great time to do so. While we all want to ensure that our families are well cared for, it is also important to ensure that they live in strong, vibrant and healthy communities. What better organization to help ensure this than Washington Women's Foundation?

If you would like more information about including WWF in your estate plans, please contact Carla Lewis at 206-340-1710. You can also find examples of bequest language for wills on our website.

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WWF Board Business

Nominations for WWF Board of Directors

The Board's Governance Committee is now considering candidates for Director positions for terms beginning January 1, 2011. Criteria include leadership, professional experience, membership, fundraising, etc. If you would like to self-nominate or nominate a fellow WWF member, please email Carol Lewis, Chair of the Governance Committee. A slate of Board nominees will be presented this fall.



Maggie Walker Becomes WWF Emeritus Director

Maggie Walker is a founding member of the Foundation, first Chair of the Board and Planning Committee, two time Grant Committee member, and helped launch the

Foundation's Endowment. Maggie is past chair of many boards: Woodland Park Zoo, Henry Art Gallery, ARCS and UW Arts and Sciences. She is currently Board Chair at the Bullitt Foundation and MOHAI; Vice Chair at the Seattle Foundation; and Board President at Seattle Art Museum.

Maggie requested to complete her WWF Board term early in order to attend to her many community commitments. The Board reluctantly accepted Maggie's resignation, and elected her to the Emeritus Board so we can continue to benefit from her guidance and expertise.

Kaycee Krystee Appointed to WWF Board of Directors

Kaycee Krysty is Chief Executive Officer of Laird Norton Tyee, one of the largest privately held wealth management firms in the Pacific Northwest. Kaycee was recognized six times by *Worth* magazine on its list of the "Best Financial Advisors in the United States" and was honored in 2006 as one of the *Puget Sound Business Journal's* Women of Influence. Kaycee has been a member the Foundation since 2006. She also serves on the Board of the YWCA.

Kaycee was appointed to fulfill the remainder of Maggie's term, and will be presented to the full membership along with the slate of other Director candidates in September.



WWF Completes First Financial Audit

In June 2010, the Foundation completed its first-ever audit. We are pleased to announce that we received a clean report from independent auditor Jacobson Jarvis and Co, LLC. An audit confirms an organization's financial reports and affirms that appropriate internal controls are in place.

In response to member feedback, **Washington Women's Foundation is**

now on Facebook® - "like" us and connect today!



Call For Committee Participation

We are ramping up for the 2010-2011 program year to start in September. We invite all members to consider joining any of these committees! Contact Megan for more information: megan@wawomensfoundation.org

International Grant Committee *NEW THIS YEAR!*

The first of our new grant making initiatives! WWF is launching three advanced hands-on grant making initiatives in the areas of International, Diversity, and Innovation, honoring our members' strong interest in these areas. Members of the International Grant Committee will work with Seattle International Foundation to research, identify, and award a grant to a nonprofit in WA state working on global issues.

Requirements for Participation: Prior experience on the WWF Grant Committee or equivalent, a financial contribution of \$500 by Individual Grant Recommendation or personal contribution, and commitment to attend all 5 meetings.

Meets: 5 Thursdays in the fall (Sept 16, Sept 23, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 9) from 12:00 - 1:30.

Member Engagement Committee *NEW THIS YEAR!*

The committee's purpose is to build and steward a vital, diverse and satisfied membership -- one in which members feel connected to one another and the community - and to develop programs that engage and educate members and guests on topics that expand their knowledge of the needs in our community and how philanthropy can have the most impact. The Committee plans forums, outings, discussions, orientations, member recruiting events, and helps to welcome members.

Meets: Second Wednesday of each month, 12:00 - 1:30. Meets from September - May (no Dec mtg).

Grant Committee

The cornerstone of our Foundation's work! The Grant Committee researches and nominates candidate organizations for the pooled fund ballot that the entire membership votes on in June. Through a six-month 'curriculum' starting in January 2011, members analyze proposals, engage in discussion, and conduct site visits as part of their work. *Open to all WWF members - no experience necessary!*

Grant Committee Kick-off: January 6, 2011, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

January: Research - 3 or 4 small work group mtgs

March/April: Grant Evaluation - 1 training, 3 or 4 small work group mtgs, 1 Grant Showcase

May: Site Visits (optional, though highly recommended) - 1 training, 3 full days for 5 site visits, 1 team mtg, 1 Grant Showcase

Impact Assessment Committee

Our IAC monitors the progress of Foundation grants, shares the impact of these grants to the membership, provides feedback to the Grant Committee, and strengthens relationships with our grantees. Read more on IAC below!

Requirements for Participation: Prior experience serving on site visits on the WWF Grant Committee

Meets: Second Wednesday of each month, 2:30 - 4:00. Meets from January - June, plus Orientation in October 2010.

The Impact of a WWF Grant

Monitoring the ongoing impact of a grant is critical for every foundation. At WWF, we have a unique approach that engages our members in this important work: our Impact Assessment Committee (IAC) develops relationships with our grantees and monitors the progress of their efforts. During 2010, the 42 members of the Impact Assessment Committee met with the management of the 12 nonprofits in our grant portfolio, conducting site visits and reporting back to the IAC and the Foundation. Many thanks to the IAC members for their diligent work!

Here are some highlights from a few grantees:

- Placing 24 highly at-risk kindergarteners in a long-term mentoring program. Last year, 97% were promoted to the next grade.
- Recruiting citizen volunteers in multiple Puget Sound cities to advocate for environment-friendly policies and promote better living environments.
- Providing programs for childhood sexual abuse prevention and intervention to 35 Spanish-speaking children and their families in South King County.
- Distributing grants and fellowships directly to individual artists to create their work in Washington State.

More information can be found in the full 2010 IAC Report, available on the website:

<http://www.wawomensfoundation.org/our-impact/on-nonprofits.php>

Thank You to WWF Summer Intern Anna Eisen

Summer is a busy time for WWF staff, as we wrap up one program year and prepare for the year ahead. We especially appreciate the assistance and expertise of our summer intern, Anna Eisen. Anna is an incoming senior at Smith College, majoring in Women's Studies. She has assisted us with marketing research, database work, social media, artistic print projects, and much more. It's been a pleasure to work with Anna, and we will miss her!



WWF Green Efforts Deliver Results

New online voting capability delivered the *highest number ever* of members voting for the Pooled Fund grants, and already *more than 120 members* have opted out of receiving a hard-copy of the Member Handbook and Directory, electing to rely on the website for this information.

Thank you for helping us reduce our footprint!