

Welcome Back to 2011-2012 Program Year

We hope you have enjoyed your summer, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

In this issue, you will find:

- New Fall Programs for members and guests
- Join a WWF committee!
- Introducing new WWF part-time staff
- Update on first year of the 2010-2013 Strategic Plan
- Highlights from recent Foundation events
- News and Accomplishments of fellow WWF members

Upcoming Programs at WWF

WWF Cheers the Seattle Storm!

September 11 • 4:30 p.m. reception, 6:00 p.m. game • Key Arena • \$30 (for tickets & reception)

Join us for a special reception and discounted tickets to the final Seattle Storm game of the season. Reception will feature a visit from Storm co-owner and WWF member Ginny Gilder, co-owners Lisa Brummel and Dawn Trudeau, and Storm CEO Karen Bryant. As a women-owned, women-managed team, the Seattle Storm has had great success in Seattle, and won the title of 2010 WNBA Champions. Their record-breaking 2010 season run was the most successful season in Seattle's professional sports history - an inspiration to all women and girls! Spouses, families, and guests welcome! Tickets are limited, no tickets will be sold after September 8.

Charitable Giving Strategies and Tools

September 16 • 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. • 2100 24th Ave S, Seattle WA 98144 • \$25

Expand your knowledge on tools and techniques that will help you deliver the most impact for your charitable dollar. The workshop features two long time WWF members, Kathy Weber and Mary Ann Ekman, who each have decades of professional experience in navigating private investment management, taxes, and estate planning.

Social Innovation Fast Pitch

October 3 • 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. • Fisher Pavilion, Seattle Center, Seattle WA 98109

Washington Women's Foundation is delighted to be a partner in this new event hosted by Social Venture Partners (SVP) Seattle. Social Innovation Fast Pitch is a fast-paced showcase event for innovative social enterprises and nonprofits that are effecting social change in the Puget Sound.

Save the Dates: More Fall Programs

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| Power Up Your Giving philanthropy workshops: | Oct 6 • 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. • Seattle Foundation |
| WWF Annual Meeting: | Oct 26 • 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. • 2100 Building |
| Meet Madame Thuy from PeaceTrees Vietnam: | Nov 2 • 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. • 2100 Building |
| Discovery Days (<i>more info inside!</i>): | Nov 10 • 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. • 2100 Building; and Nov 16 • 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. • 2100 Building |
| Women in the World Breakfast: | Nov 15 • 7:30 a.m. • The Four Seasons |
| International Grant Showcase: | Dec 15 • 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. • 2100 Building |

For more information or to register online, please visit wawomensfoundation.org/events or call Emily at (206)340-1710

WWF members and guests are welcome to attend all events!

Call For Committee Participation

We invite all members to consider joining any of these committees!

Contact Megan for more information or to sign up to participate: megan@wawomensfoundation.org

Partner Grant Committees: International, Diversity, and Innovation

We are entering the second cycle of our new grant making initiatives in the areas of International, Diversity, and Innovation. Members of each Partner Grant Committee will work with a representative from a partner funding organization to research, identify, and award a grant to a nonprofit in WA state working on topic issues.

Requirements for Participation: Prior experience on the WWF Pooled Grant Committee or equivalent, a financial contribution of \$500 to the Partner Grant Pool by Individual Grant Recommendation or personal contribution, and commitment to attend at least 5 of 6 committee meetings plus site visits as schedule permits.

Meetings: International meets from Sept - Dec, Diversity: Jan - March, Innovation: April - June.

Full calendars and leadership teams for each partner grant committee can be found on our website: wawomensfoundation.org/partner-grants

Pooled 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 2012, members analyze proposals, engage in discussion, and conduct site visits as part of their work. Open to all WWF members - no experience necessary!

Chair: Carol Shaw, **Vice Chair:** Rosalie Gann

Meetings: Grant Committee Kickoff on January 9, 2012 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. *Full calendar for all required meetings can be found on our website: wawomensfoundation.org/pooled-fund-grants*

Impact Assessment Committee (IAC)

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.

Chair: Patti Meyers, **Vice Chair:** Kit Bakke

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

Meetings: Second Wednesday of the month, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. from January - June, plus Orientation in October 2011.

Member Engagement Committee

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 expand the knowledge of members and guests. The Committee plans educational discussions, orientations, outings, member recruiting events, and helps to welcome members.

Chair: Kathleen O'Connor, **Vice Chair:** Betty Drumheller

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

Would you like to introduce your friends or colleagues to WWF?

Please contact Megan if you are interested in hosting a WWF information session:

megan@wawomensfoundation.org

Welcome New WWF Members

Nellie Allnutt
Marylou Brannan
Aru Chandorkar
Leslie Freeman
Malory Graham
Kimberly Harris
Sally Henriques
Marie Mentor

Beth Morrison
Karla Pratt
Kim Street
Susan Sullivan
Aggie Sweeney
Erika Washburn
Kathy Wehle
Korynne Wright

WWF Staff Update

Welcome to new part-time staff members!

Read their full bios online:
wawomensfoundation.org/Staff



Kathy Wehle is WWF's new Chief Financial Officer. Kathy brings many years of nonprofit, board and foundation financial expertise to the Foundation. Kathy works in the office 10 hours a week.

Loren Tierney is WWF's new part-time Office Assistant. Loren graduated from Seattle University, and brings a breadth of experience to the position. She is concurrently employed at the Municipal League of King County.





Dear WWF Members,

I'd like to offer you an update on our 2010- 2013 Strategic Plan!

We've completed Year 1 of our new Strategic Plan, and are pleased to report that we accomplished everything on our "to-do" list!

Our top goals were to offer more for members across the board - more educational programs, more grant-making opportunities, and more community connections. Member participation and enthusiasm has been so important during this kick-off year for these new initiatives - thank you! Below is an overview of what we've accomplished together:

Launched 3 New Partner Grants

Over 40 members participated on new, advanced grantmaking committees focused on International, Diversity, and Innovation.

WWF Merit Awards

The 5 finalist organizations who don't receive Pooled Grants each receive a WWF Merit Award, and a grant for \$2,000. This new gesture has been well-received by both the award winners and WWF members.

Expanded and enhanced educational programs

The Foundation offered more than 40 programs to members from June 2010 - June 2011 - almost one event every week!

Community partnerships and connections

Our new partner grants offered new and deepened relationships with 3 local foundations in our funding areas: Seattle International Foundation, Potlatch Fund, and Seattle Foundation. We have also partnered with other philanthropic organizations to enhance our educational offerings to members.

Strengthening our financial future

Thanks to the generosity and dedication of our members, we broadened the base of support for the Annual Fund, continued to grow the Endowment, expanded sponsorship support and maintained our membership at 500+ strong, even with an increase in the annual contribution.

Streamlining Operations

We continued to focus on gaining efficiencies---we introduced online voting for the grant ballot, introduced online voting for the Proxy, enhanced our online registration, created new committees and transitioned others, and established program and committee calendars far in advance to aid members in planning their participation in Foundation activities.

Thank you to all our members, board of directors and staff for your support and participation! I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event!

Warmly, *Carla*



WWF Staff (L to R):
Emily Feicht, Office Manager; Anna Eisen, Summer Intern; Kathy Wehle, Chief Financial Officer; Carla Lewis, President; Loren Tierney, Office Assistant; Megan Davies, Program Manager; Marion DeForest, Deputy Director.

Discovery Days 2011

Discovery Days is the Foundation's signature educational event, a 2-day series of panels featuring expert speakers on critical and emerging needs in our five pooled grant funding areas. Full roster of speakers coming soon!

Day 1: Thursday, November 10

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Topics: Health, Arts & Culture

Day 2: Wednesday, November 16

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (with buffet lunch)

Topics: Human Services, Environment, Education

Thank you to our Discovery Days planning committee:

Chairs: Kit Bakke, Cherry Banks, Margit Rankin

Session Planners: Susan Adkins, Suzy Bruya, Paula Butzi, Diane Carroll, Amy Corey, Julie Davis, Toby Donner, Maggie Hooks, Lynn Ryder & Jeanne Tweten

We are deeply grateful to our event sponsors

Morgan Stanley Smith Barney

and ***Clark Nuber*** - thank you!

Board Leadership Training

DATES: 5 Tuesdays in the fall (Sept 27, Oct 11, Oct 25, Nov 8, and Nov 15)

TIME: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

FEE: \$150

Sharpen your skills as an effective nonprofit board member! ArtsFund has extended the opportunity to WWF members to attend their excellent Board Training. Please contact Virginia Daugherty at ArtsFund by September 16 to register, and mention your WWF membership: virginiad@artsfund.org

Nominations for WWF Board Elections

The Board's Governance Committee is now considering candidates for Director positions for terms beginning January 1, 2012. Criteria include leadership, fundraising, and professional experience.

If you would like to nominate yourself or a fellow WWF member, please email Carol Lewis, Chair of the Governance Committee by September 15. A slate of Board nominees will be presented this fall.

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

Recent Foundation Highlights

Discussion with Wendy Kopp (March 2) - WWF members were treated to a special presentation and discussion featuring Wendy Kopp, chief executive officer and founder of Teach For America, on educational inequity and the future of education reform. This discussion followed on the heels of Teach For America's exciting news that they are expanding to the Puget Sound area this fall.

Workshop: *Discovering Your Legacy*, with Kaycee Krysty (March 16) - WWF Board member Kaycee Krysty presented guidance on creating legacies that last, based upon her 30+ years of experience helping families with planned giving.

Book Discussions: *The Big Burn* by Timothy Egan (March 7) - 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. Two moderated discussions among WWF members also featured Gifford Pinchot III, grandson of Gifford Pinchot, first Chief of the Forest Service.

Van Tours: WWF Grants in Action (April 4) - WWF members 'boarded the bus' and saw our grants at work! Members visited former grantees Childhaven and Jubilee Women's Center to see how our investments are making a difference in their important work.

Screening and Discussion: *Waiting For Superman* (May 12) - *Waiting for Superman* explores the current state of public education in the U.S.. Members viewed the film together and discussed related local educational issues. Jane Chadsey, Director of Curriculum and Instruction for Renton School District, provided insight for discussion. Popcorn was enjoyed by all!

New Member Social (May 23) - Members who joined the Foundation in the last year gathered at Toby Donner's home to get acquainted with other new members and enjoy a "New Member-tini" cocktail!

Cocktails and Cortex (May 25) - Not normally open to the public, The Allen Institute for Brain Science opened its doors for WWF members to experience a behind-the-scenes tour and presentation of their work, which tackles far-reaching projects at the intersection of biology and technology, while sharing their findings with broader scientific community worldwide. Speakers included Dr. Gregory Foltz, a leading neurosurgeon; Elaine Jones, Allen Institute's COO; and WWF member Deb Ferse, the face of brain cancer survivors.

Behind the Scenes at KCTS9 (June 29) - WWF members toured the studios and heard a fascinating presentation from KCTS9's management team about the channel's work and unique position as a nonprofit television station, its original programs dedicated to the Northwest community, and collaborations with local nonprofits.

Reflections on Philanthropy: Kelly Brown and the Power of Diverse Networks (July 19) - Kelly Brown is the Director of D5, a national coalition of foundations and philanthropic organizations. She provided an overview of the organization's work to increase philanthropy's diversity, equity and inclusion over a five year period. Speaker series co-sponsored by WWF, Philanthropy Northwest, UW Evans School's Nancy Bell Evans Center on Nonprofits & Philanthropy, and Social Venture Partners.

Foundation Member News

- **Kit Bakke** released her newest book, *Dot to Dot*.
- **Elizabeth Benedict** became the Communications Director at Social Venture Partners International in early March.
- **Alice Foreman** received the first annual Honorary Employee Award from Seattle Tennis Club staff.
- **Cathy Gibson, Robyn Grad, and Michele Peltonen** completed Board Leadership Training offered by ArtsFund.
- **Carrie Gray** is YWCA Seattle's director of advancement in King and Snohomish counties.
- **Kathryn Hinsch** was among a group of thirteen women honored at a luncheon by *Women of Color: Empowered*.
- **Mimi Kirsch** was featured as one of the "Women to Watch" by the Puget Sound Business Journal.
- **Susanna Lane** was recognized with the "Cor Unum" award by the Associated Alumnae of the Sacred Heart.
- **Maureen Lee** has joined Recovery Cafe's Board of Directors.
- **Beth McCaw** is the President Elect at the Rainier Club, only the third woman to serve in this role.
- **Jeannie Nordstrom** and **Beth McCaw** are co-chairing the YWCA's "Women Empowered" Capital Campaign to raise \$26 million for YWCA programs and services for women and children.
- **Kathleen O'Connor** recently published a new book, *Embracing Two Lives: A Journey of Love, Loss and Healing*.
- **Judy Pigott** was honored by the Center for Ethical Leadership at the 2011 Legacy Event.
- **Anne Repass** co-chaired the YWCA's Inspire Luncheon, featuring Jane Fonda. **Molly Hanlon**, YWCA Board Chair was the Master of Ceremonies, and **Blair Carleton** dazzled the audience with her clever presentation.
- **Paula Reynolds** and **Margaret Breen** are co-chairs of the Plymouth Housing capital campaign.
- **Sheila Siden** joined the board of directors of Unexpected Productions, an improv theatre company at Market Theater.
- **Benita Staadecker** and husband Charlie were featured in *Seattle Magazine* with a story about their generosity to local arts.
- **Elaine VonRosenstiel** is the incoming President of the Bainbridge Community Foundation.
- **Maggie Walker** was recognized by the Women's University Club of Seattle at their annual Brava! Awards Celebration. She is also the new Chair of The Seattle Foundation, and the interim co-Director of Seattle Art Museum.
- **Joan Wellman** published a book entitled *Leading the Lean Healthcare Journey* about hospitals' efforts to improve quality and safety while also reducing cost.
- **Colleen Willoughby** and **Susan Heikkala** visited China in July to explore the possibilities of introducing the WWF model of women's large-scale collective giving in that country.
- **Linda Whatley** joined the board of directors at Treehouse.

Always Seeking Member News! Please send news of your or other members' accomplishments to megan@wawomensfoundation.org

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